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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q. How long have you been photographing weddings?

A. After taking up professional fine art photography in 2003, I began photographing weddings and portraits in 2005.

Q. How many weddings have you photographed?

A. I typically shoot 8-10 weddings per year. (Quality over Quantity!). I also make it a point to volunteer as a 2nd photographer with some of my colleagues in order to gain a different perspective and learn new techniques. Overall, I've photographed over 30 weddings and counting...

Q. What kind of equipment do you use?

A. I use professional Canon equipment and usually shoot the entire day with two cameras set up with my favorite pro lenses. I am able to shoot with or without flash, depending on the circumstances. Since I shoot with 100% digital, you can get color, black-and-white, or sepia-toned prints from any image.

Q. What time do you usually start photographing?

A. It depends on the package you choose. Options are available to begin coverage while getting ready or at the start of the ceremony. If we decide coverage begins with the ceremony, I like to arrive at least a half hour before the ceremony to capture some 'before' candids and the site decorations.

Q. What is your style of shooting a wedding?

A. My style tends to be a mixture of creative traditional and a photojournalistic/candid style of wedding photography. During the ceremony, I prefer to be quiet and discreet capturing events as they actually happen.

Q. Do you do a lot of double exposures and trick shots with filters?

A. I only use filters when it would benefit the final image, such as downplaying bright sunlight and bringing out vibrant colors. Since I shoot in a photojournalistic style, I do not spend a lot of time 'setting up' poses. I prefer to let the moment speak for itself.

Q. How do you dress for a wedding?

A. I dress in professional-looking black slacks and a white collared shirt. I need to move as freely and quickly as possible to capture some of the moments as they progress.

Q. How long do I have to wait after the wedding to see my photographs?

A. Your On-Line Proof Gallery will be available approximately one week after your wedding. If you are receiving printed proofs or digital proofs, the lead time is about 60 days. Final albums and slide shows may range from 60-120 days after placing the order.

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Q. How long after the wedding can I order prints?

A. The online proof gallery and ordering features will be available for 90 days. Professional prints can be ordered from the studio up to five years after the wedding.

Q. Can I get the negatives?

A. Yes, the high resolution digital negatives are available for purchase on DVD and are included in our pre-designed Wedding Packages.

Q. How much do you require to hold the date of our wedding?

A. An initial deposit of \$400 is required at the time of the signing of the contract. At the signing of the contract, Images by Alyssa reserves the date agreed upon, and will refuse all other calls for the same day. As such, all initial payments are non-refundable, even if the date of the wedding is changed, or the wedding is cancelled for any reason. The remaining package balance is due 30 days prior to the wedding.

Q. Can I get a second photographer?

A. I can certainly bring a second photographer upon request (Extra charges may apply depending on package). I have a network of colleagues I work with on a regular basis.

Q. Can we give you a list of all the pictures we want you to take?

A. Since I shoot in a photojournalistic style, I do not work from a set list of shots. I will capture the day as it unfolds and often end up with images that we never would have listed beforehand. Of course, there are standard shots I do at every wedding to capture important details (rings, bouquets, programs) and traditions (walking with dad, exchanging rings, the kiss and more)

Q. What happens if you get sick?

A. Fortunately, this has never happened. But in the rare case that I cannot photograph your wedding, I do have a network of talented photographers to capture your special day.

Q. I like what I see, what's the next step?

A. The next step is arranging a consultation to see sample prints and albums in person. If you are from outside the Northern Ohio area, I recommend a phone consultation, and I would be happy to email a copy of my contract and pricing information.

Once you return the signed contract and \$400 deposit, your date is reserved! The next consultation will be a planning session about 30 days before your wedding date. At this time, we will review your itinerary, confirm locations and fill in any missing details. The balance of your package will be due at the planning consultation. Thank you!