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PHOTOGRAPHY

When you want a moment to last forever...



Weddings



This is me!

Hello future brides and grooms! This is such an exciting time for you! I'm Amy, the CREATIVE behind Amy Lauren Photography. I'm so glad you found me because I believe getting to know you is the only way to ensure an awesome experience. Here are a few things that will help you get to know me better.



- My husband, Mark and I met when I was a teenager at Applebee's! He was a cook and I was a hostess. That was over 15 years ago!
- Mark and I have two boys, Korbin and Oliver. They are 19 months apart, although I get asked all the time if they are twins.
- I started my photography business after a friend asked me to photograph her backyard wedding. I booked 10 weddings in the two weeks after I posted her pictures to social media.
- I was raised in Southern California. I love beach sunsets, but hate saltwater!
- My family currently lives in Richmond, and we LOVE it here.
- I can literally feel my heart expand in my chest when I see couples expressing their love for each other.
- I am emotionally invested in my couples and my greatest desire is to capture every possible important moment.



Welcome



MY

Philosophy



I want my couples to feel like themselves, to have time with their friends and family, AND to have the most gorgeous portraits of the two of them that showcase their joy. That's why I help you plan for a wedding experience that is designed to give you all that in a stress free way!

Read on to find out how it's done...



THE Process

Engagement Session

Once you have picked a date, a photographer and probably a venue as well, you can celebrate! Those are some of the toughest decisions in wedding planning! Then onto the fun stuff... like your engagement session! I include engagement sessions in the wedding experience because I truly believe that they are a vital part of the entire process. During your engagement session, you will have a chance to get to know me, experience how I shoot and how I handle posing and lighting. This session will make a huge impact on how the wedding day flows. I'll arrive on your wedding day already knowing how you two interact, what your best poses are and how to photograph you in a genuine way. What I will learn about you during your engagement session is invaluable! You will feel like such a pro on your big day because of the great practice you had during your engagement session and that's how it should be!

The Wedding Day

When the big day finally arrives, you will feel comfortable, confident, and stress-free! This is because you have planned with my help and all of the important parts of the day will fall into place effortlessly. Here is a short breakdown of how I photograph it all...

The Details... Beautiful shots of the flowers, rings, dress, shoes, invitation, perfume. I will also catch some shots of the bride and her girls getting ready, and the groomsmen if they are nearby.

Bridal Preparations... Time to get in to that dress! I will photograph the bridesmaids and the mother of the bride helping and then take gorgeous bridal portraits.



First Look... The best time to take a break, catch your breath and remember exactly how you came to this moment in time.

Couples Portraits... The first set of romantic portraits of the bride and groom. The bridal party will join us too.

Reception Details... If the reception is in the same location as the ceremony, I will use this time to shoot the reception decor, untouched.

Ceremony... It's time to get married! I will hang out in the back and sides of the ceremony area and capture everything from the flower girl to the first kiss.

Family Portraits... I recommend shooting family portraits outdoors, especially if the ceremony location is dark!

Extra Portraits, Sunset Edition... The BEST time to take romantic pictures is the two of you is when the sun is glowy and golden, these are often my favorite pictures of the day.

The Party... Bridal party lines up, first dances begin, and I flow with all the rest of the events of the evening.

After THE Ball



Beautiful images are created in two parts. First in the moment and second behind the computer. I LOVE editing images. My goal is not to change the picture completely, but to enhance them and create a cohesive look.

During shooting, I often show my couples my camera's LCD screen so they can see how they are looking, but always with the caveat that the images will not look exactly like that when I deliver them! I just like to reassure them that they are



Gallery Delivery
IN ONE WEEK

Album & usb Key
IN THREE WEEKS

After you're done gushing over your photos, it's time to select your favorites for album design. Albums hold 100-110 images, so choosing might be tough! After your favorites are submitted, it takes about a week for the first draft. And once you're happy with the album design, it takes two weeks to arrive.



So if you're counting, the entire process is complete in just one week for the Digital Daydream-package, and three - four weeks for the Pretty Print package. I KNOW! That's ridiculously fast!

