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GUERRA PHOTOGRAPHY AND KENDALL CRISWELL PHOTOGRAPHY

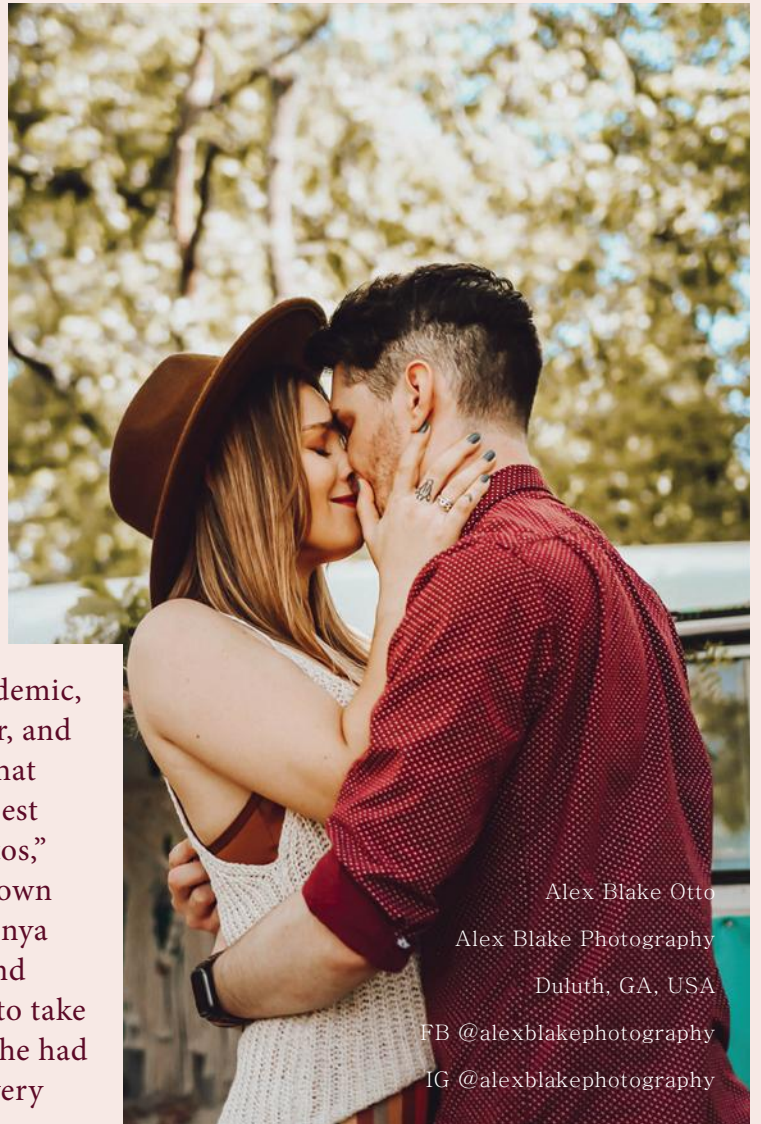
COVER ARTIST

Alex Blake Photography



Alex is a full time pastor and part time photographer right outside of Atlanta, GA. She is married to who she says is the best husband ever and together they have one dog named Bear. Her favorite part about life is people and getting to celebrate the little things that make up who they are. She is always excited to create something that shows off personality, a person's radiance, and beauty.

“Tonya and Luke got engaged in the midst of the pandemic, which feels weird but oddly makes it smaller, sweeter, and more intimate”



Tonya and Luke got engaged in the midst of the pandemic, which feels weird but oddly makes it smaller, sweeter, and more intimate. When she got there, Tonya thought that she was coming to do a just-for-fun shoot with her best friend. When we went to take some “individual photos,” however, Luke snuck out from behind the van, got down on one knee, and popped the question. Normally, Tonya is a planner, but that day she was so authentically (and adorably) stunned that after saying yes she ran over to take a seat and tried to run through the logistics of how she had been successfully surprised. The rest of the shoot, every chance she had she would ask a new question. It was so funny! (Location of shoot: Prospect Farms; The Bixie Bus)

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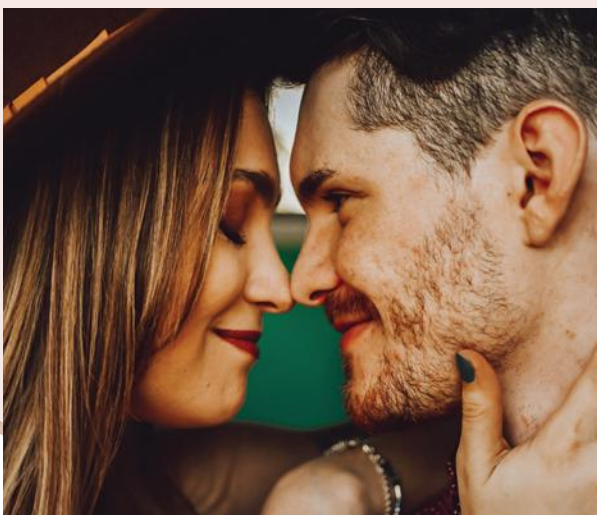


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“Luke snuck out from behind the van, got down on one knee, and popped the question”





Hello Fellow Photographers,

Spring has come to a close and summer has officially arrived! The weather is heating up and so we are heating up this issue with some love stories. They say happily ever after as if it is the end of a story, while really, that is just where the story begins.

I was married very young! Being just head over heels with my man, and still am. With three babies running around, and a fourth on the way. Here we are 14 years later.

In the past 14 years, we have gone through school together, started a business together, moved back and forth across the country together and had countless adventures together. He has been my support, physically, mentally and emotionally. From when I started building my portfolio in 2008 and we were in the back alleyways of Salt Lake City on a frozen day doing photoshoots with models, or trekking equipment across the Salt Lake sand. He has assisted me at weddings and saved me several times. He has offered a second opinion when I was struggling in my business.

In film school, I quickly learned how important it is to work as a team! No large project can be achieved alone. And this is the same with running a photography business.

You have got to have your support network! Without it, it is very likely you will burn out and become overwhelmed. There are so many hats required in this industry to wear and with your support group you can have that help needed to adjust them just right.

In my story, my husband and family have been my support group. They have been my cheerleaders, pep talkers, esteem boosters, models, marketers and more. I could NOT have gotten to where I am today without them and that support. Sometimes it takes someone else to see a passion in you and shine light on it, sparking something in you to encourage you. Who has this person been for you?

