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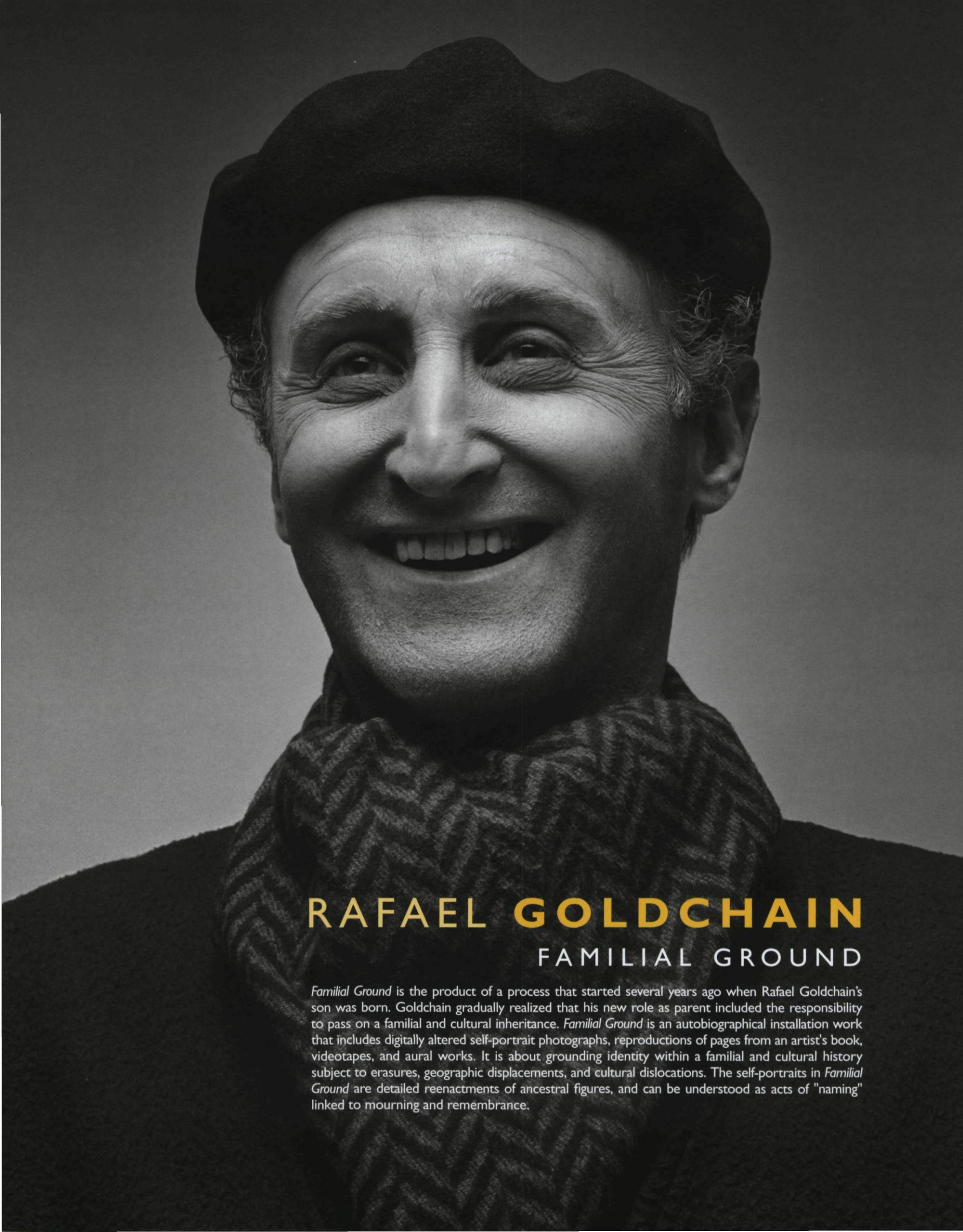
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Familial Ground is the product of a process that started several years ago when Rafael Goldchain's son was born. Goldchain gradually realized that his new role as parent included the responsibility to pass on a familial and cultural inheritance. *Familial Ground* is an autobiographical installation work that includes digitally altered self-portrait photographs, reproductions of pages from an artist's book, videotapes, and aural works. It is about grounding identity within a familial and cultural history subject to erasures, geographic displacements, and cultural dislocations. The self-portraits in *Familial Ground* are detailed reenactments of ancestral figures, and can be understood as acts of "naming" linked to mourning and remembrance.

