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The baby portrait specialist since 1986

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Important info to review before your session

Thank you for choosing me to capture your child's special moments. Portraiture is the most emotionally valued possession in which you'll invest. I have found that clients appreciate my professional and personalized service. We are confident that you will too.

I strive to develop a lifetime relationship with you and your family!

Our clients are willing to make an investment of both time and money to insure supreme-quality portraits that document their family history. Having a successful session is a joint effort between me and all the adults involved. I suggest you review this upon receipt and JUST BEFORE you leave your home. All attending adults, including grandparents and nannies, must review.

Session fees and pricing information can be found on our [rate sheet](#). Due to the digital revolution we offer prints and products on a limited basis, mostly for clients who have been here before and want consistency for consecutive children. Lots of folks are doing their own retouching and products...or just leaving them on their hard-drives. Sean Leary, a long-time employee, is now on his own and is available to handle your retouching needs. Ask me for his email.

Attendees

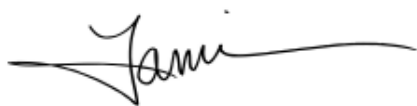
I like to know everyone's name who will be attending, even if they aren't being photographed.

Arrival

It is not important that you arrive *exactly* at your scheduled session time, but arriving early with a toddler could be disastrous.

Appearances

I recommend one outfit and one hairstyle per child. This not only helps keep younger children happy, but it also adds consistency for design purposes. I recommend diaper covers only for babies under 12 months, which will be provided. For everyone, simple, solid colors are best- we suggest white, black, brown or dark blue. Pastels and heather grey cause lack of contrast (especially in black and white) and should be avoided.



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For sessions involving toddlers, please leave ALL personal belongings outside the studio's door inside the building. Food is NOT allowed inside the studio door unless OK'd beforehand. *Failure to do this could result in a premature end to the session due to a meltdown when these items are presented and then taken away from a toddler.*

Cancellation Policy

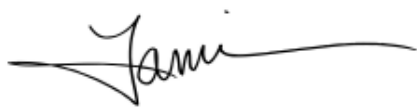
Although I prefer three days advance notice to make scheduling changes for your photo session, I do understand that babies and kids get sick, so please reschedule, even last minute. I want to document everyone at their best.

Consultations

A portrait consultation is included with your session within 30 days of sending your disc and is the best way to go through all the images. I can help you compare, crop, and see creative options of combining images, as well as design quality albums unavailable on-line. It is important that you schedule at least two hours for your consultation, and it's best to come without children. Talk to me directly for more info.

Payment

Personal checks and cash.



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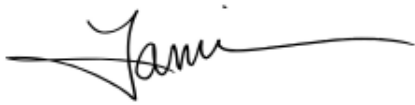
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***Although some of the following do not apply to everyone,
here are some great tips:***

Do...

- Let the baby keep napping in the car a little longer if needed. Call and let me know. I usually leave a lot of leeway.
- Decide if you would like a clothed or diaper-cover only session. If you opt for clothing, narrow your choices down before the session. I will usually do the outfit first.
- Come prepared. Use this checklist for your children ***(Please note, the files are all un-retouched, so it really pays to do the following. Retouching is available at an additional charge):***
 - ☐ Feed toddlers BEFORE entering the studio. Food is not allowed unless cleared by me BEFORE the toddler sees it.
 - ☐ Choose one hairstyle that stays in place and if possible, have it done before arriving.
 - ☐ Press clothing and pin, tape, or hem pants if they are too long beforehand.
 - ☐ Clean and trim fingernails and remove any nail polish you do not want in the photos.
 - ☐ Remove any temporary tattoos or stray pen marks. Baby oil works well.
 - ☐ Clean all overly crusty noses before you come.
 - ☐ Empty older children's shoes of any sand from school or the playground.
- To keep focus consistent, stay to my left and at my eye level during the session, in between me and the main light, when your baby is or children are being photographed.
- Look into the lens during family photographs, unless I tell you otherwise. Try not to focus on what your family is doing. I will catch babies and kids in a spontaneous smile, and when I do, you should be looking my way as well.
- Plan on your toddlers and older kids misbehaving or having a meltdown.
- You may want to plan two or more sessions if you have multiple children. Additional sessions are pro-rated to assure the best selection. See [rate sheet](#) for details.

Make sure all attending adults have read this.



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Don't...

- **Please Do Not Arrive** more than 20 minutes early without calling first. Timing is crucial, especially for toddlers. Children who arrive early may get burnt out running up & down the hallway before the session even gets started. If you are early or nap schedules change, call. I can get ready quickly.
- **Please Do Not Bring** anything into the studio room that you do not want in the photographs. **This includes food, diaper bags, pacifiers, keys, cell phones, shoes, toys, blankets, etc.** You are more than welcome to bring these items into the flat, but do not give them to children before or during the session. Nursing and bottle breaks are fine for babies.
- **Please Do Not Show** or give your toddler any toy or object unless I know.
- **Please Do Not Wait** until you arrive to discuss clothing
- **Do not** wear busy patterns, mismatched clothes, heather grey, or pastels.
- **Please Do Not Change** hairstyles or outfits mid-session.
- **Please Do Not Focus** on what your squiggly toddler is doing during the session while I am photographing everyone. I guarantee he's not doing what you're telling him to, and that's okay!
- **Please Do Not Bring** sick children.
- **Please Do Not Stress Out.** Your kids will, too!