I encourage you to find your tribe. Join photography groups on facebook put yourself out there and be a support to others!



Chief Editor

Our Photographers Circle

I look forward to sharing, learning, and growing together! Be sure to join us over in the Our Photographers Circle Group on Facebook.



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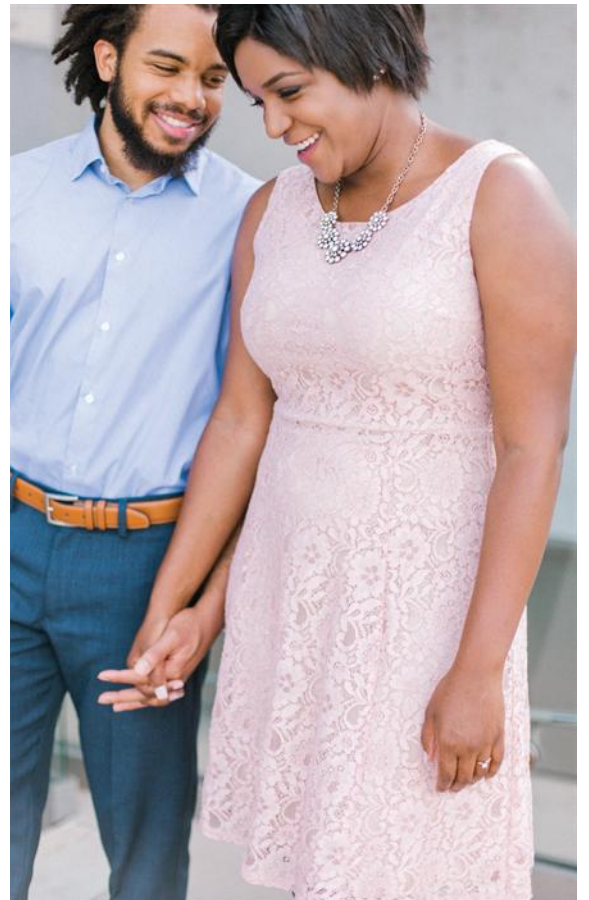
OLIVIA GUNNELL PHOTOGRAPHY

I've had over 8 years of experience photographing weddings, portraits, families, and more! I utilize both film and digital photography to achieve a classic aesthetic that will never go out of style! With so much negativity in our society today, I am passionate about capturing and sharing beautiful moments that remind us to believe in love, in each other, and in God. In my spare time I love a good hike, reading a business book, or the thrill of knocking something off my to-do list!




Abby and Nathan's style is so classy and timeless! After 8 years in the photography business, and photographing over 100 weddings, their sweet church wedding in Chandler, AZ is still one of my favorites. What I loved about these two as I got to know them was how they expressed more excitement for their marriage than they did for their wedding! Their love and tenderness for each other was highlighted in every image we took.

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I always love to have couples tickle each other during sessions. Sounds dorky, but I feel like it's the best way to bring out genuine smiles and a great opportunity to be silly!

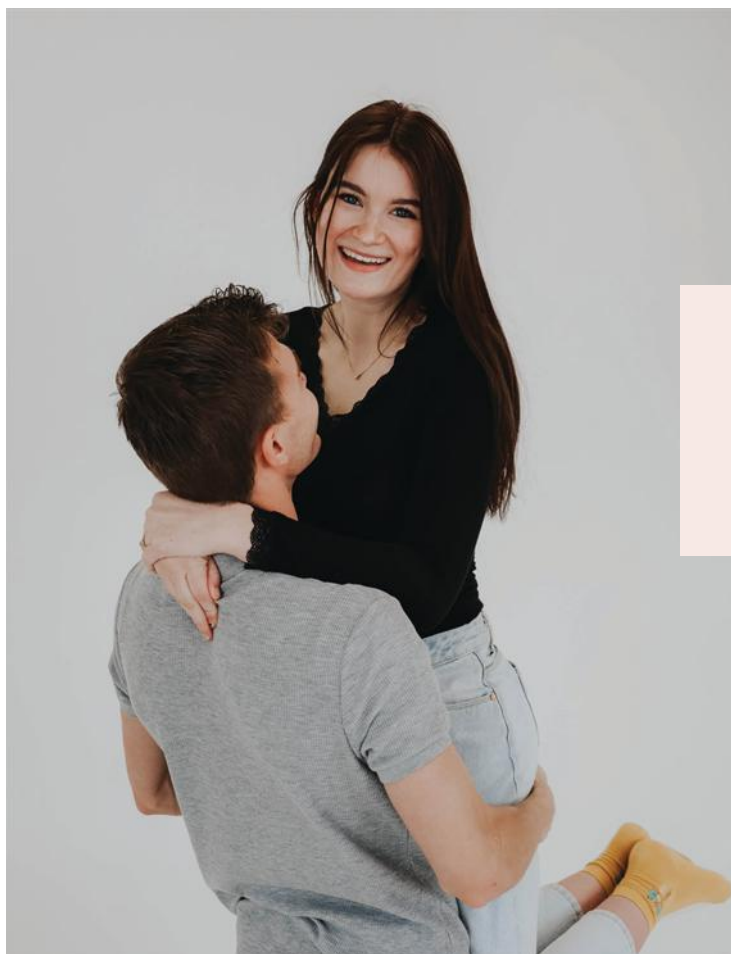
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My favorite thing to do with my couples is to have them “walk drunkenly”. It also seems to make them laugh when I tell them to “act like you like each other!” it is so basic, but they’re usually married so it’s so funny! These people are really good friends of mine, so it was extra easy for them to feel comfortable. They are so goofy and made it so easy to show how much they love each other in the pictures. I try and tell my couples to just have fun with each other and pretend I’m not here, and that’s usually when more magical photos happen.



