

Wedding Information Packet-
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Weddings are photographed in a style of photography called "Documentary or Photojournalism"—which is more about storytelling than a particular style of techniques. Each photo tells a small part of the story of your wedding day—getting ready, your beautiful dress, warm embraces by family and friends, the flower girl and ring bearer playing around or the groomsmen horsing around when no one else is looking. As the day unfolds, my goal is to create images that when you revisit your albums in the future, the images take you back to that day and still make you smile, laugh or even cry. To create memories that will last a lifetime.

Some ideas to consider:

*** Give black-and-white photos a shot of color.**

For your portraits, you ask about sepia-tone prints, which look antique, or hand-colored black-and-whites, which can create a rich retro look. You can also single out specific areas of a black and white photo and have it be in color.

*** Freeze-frame it.**

Still-life pictures can record special wedding-day details and capture a mood. I can snap your dress on the hanger, your old sneakers tossed next to the wedding shoes, the bridesmaids' bouquets resting on a table, place cards lined up, and so on.

*** Arrange special group shots.**

You might want to record the assembly of all your relatives, from great-grandma down to your baby niece. Or maybe you want a shot with your office buddies, your college friends—or even the people responsible for introducing the two of you. Better still, snag a (giant) group shot of the whole gang.

*** Have a fun photo corner.**

*I can set up a backdrop to create an open photo booth at the reception, so your guests can have portraits taken in small groups. Be sure to get two sets of these proofs—one for you to send to each guest with your thank-you notes, and one to keep. Or have the booth set up for instant photos, so that guests can take the snapshots home with them as a fun memento. *Extra fees apply for these photos. Please let me know if you are interested.*

*** Lose the lineup.**

Assemble your friends sitting on the edge of a dock, or in clusters on the church steps—the photos will look more alive.

*** Be candid.** *Have me (or better yet, an assistant) take additional pictures an instant before or after formal shots, and candid's of the people waiting in the wings for their turn to say cheese. You'll often get more natural smiles and expressions in these un posed moments.*

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Here are some photo ideas. *I will take most of these shots at your wedding, I would just like you to highlight the ones that are most important to you. If you have any other ideas please feel free to add them to the list!! After you highlight those items, send this back with your questionnaire.

- * *Bride's dress on the hanger or over a chair*
- * *Close-up of bride's shoes*
- * *Close-up of bride's bouquet*
- * *Bride in curlers or having makeup applied*
- * *Bridesmaids applying their makeup*
- * *Bride putting on garter*
- * *Mom and/or bridesmaids helping the bride arrange her dress, bustle the train, etc.*
- * *Close-up of dress details*
- * *Bride together with bridesmaids*
- * *Bride hugging mom*
- * *Flower girl(s) ready to go*
- * *Mom or bridesmaids putting finishing touches on bride, adding the veil, etc.*
- * *Bride spending moment alone, thinking quietly, praying or looking out the window*
- * *Full-length shot of bride all dressed and ready to go*
- * *Groom putting on tie*
- * *Groom with groomsmen*
- * *Ring bearer ready to go*
- * *Groom with dad, hugging or whispering advice*
- * *Bride and groom separately getting in the car, limo or cab*

CEREMONY

- * *Groom looking out the window, waiting for the bride to arrive*
- * *Car arriving with bride*
- * *Bride stepping out of the car*
- * *Wide shot of ceremony space from the back*
- * *Guests arriving (especially if they're using special transportation like a shuttle bus, boat or even escalator)*
- * *Ushers helping grandparents and special guests to their seats*
- * *Front and back shots of flower girl/ring bearer walking down the aisle*
- * *Close up of details (guest book, pew decorations, etc.)*
- * *Groom and groomsmen waiting nervously for bride to walk down aisle*
- * *Guests sitting down, waiting for ceremony to start*
- * *Bridesmaids walking down the aisle*
- * *Wedding party standing at the altar*
- * *Bride just before walking down the aisle*
- * *Back shot of bride (and escort) beginning to walk down the aisle*
- * *Full-frontal shot of bride (and escort) walking down the aisle*
- * *Close-up of groom's face when he sees bride for the first time (this can be done earlier, if photos are done before the ceremony)*

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- * *Back shot of bride and groom together at the altar with officiate between them*
- * *Shot focusing on bridesmaids' bouquets, lined up as they hold them at the altar*
- * *Close-up of each hand as the rings are exchanged*
- * *Close-up of bride's face, as seen over the groom's shoulder*
- * *Close-up of groom's face, as seen over the bride's shoulder*
- * *Shot of both sets of parents' faces as they witness ceremony*
- * *The kiss*
- * *Happy couple walking back down the aisle together, as married couple*
- * *Guests getting ready to shower the couple with well wishes (and bubbles, birdseed, etc.) as they leave*
- * *Bride and groom walking out of ceremony space, hand-in-hand*

BEFORE THE RECEPTION ? *During the cocktail hour (These can be taken before the ceremony)*

