**Name** KEY **Class** **Date**

**Research the Artist**

**Answer the following questions on this document using** [**Artist Background**](http://turnercenter.org/art-education-partnerships/) **and** [**Artist Statement**](http://turnercenter.org/art-education-partnerships/) **on the Turner Center site.**

**1.** Where does Thomas Dodd live? Atlanta, GA

**2.** Has the artist always done visual art for a living? No

If not what did he do before? He was a harpist and a songwriter for the musical group Trio Nocturna.

**3.** What medium (or media) does Dodd use? layered and manipulated photography; some of his larger works are mixed media pieces where real texture has been added to the surface

**4.** Where has Dodd’s photographs been featured other than in galleries like the Turner Center or galleries in other cities or countries? magazines, book and album covers

**5.** How does Dodd describe his artistic technique? “…painting with photography” and “…painterly photo montage”

**6.** In Dodd’s case, what do you think is the difference between artwork and commercial art? answers will vary The photo montages he creates are his art but when he does work for someone such as family photos and album covers he is doing commercial work.

**7.** What sort of commercial art does Thomas Dodd do? family portraits, book and album covers, promotional photos for actors and musicians

**8.** What is the predominate theme in his work? the female figure that is associated with mythology or comes from ancient cultures stories; he uses them as metaphor for ways of thinking and/or ways of feeling about a subject or theme.

**Look at** [**additional works**](http://turnercenter.org/art-education-partnerships/) **clicking on as many as interest you. Select a painting and answer the following questions.**

Answers will vary depending on the artwork selected.

**9.** What is the title of the artwork?

**10.** How is the title of the work reflected in the image of the work?

**11.** In your opinion, why did the Turner Center decide to display Dodd’s artwork?