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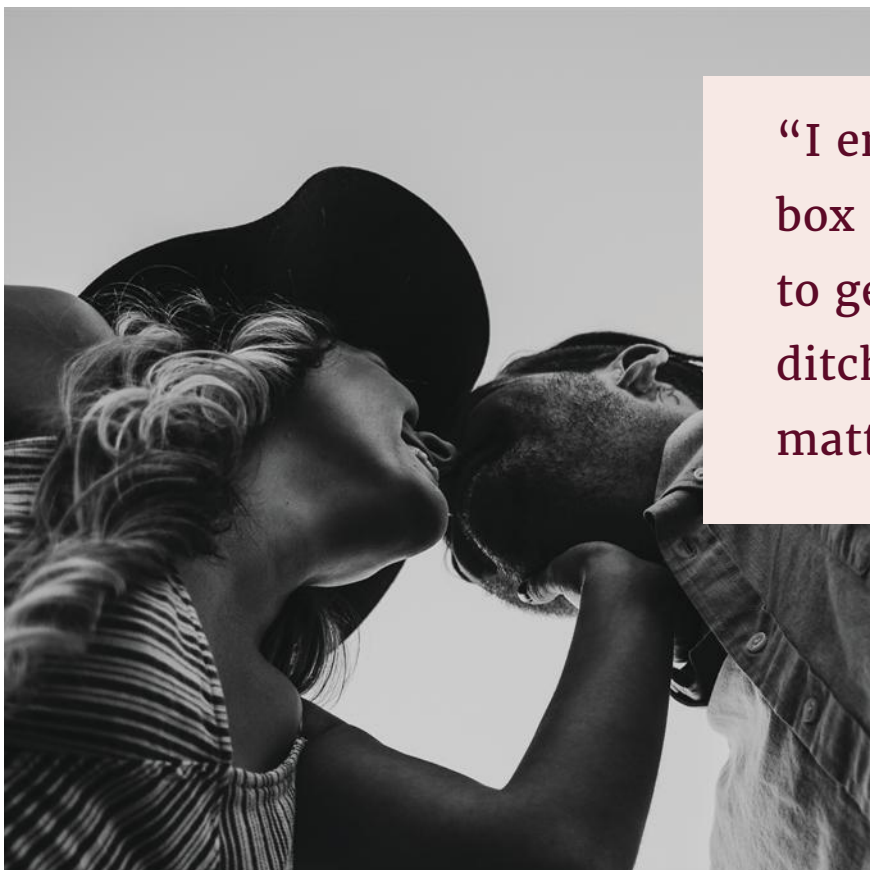


I love love love to have couples pop open a bottle of champagne (or two), not only is it a fun moment to capture but it really helps them to loosen up and feel more comfortable in front of the camera!



I think my favorite prompt to use is the “run up behind her and bear hug her”. It works every single time to get that perfect real laughter!

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“I enjoy thinking outside the box and doing what it takes to get the shot. I will lay in a ditch or climb a tree, doesn’t matter to me! ”



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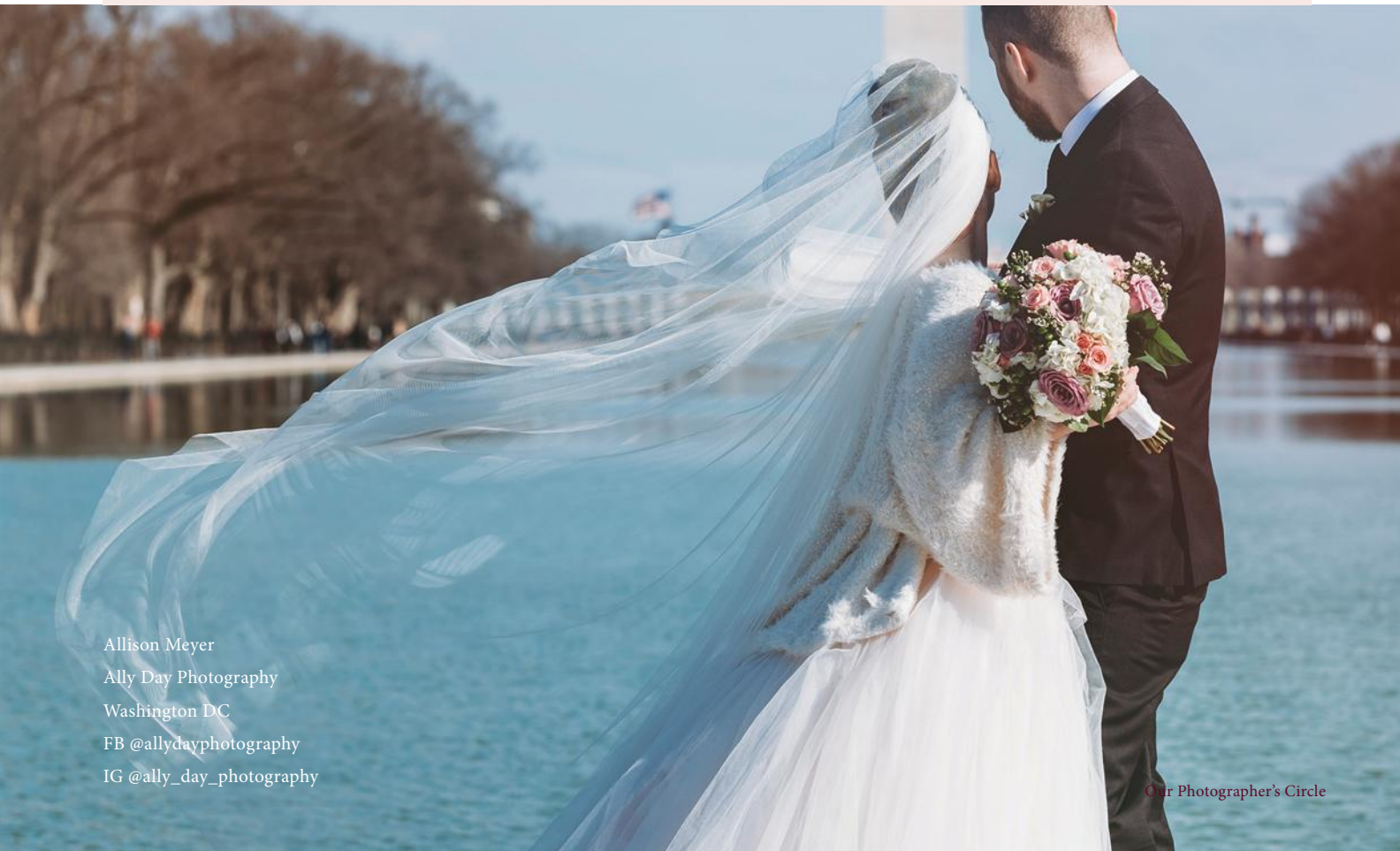
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(above) “My favorite couple prompt is to have one of them whisper in the other person’s ear how to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich in their sexiest voice. I have used this anywhere from prom pictures to wedding pictures. It gives the best reactions.” - Sarah Lunt



