



# *Every Bride* a Model

Photographs you will love - By Michelle Loukidis

Michelle Loukidis has been a wedding photographer for over a decade. She specialises in capturing intimate moments in an unobtrusive manner. Her work has recently been published in a unique photographic book entitled, "Women by Women – 50 years of women photography in South Africa," placing her in the company of the country's greatest photographers in the many genres of photography.

The choice of a photographer for your wedding day should be based on two very important aspects. Do you actually get on with the photographer? Remember, they will be working with you closely on one of the most important days of your life. Secondly, what style would you like your photographs to be? Individual wedding photographers vary in their approach.

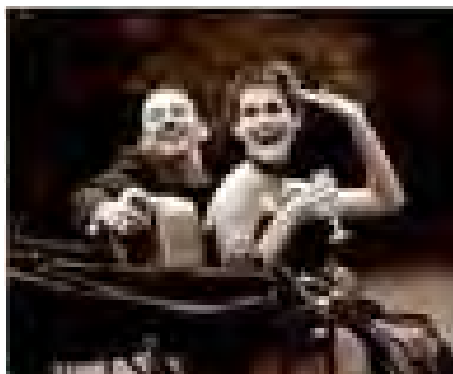
The current trend is to try to get photographs which are candid, unobtrusive and as natural as possible. The ideal is a mixture of formal and informal images. Most people look their best when they respond naturally. You tend not to look as nervous as you might be. Most of us are simply not experienced photographic models. Cameras make us nervous!

It takes a special kind of photographer to set the minds of a bridal couple at ease, make them relax and react as if they don't have a lens trained on them. Weddings can often be more stressful than you can possibly anticipate and it is great to have people around you that help you relax. Choosing a photographer who does not add to your

stress levels is the obvious choice. Now that you are relaxed, leave it up to him to do the rest. Great photographers will almost never miss defining moments, a quality that only comes with experience. Your personality is what these moments reflect.

Finding the photographer that suits you best might take some effort. Be cautious not to strike a deal after the very first interview. See as many as time allows. This is a healthy process by which you are actually determining what it is you are looking for. After being exposed to a few styles and approaches, you will be in a better position to make a final decision.

Your wedding day should be enjoyed, and be memorable. To ensure that in the years to come you have images to reflect upon your joy, you employ a photographer. Choosing the right one is crucial!



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