

Wedding FAQ and tips

What are your qualifications as a professional photographer/photojournalist?

I am a national award-winning photographer and have been shooting since the mid 1980's. I constantly continue to educate myself on the changes in the photography industry and am always learning and instituting new techniques. I am a photographer first and a postproduction expert second.

I shoot a variety of subjects. Weddings, high school seniors, family portraits, events, etc... I am the photographer for a national modeling and talent school, where I shoot studio and location sessions for their students. My other photography business Imagewerx.us specializes in aviation, aerial and motorsports photography. Much of my work leads to being published in magazines. With all of the types of photography I shoot I can combine styles and bring that experience to your wedding.

Experience counts!

What is your experience with wedding photography?

I have photographed hundreds of weddings since 1995. From numerous locations in Colorado, to exotic locations all over the world, such as England, Costa Rica, Florida, Pebble Beach, CA and Kauai, Hawaii.

What is your philosophy on wedding photography?

It is my job as a professional photographer and photojournalist to capture the emotion of your wedding day from start to finish, by focusing on the details and keeping things fun and light. I am always searching for that new or different shot that will set your wedding apart from others.

My goal is to spend 30 to 45 minutes with just the bride and groom to capture them as naturally as possible. This allows you some time together where you are the most natural and provides me an opportunity to photograph from a distance as you interact. We will find the perfect location for your couples portraits and I will offer suggestions on the poses while adding drama with various lighting techniques.

Do you use film or digital cameras?

I made the transition to digital about 5 years ago and have not touched film since. Digital offers superior image quality, and my creative freedom is greatly increased. In some cases I can have an entire wedding online the next day!

What kind of packages do you offer?

My approach is unique in that I offer custom packages for my clients. I want you to have what you want for your wedding. All weddings offer unlimited time and unlimited images. From there you can add many options to customize a package that fits your needs.

What kind of input can the client have on the direction of the photography? Can they give you a shot list?

I encourage you to provide a list of important shots. Since I don't know everyone, this will help with the organization of the family and friend shots.

Will you be the one to actually photograph my wedding?

Yes, I am the lead photographer of Bowers Photographics. Occasionally, another photographer will assist me.

Can guests take pictures at the wedding and during the portrait session?

Of course. I only ask that others not interfere with posing and not try to shoot at the same time.

What if your camera breaks or you have an equipment problem?

I arrive at all weddings with three complete camera systems. I use the latest Canon digital SLR camera bodies and the Canon L series lenses. I also bring two studio type mono lights that run off a portable battery pack. All equipment is in perfect working condition at all times.

Do you sell the full size digital files or Copyright?

Yes, you may purchase the copyright of your images. I include a document on the DVD that is a copyright release letter. You will have the same files that I keep for your wedding. If your DVD ever gets damaged or lost, just contact me and I can provide a new copy at a reasonable replacement cost.

Anything else?

I strive to make every wedding fun and natural. As a photographer I often become the coordinator during the day. I will arrive at the venue early and I am usually one of the last to leave. I keep the day moving and never hold things up. I understand that your wedding day is not only about the pictures. I will make sure that the majority of your time is spent mingling with family and friends versus posing for the camera. Also, you can count on me being dressed accordingly for the event.