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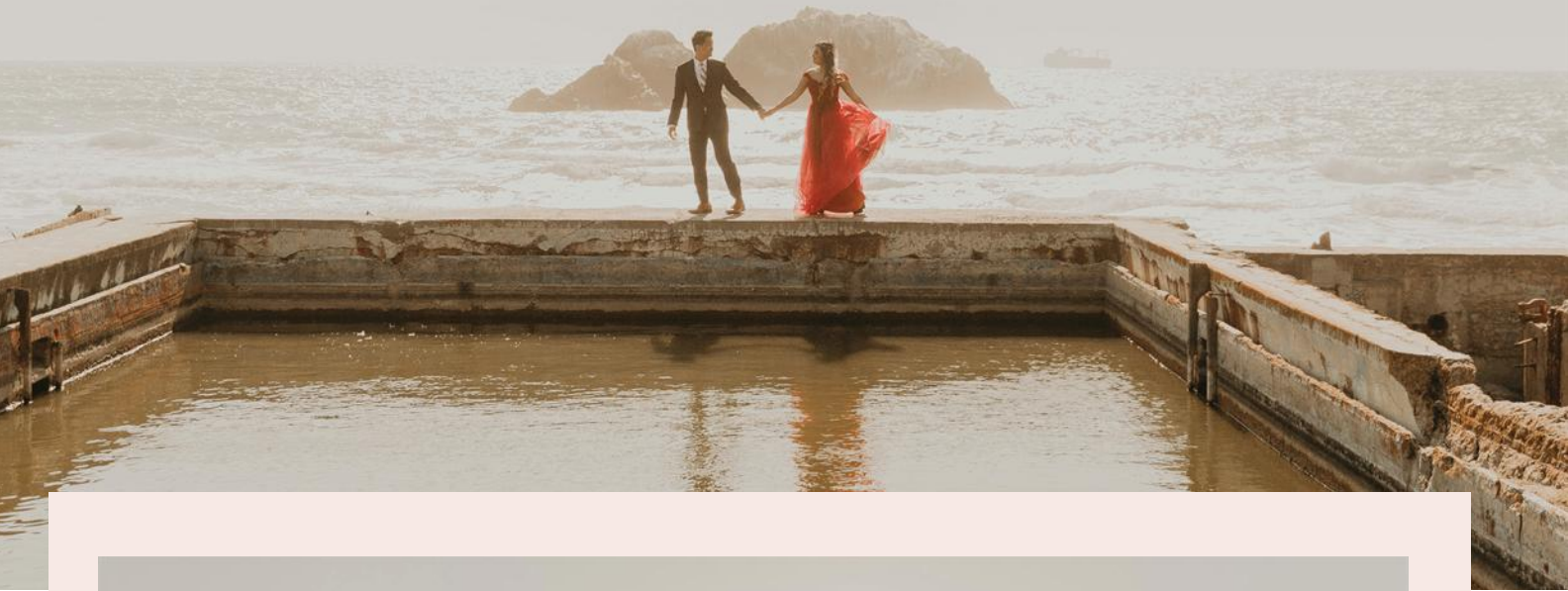
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Featured Photographer

DEZ'S GOLDEN MOMENTS

Hi, my name is Dezirae and I am a natural light photographer based in the San Francisco Bay Area. I started photography back in 2016 and became full time with my passion in 2019. Although I mainly focus on couples and weddings, I strive to capture all of life's little and authentic moments. By helping my clients feel relaxed and have fun in front of the camera, their unique love and connection shines through in each photograph. When I'm not in front of a screen or out capturing memories, I enjoy spending time with friends and family, learning to cook a new dish with my boyfriend, training my service dog, and doing all things art!



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To shoot at the Little Sahara Sand dunes was an absolute heaven sent opportunity. Not every bride wants to walk through sand in their dress, let alone in the burning heat. What I loved about this shoot, is that it screams desert bohemian vibes. Many people have commented that Jeff and Jacqueline look like the glammed up Aladdin and Jasmine standing on the magic carpet. Can't you see it?





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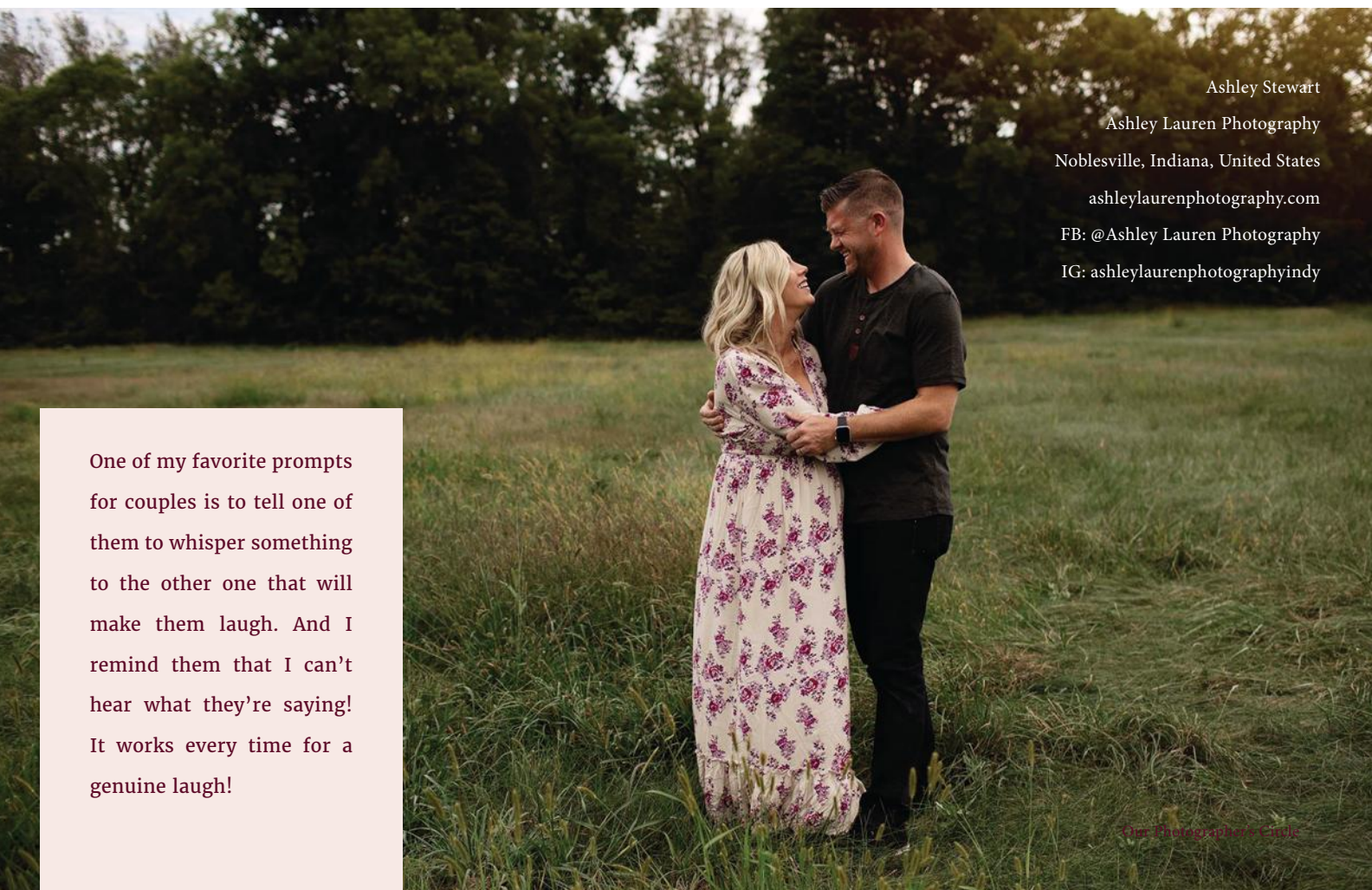
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**“You know your in love when you can’t fall asleep
because reality is finally better than your dreams.”
– Dr. Seuss**



