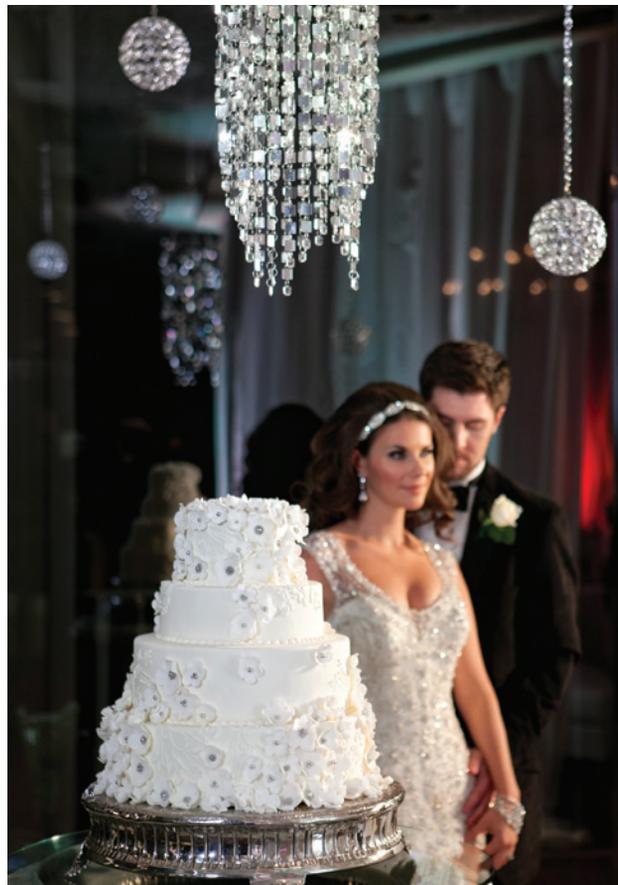


Picture Perfect



The time is set, the location is selected, and the decor is decided upon. Easy! Beautiful decor + lovely location + adorable couple = gorgeous wedding photos, right? Not so fast! There are many stories from newlyweds who are disappointed with their wedding photos. As a dedicated wedding photographer for 20 years, I have learned that nothing is guaranteed when it comes to weddings. Our studio is trusted to document countless numbers of weddings with unique ven-

ues, lighting, decor and so much more.

As a photographer, I have little say over the visual ambiance of a wedding. There are many things to consider that goes into making stellar photos and one of the most important thing is communication with your photographers. Building trust is so valuable considering your wedding photos are an investment in your wedding memories. Their expertise can be invaluable in accomplishing your desired results. Having a grasp on how much time needs to be set aside for the type of

photos you desire will go a long way to keep your day flowing and on schedule. This will make for a stress free day.

So how can you have your cake and eat it too? You need to ask yourself a few questions. What are you envisioning when it comes to your photos? Will they reflect who you are as a couple and stand the test of time, or will they fall short of your expectations? Do you want casual, candid or more traditional images? All of these unique concepts require different skill levels from your photographer, the



proper equipment, realistic timeline, and a clear line of communication between you and your photo team.

I find not everyone's definition of "photojournalism or candid" is the same. It's so important to describe your vision of what you love so you don't find out later that you and your photographer were on two different pages. A professional wedding photographer is invested in your complete satisfaction and they want to make sure that your photos will bring tears to your eyes for all the right reasons! So communicate and share your ideas with them as well as asking them for theirs. You will then come up with the perfect plan for the Picture Perfect day of your dreams!

When I arrive at the wedding, I am inspired by the decor. That speaks volumes about my couples' taste and personalities. We incorporate the beautiful decor into a few of the "couple's" photos. This also allows us to get some details of all the beautiful elements that everyone has worked so hard to pull together. The flowers, the linens, the lighting, the cake, the soft seating and draping, the china and all the beautiful items you picked out with your wedding planner. There are so many parts and pieces that come together for that one perfect night! These photos will

be an important part of your memories and your wedding vendors will more than appreciate having some images that will show their fantastic work off to other excited brides. Your wedding will inspire them! So keep these tips in mind when you set out to find the photography team that you want to tell your story through their lens. Happy wedding planning from this "hopeless romantic" photographer.

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