- * *Full shot of bride and groom together, smiling*
- * *Full shot of bride and groom hugging*
- * *Full shot of bride and groom kissing*
- * *Bride being lifted or carried by groom or sitting on groom's lap*
- * *Close-up of couples' faces as bride is lifted, carried or sitting on groom's lap*
- * *Bride with her parents*
- * *Groom with his parents*
- * *Bride with groom's parents*
- * *Groom with bride's parents*
- * *Bride with bridesmaids*
- * *Groom with groomsmen*
- * *Bride with groomsmen*
- * *Group shot of bride, groom, family and wedding party*
- * *Groom leaning up against a wall with bride in front of him, kissing*
- * *Bride and groom walking toward the camera, holding hands*
- * *Bride and groom walking away from camera, holding hands*
- * *Bride and groom looking off in the same direction together*

RECEPTION

- * *Close-up of details (place settings, name cards, etc.)*
- * *Close-up of centerpieces*
- * *Wide shot of entire room before everyone arrives, even better if taken from above*
- * *Any special moments during the receiving line process*
- * *Bride and groom's first dance*
- * *Groom dipping bride*
- * *Bride dancing with her dad -- close-up of her face as seen over his shoulder*
- * *Groom dancing with his mom*
- * *Close-up of cake*

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- * Bride showing her new ring to the guests*
- * Bride and groom hugging guests, close-ups of faces*
- * Best man (or other guests) making a toast to the couple*
- * Bride and groom's faces as they listen to the toast(s)*
- * Guests smiling and clapping*
- * Guests dancing and cutting loose on the dance floor. (Tip: Ask for a slow shutter speed to get a blurry/focused effect)*
- * Wide shot of entire room after guests arrive, even better if taken from above*
- * Close-ups of guests' faces, laughing and having a great time – lots of these*
- * Groups of friends sitting together at their table or dancing*
- * Bride and groom whispering to each other*
- * Parents (or even better, grandparents) dancing*
- * Kids dancing or playing around*
- * Close-up of band or DJ*
- * Bride and groom cutting the cake*
- * Bride and groom feeding each other*
- * Bride and groom in back seat of getaway car*
- * Back of car as it drives away*

****Names of Guests that I Should Not Miss.****

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

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THE BIG DAY!! Some things to remember.....

- * Eat a good breakfast, take it easy on the coffee. ☺
- ** Relax and enjoy getting ready for your big day! (I know that is hard to do, but you will take better photos ☺
- * Go to the hairdresser or start fixing your hair a few hours prior to the your wedding photos.
- * Put all the accessories you will need for dressing in one place
- * If pictures are being taken before the ceremony, be ready at least two hours before your wedding starts.
- * Enjoy the day! All your months of planning have finally paid off. Now you can enjoy it! Not all things will run smooth, they rarely do. Go with the flow!

So with all that said, here are some things that will help me to make things run smoothly as far as your photos are concerned.

Bride's Name and Contact # _____ Groom's _____ # _____

Second contact # for the day of the wedding. Name: _____ # _____

Address of the ceremony location _____

Address of the reception (if different) _____

*If there is another spot that you would like photos to be taken please put that here _____

1.) Are you wanting to see each other for the first time before the ceremony to get pictures done or would you like the first time he sees you to be you walking down the isle and taking photographs after the ceremony? (I do have some great ideas to make a first reveal very special and intimate before the ceremony. It is all up to your preference, please consider at least 45 minutes for photos with your new hubby/wife.)

2.) What time of day will your ceremony take place? _____

3.) What time can vendors arrive at the ceremony location? _____ What time are you planning on arriving at the location? _____

4.) Is the location outside or inside? _____

5.) What type of lighting will be used during the ceremony? (candles, overhead lights, natural sunlight through the windows, etc...) _____

6.) What are the colors you are incorporating? _____

7.) Are there any props that you would like to use for pictures? (sunglasses, umbrellas, landmarks, etc...) _____

8.) How many bridesmaids? _____ How many groomsmen? _____

9.) How many in your family that you are wanting photographed? _____

10.) Do you have a flower girl? Y/N age _____ Ring bearer? Y/N age _____

11.) Do you have a wedding coordinator?(Even if it just the person at the church or venue that is there to make sure things run smoothly)

Name and contact phone _____

12.) Brief breakdown of the ceremonies events: (candle lighting, special giveaway, songs, etc..) _____

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***Are there any restrictions for taking photos during the ceremony? (some rooms are considered Holy in a church and not available for taking photos or the pastor/officiant does not allow photos to be taken during prayer, vows, etc.... Please confirm with your church and officiant) _____*

13.) Breakdown of reception events and possible times that the events will be happening:

What time are you planning on leaving your reception? _____
Do you have a special get a way vehicle? _____

Important Names:

Brides Parents _____

Grooms Parents _____

Maid of Honor _____

Best Man _____

DJ _____ Videographer _____

Thanks for your help! If you could return this information to me at least 1 month before your wedding day, that will help me to be well prepared and make things run much smoother.

I am looking forward to creating moments from your wedding day that will last a lifetime for you to enjoy!

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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