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One of my favorite prompts for couples is to tell one of them to whisper something to the other one that will make them laugh. And I remind them that I can't hear what they're saying! It works every time for a genuine laugh!

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Real Engaged Couple, Tara and Brandon. Added this fun mountain Engagement session to their Wedding collection, as their upcoming Wedding in the Fall has now been pushed to 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions in Colorado. Celebrating their Love even with some bumps in the road, and not 100% as planned this year!

“A classic slowdance
movement or just
having your couple
hold each other
around the lower
back and rock side
to side brings in the
romance”

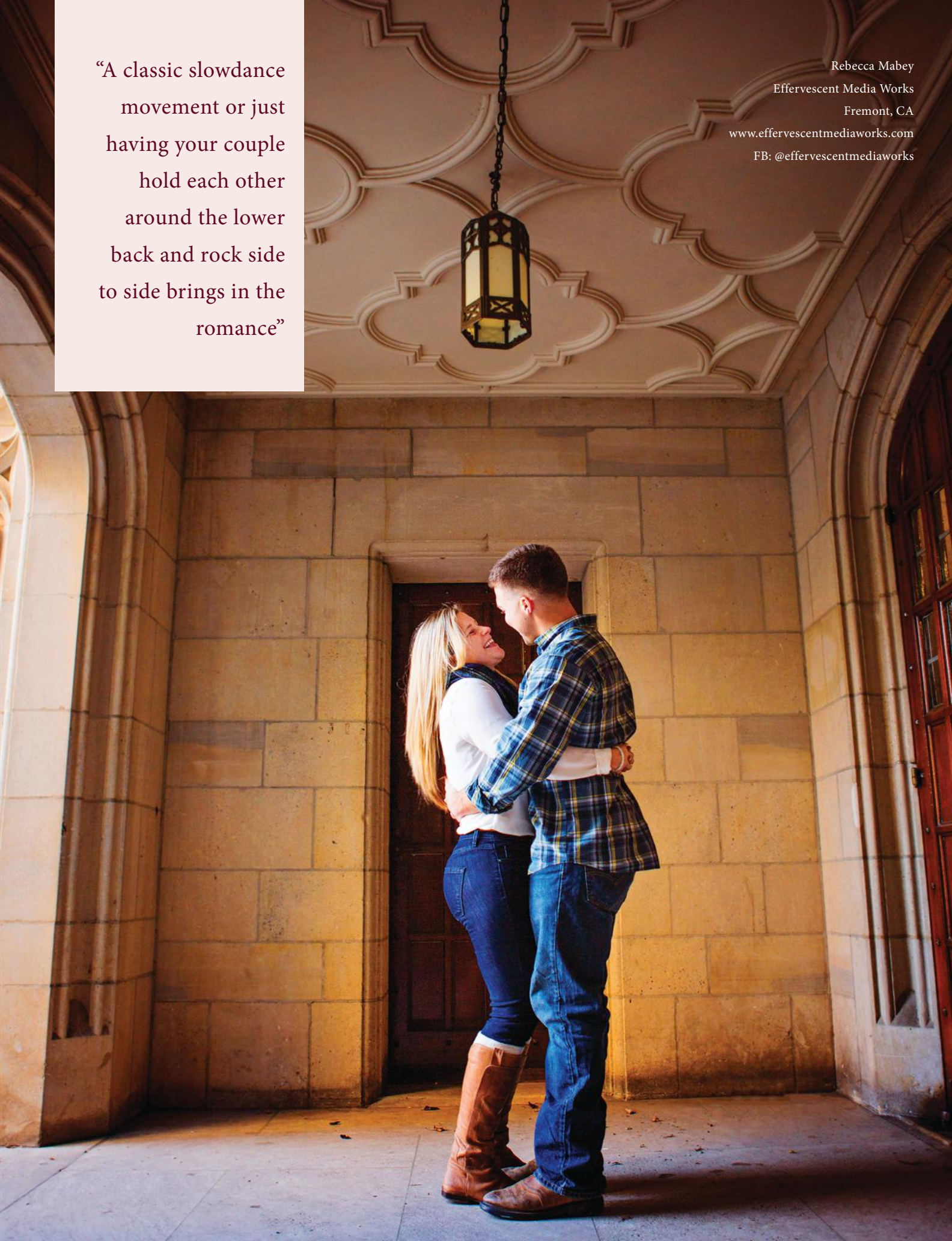
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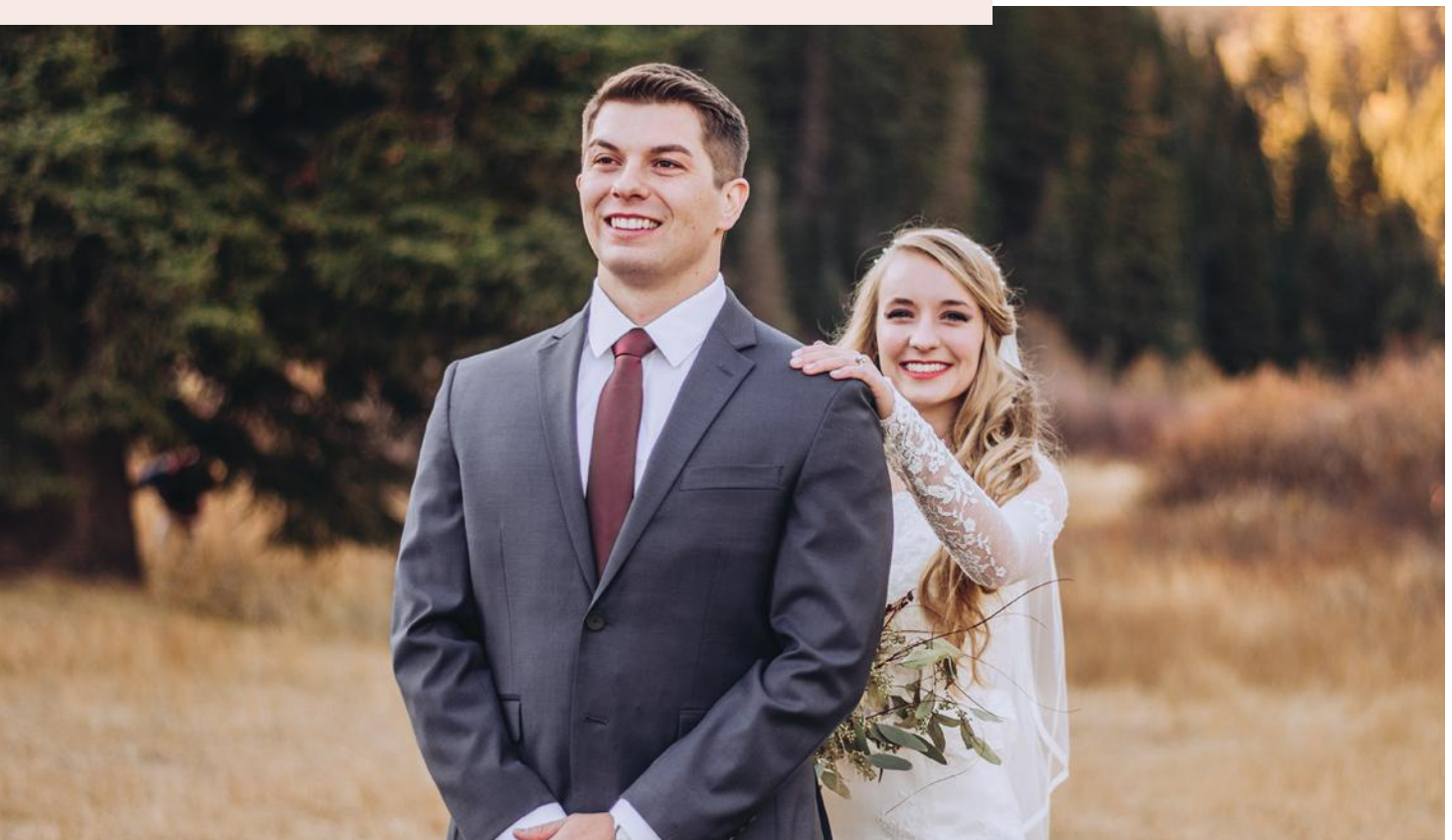
Featured Photographer