Album Design
IN TWO WEEKS

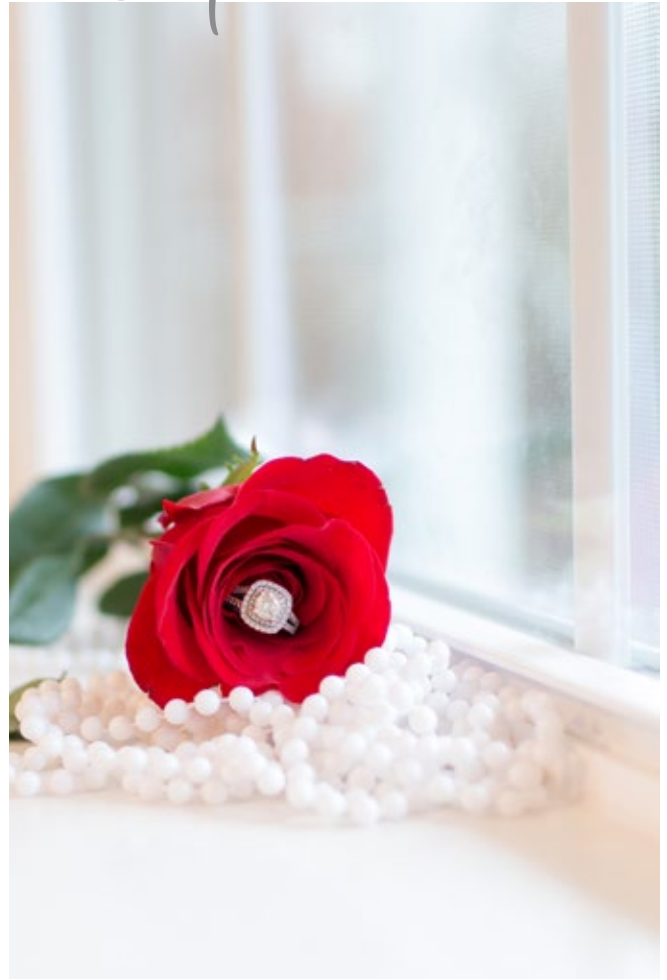


Experience IT All



Bridal Portraits

One of the longest-standing Southern wedding traditions is the bridal portrait. Over the last century or so, bridal portraits have become a Southern staple. They represent a rite of passage to Southern debs & belles alike. While bridal portraits are a long-standing tradition, they have evolved over the years. Originally, bridals were taken at a photographer's studio, and featured a stoic, serious bride. But now, even though some are still taken in a studio setting, brides are opting for a much more personalized and natural look.



Boudoir

Boudoir photography is a sexy new trend that's especially popular as a wedding day gift from a bride to her groom. Boudoir photos are usually taken wearing either just a little, or well, nothing at all. They're hardly X-rated though, but rather PG-13 -- as in classic pin-up-inspired pics, or what the pros call 'implied nudes.' That means you're not wearing anything, but you're also not showing off anything either (think shot from the back, or lying on your stomach).

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What you can expect from me:

Full Day of Coverage, NO TIME LIMITS!
75-100 images per hour of shooting.
Digital Download of any/all photos via client gallery.
Rights to use and print the photos any way you like.

Packages:

Digital DayDream: \$1500

Pretty Print: \$1800
Includes a GEORGOUS Abum and Engraved USB Key

Budoir and Bridal Add on \$200

Budoir and Bridal Alone \$300

Forever



Booking:

I request a \$200 initial payment upon booking. That and a completed contract secures the date in my calendar. The remaining balance can be taken care of on the day of the event or before, it's up to you! I book 6 months to a year ahead of time so be sure to contact me to make sure I still have your date available!



Tips

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Tips

1. Bouquets need to be delivered to YOU, not the church.
2. Don't give the wedding bands to the best man! You'll need ALL three for detail pictures.
3. Try sitting down in your dress before the wedding so that you're aware of how hard that may be if your dress is tight!
4. If you want natural portraits, your heels are going to sink in the grass! Get heel stoppers or bring flats!
5. While you understandably want your dress to remain perfect for the isle, you can't see little imperfections in photos! So try not to stress out if something happens.
6. Look for a bridal suite (where you put your dress on) that has LOTS of natural light. Windows are essential for great getting ready photos.
7. Lighting will determine where your first look is, so don't worry about finding the perfect place ahead of time.
8. Make a list of shots you absolutely want. Don't know where to start? Pinterest of course!