

Photography FAQs

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What is required to book my date?

- We require the \$100 deposit signed agreement to book your date.

What is the deposit and when is the balance due?

- The deposit is \$100 to book your date. The balance is due 1 week prior to your ceremony or at the rehearsal.

What type of payment do you take?

- We accept cash, checks, Visa, Mastercard, and PayPal.

What do you charge for a consultation?

- You may set up a 30 minute consultation free of charge. I will be glad to answer any questions you may have at this time. You may also use this time to browse through examples of my past work.

What do you wear to the wedding?

- I will be in a dress shirt and slacks at your wedding.

Do I just get color photographs?

- I take all of your pictures in color and you get all pictures in color. In addition to the color photos, I choose some photos to make black and white, some black and white with different objects in the picture colored, and some in Midnight Sepia. If you should want some of the other pictures enhanced with different effects after you have received your final product, I will be glad to do those also free of charge.

Who is my photographer?

- Michael Strauss is the primary photographer. Don Elrod will be the second photographer, if requested.

What if I don't see a package that fits my needs?

- I will work with you to make a custom package that would fit your needs.

Will you be at my rehearsal?

- I will be at your rehearsal pending other scheduled events. I do not charge to be at your rehearsal as it is more for me to get acclimated with the facility and with the details of your ceremony

Do you have back-up equipment?

- Yes, we have four additional cameras.

When will my order be completed?

- Your Digital Negatives (CDs) will be ready no more than 7 days after your event. Your CDs will be mailed once your final payment has cleared. Any print orders received usually take 7 – 14 days. ***If your package includes prints, you will need to order no later than six months after your ceremony. You can always order additional prints at anytime.***

Do I get to keep the proofs?

- Yes, the Digital Negatives (CDs) are your proofs and they are yours to print at the place of your choice; however, to ensure the best quality orders should be placed through Strauss Studios. The CDs have a copyright release embedded on them so that you may print as many as you like and wherever you like.

Do you offer wedding albums?

- Yes, you can order albums from me before or after the wedding.

Who chooses the pictures that go in the album?

- The Bride and Groom choose which pictures they would like in the album.

What is your photography style?

- I use a combination of three styles:
 - Traditional – Classic posed style of photography.
 - Photojournalistic – Documentary style in which events are captured as they happen.
 - Faux-Journalistic – A cross between the above two styles. It looks spontaneous but it really is posed and controlled.

How far out do you usually book?

- Usually 12-18 months in advance

How long do you keep a copy of my negatives?

- 12 months

What is the advantage of hiring a professional photographer?

- They have the right equipment to do the job correctly as well as backup equipment in case something fails.
- A professional will be comfortable with the job and not get nervous and make mistakes
- They will use a professional lab that is in the business of meeting high standards.
- They are used to working with individuals, couples and groups to make formals go smoothly.
- They are timely and know how much time is needed to do the job. They will also have experience at organizing that time to your best advantage.

Videography FAQs

What is your videography style?

- Our videography is a mix of cinematic and documentary styles.

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- Your DVD will usually be completed in 12-18 weeks after the ceremony. During the months of May, June, and July, your order may take a little longer due to high volume of events in these months. We will update you periodically on the DVD progress.

How far out do you usually book?

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What type of cameras do you use?

- Sony 3 Chip DV Cameras; also use a wireless microphone for the groom

What type of editing equipment do you use?

- Sony Vegas & Final Cut

Why don't we use HD equipment?

- HD equipment less than \$65,000 does not work effectively in low light situations. Since most wedding and receptions are filmed in low light, HD is not the best way to film your wedding. Our current DV Camera equipment can film in a light rating of 0.5 Lux, the lowest most econocable HD cameras can video is in 10 Lux.

What it is the Out Take Reel?

- Getting the out take reel is like getting a second wedding video. We usually use 50 – 60% of the footage shot to create your final video. The rest is “left on the cutting room floor”. For those who want to see all the shots that did not make it into the video, the out take reel is a great option.

What are Video Portraits?

- We will film the couple during their engagement session. Video portraits can be silent (candid shots of the bride and groom enjoying each other's company simply put to music) or include the bride and groom recounting tales of courtship or hopes of marriage.

Do you have examples of your work that can be viewed?

- I have some samples online at www.straussstudios.com or you may order a free sample DVD.