GUERRA PHOTOGRAPHY

Hi, I'm Lorraine Guerra. I'm a portrait and wedding photographer from Atlanta, GA. I received a BS in Marine Sciences, and I was fortunate to work with sea turtles. It was amazing, and I loved it. I started doing photography about 2.5 years ago and I fell in love with it! My parents diligently took pictures of our family, and we now have tangible reminders of our cherished memories. Remembering those moments kindled my desire to explore the undiscovered artsy side of me through photography. By doing so, I have been able to experience the freedom of creativity I have always yearned for.

I love getting to know my couples, as it's important for me to tailor their experience according to their personality and expectations. I strive to create an environment where my couples feel comfortable and present in the moment. Thus, sweet and loving moments are captured that will be remembered forever.

This is Kate and Dustin. They love the outdoors and adventure, so wedding photos in the beautiful Big Cottonwood Canyon, Utah was a must. I am honored to have been trusted with capturing these amazing moments. They were married December 7, 2019.



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Kate & Dustin



“I like to ask him to trace a heart on her cheek with his nose. The gentle and sweet nature of it always brings sweet smiles.”



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“Love is an irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired.” – Robert Frost



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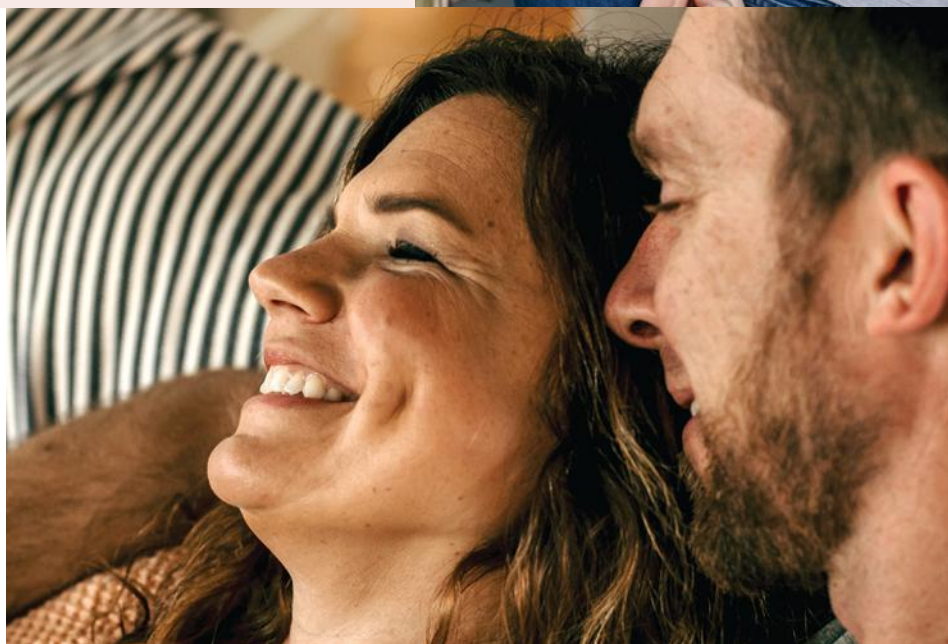
This couple is so much fun! We laughed so much my cheeks hurt at the end of this session.

