

## **Importance of the Engagement Session**

Having me photograph your engagement session is your most important preparation to ensure that we all have a positive experience on your wedding day. Simply stated, you'll end up with better wedding photos if we have an engagement session. Because of this conviction, if you're local to the greater Los Angeles area, if you select me as your wedding photographer, we must also have an engagement session.

### ***Benefits***

Since it's unlikely that you've ever worked with a professional photographer, it's natural that you might feel a bit nervous about having your photograph taken in a public setting. Since your wedding day is not the best time to realize those additional pressures, working with me to capture engagement photographs allows you both to become more comfortable in front of the camera (and in front of other people). This experience also gives us time to establish a personal relationship--a relationship built on trust and familiarity. During this engagement session we'll all have a great time and you'll be able to get to know me better both personally and professionally.

During our session, I'll also gain a better understanding of your personalities, your best expressions, and your quirks. I'll teach you how to casually pose for photographs so that you'll always be seen at your best. I'll also offer you a ton of advice related to planning and starring in your own wedding. Some of these details include suggestions about "the kiss" and the ring exchange that will help ensure that I'm able to capture the best possible photos during those very important moments.

You'll also have the benefit of seeing how I work when I'm photographing people. Perhaps more importantly, you'll be able to view these photographs long before your wedding day which will allow you to be very comfortable with the style of photographs that we'll create. You'll also see how great you can look in photos. This access will increase the confidence you have in yourselves as well as in my capabilities as your wedding photographer. After our session you'll really begin to look forward to the photographs that I'll take on your wedding day. You'll also be able to more clearly articulate the style of photography you prefer so I can make sure I use those same techniques on your wedding day.

### ***Choosing Locations***

The location for your engagement session can vary based on your preferences or lifestyle. You may choose to meet where you were engaged or where you had your first date. Or you may want to meet somewhere like your home, the beach, a local park, your favorite restaurant, the zoo, or even Disneyland. Your choices are practically limitless and are bounded only by the restrictions of the venue.