They renovated this beautiful 100 year old home in historic Daytona Beach which made the perfect spot to capture their love for each other.

My favorite prompt is for the guy to whisper something sexy in her ear. It always makes for a good laugh or smile.

I shot this session with my 50mm Settings f 3.5

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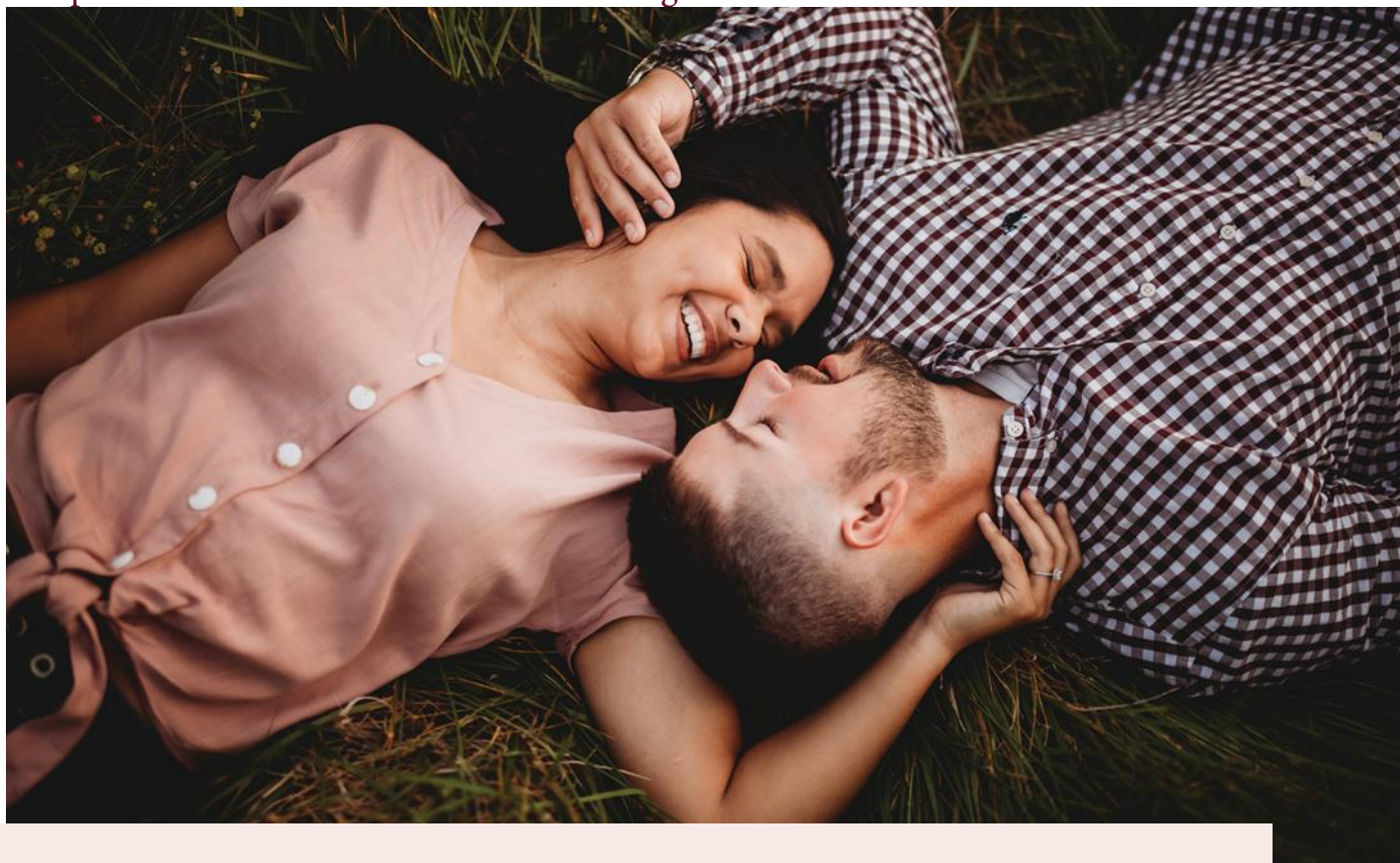
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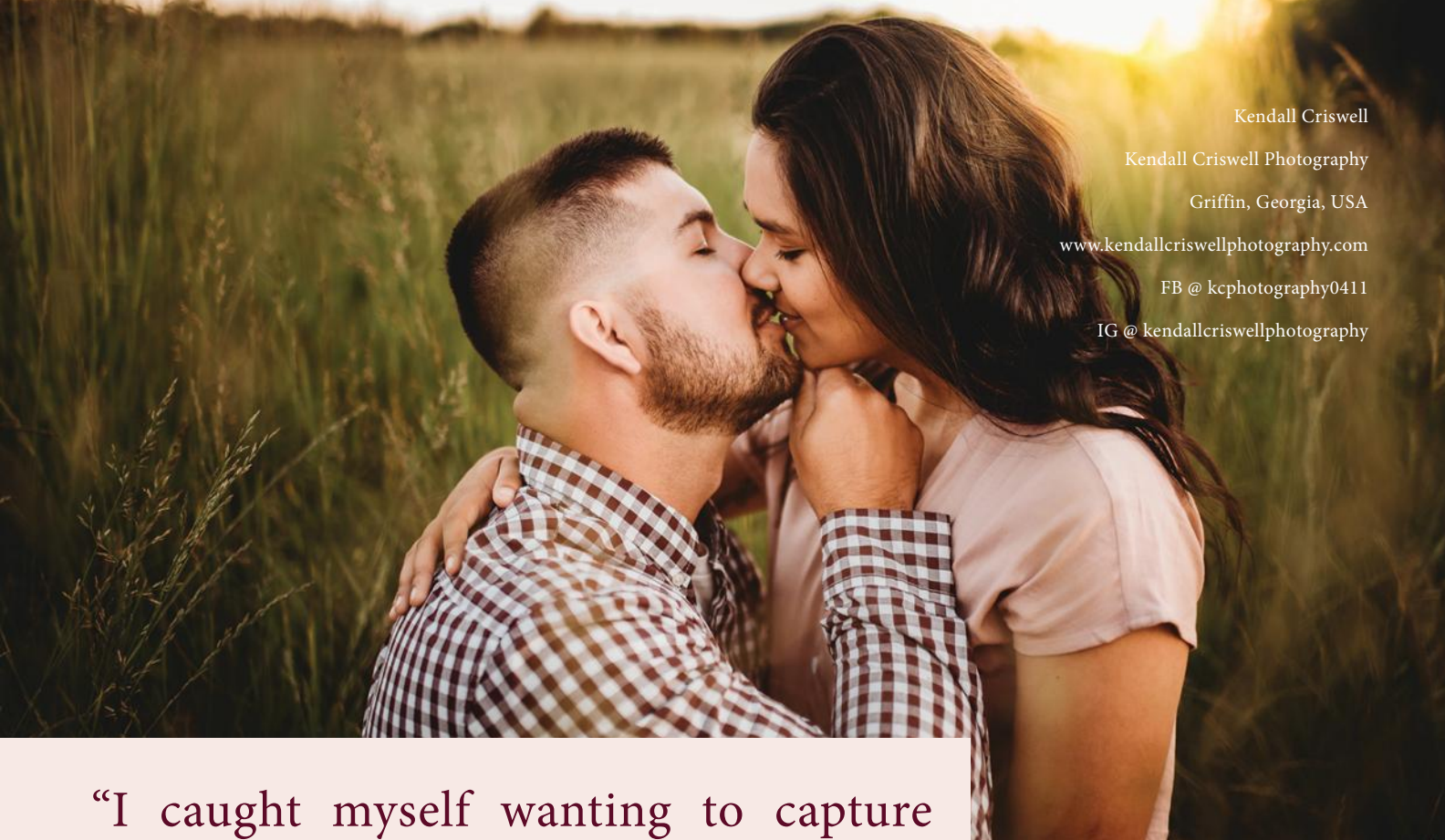
KENDALL CRISWELL PHOTOGRAPHY

Hello, my name is Kendall Criswell. I live in Griffin, Georgia with my sweet husband and three lovely daughters.

If there's anything I want you to know about me, it's that I know what it's like to be completely in love. Whether it was the first time I made eye contact with my soulmate or holding my precious new babies in my arms for the first time. Love has defined and made me into the person I am today. I think it's such a gift knowing that we all have such beautiful and unique love stories to tell. It's these love stories that connect us all. Photography became a passion of mine when my first daughter was born. I caught myself wanting to capture every sweet and precious moment of my daughter's early years. This amazing life changing event created within me a lifelong love of wanting to capture moments that will be shared for generations to come.



One of my favorite couples prompts is to ask clients to smell each other. I love how they giggle and get all cozy with their significant other.



Kendall Criswell

Kendall Criswell Photography

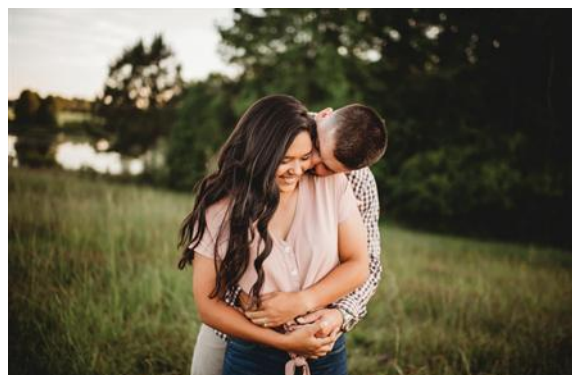
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“Pull each other in and just love each other” – always gets the most real and genuine look

A Playful Posing Guide For Couples

by Rebecca Mabey of Effervescent Media Works

Let's help those wallflowers bloom and loosen up in ways that are natural and fun! In this preview guide, we will go over ways to playfully pose your couples so you can capture unique flirtatious energy and poses that are fluid and fun.

Step 1: Before you even start your session, make an effort to get to know more about your couple and their personalities. I do this through a google form questionnaire.

Helping your clients relax

- 1 Compliment them and express excitement for their future together.
- 2 Tell them your game plan and bring them in on it. Remind them you have a vision.
- 3 Let them know that we will be doing some fun things together to capture those in between moments, movements and emotion.
- 4 Encourage them to trust you in your art and embrace your techniques as unique as they are.

“Do the wave and shout a cheer for yourself as if you were a sports team!”



“Face each other standing 2 feet apart and do a trust fall into him wrapping your arms around his neck”



ALWAYS THINK FLUID AND FUN

If you take just about any pose, there is always a opportunity to add motion to it. Like a ribbon in the wind. Especially if her hair is down, or she has a fun long dress. Look for what you can move.

EMBRACE THE SILLY

Encourage your clients to loosen up and embrace the awkwardness,

And laugh up the goofy moments that did not meet the standards of Dancing with the Stars. Remind them that you are looking for the emotion and the movement, not



a perfectly planned dance movement. With a lot of busy couples planning their wedding or otherwise, it may have been a while since they hit the dance floor and the left feet show. That is ok! Laugh together and encourage just giving it a try.

BE CHEESY

Come up with those goofy phrases that rhythm and get a surprise laugh





“Put your right arm around her neck and lock the right fingers. Then walk hips connected in a zig zag path..”



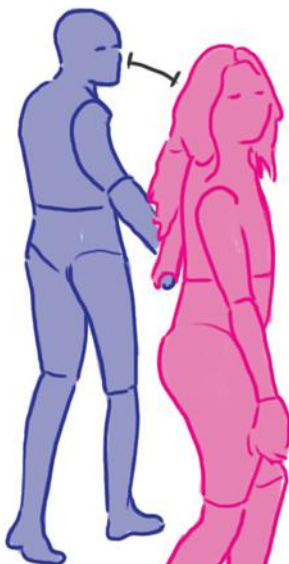
PLAY WITH GRAVITY

Start with a starter pose, such as her back against his chest. Then add the movement by having them lock at the hips but swivel the top of their bodies together like a top twirling.

GET INTO THE ACT

Create scenarios that will make the laugh to react. Such as “sing the final line of “We are getting married!” as if it were your own musical complete with the dance and final pose. Then bow for the audience. “

“add pep in your step and flip that hair around. **Look back and me. And you check her out!**”



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