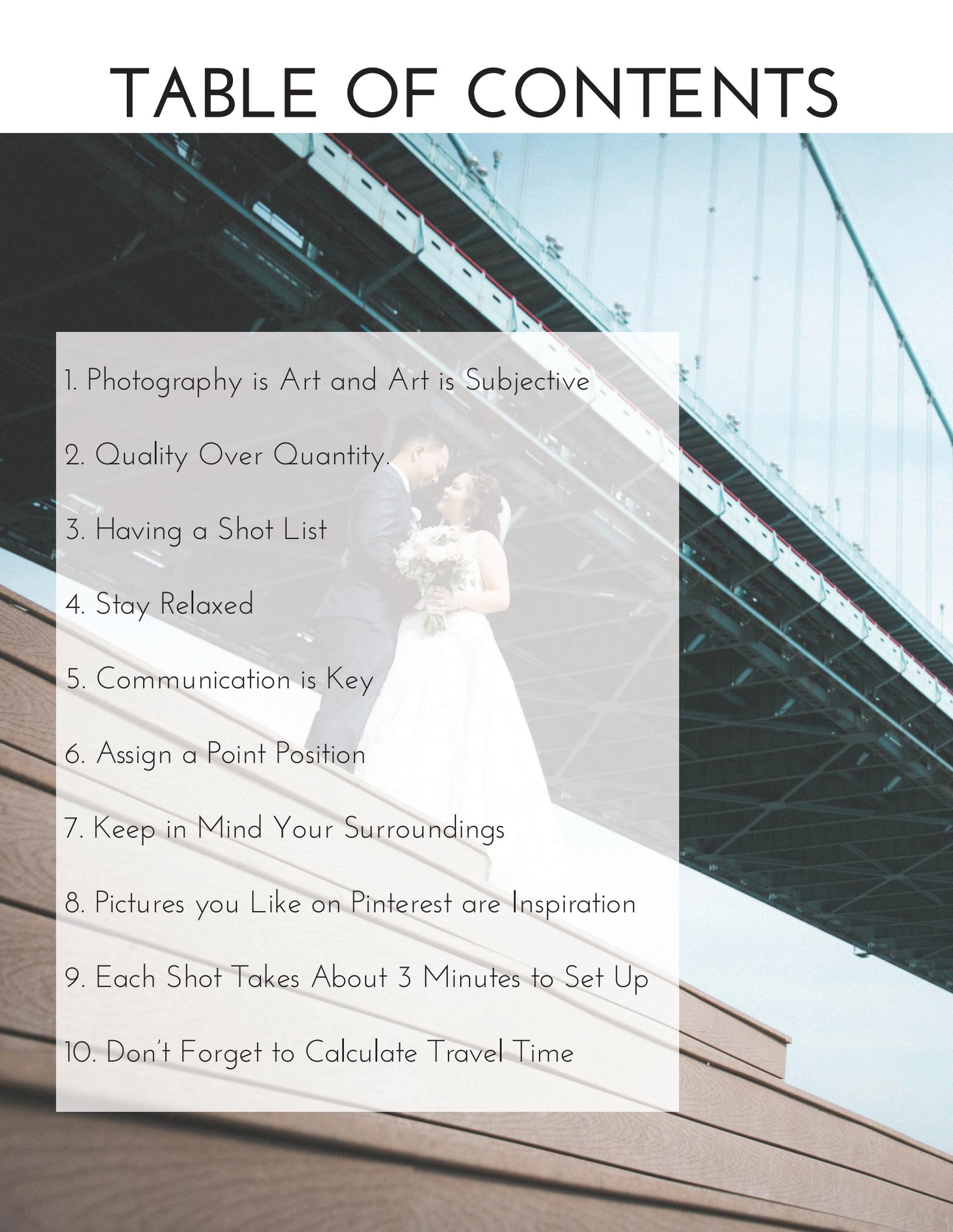


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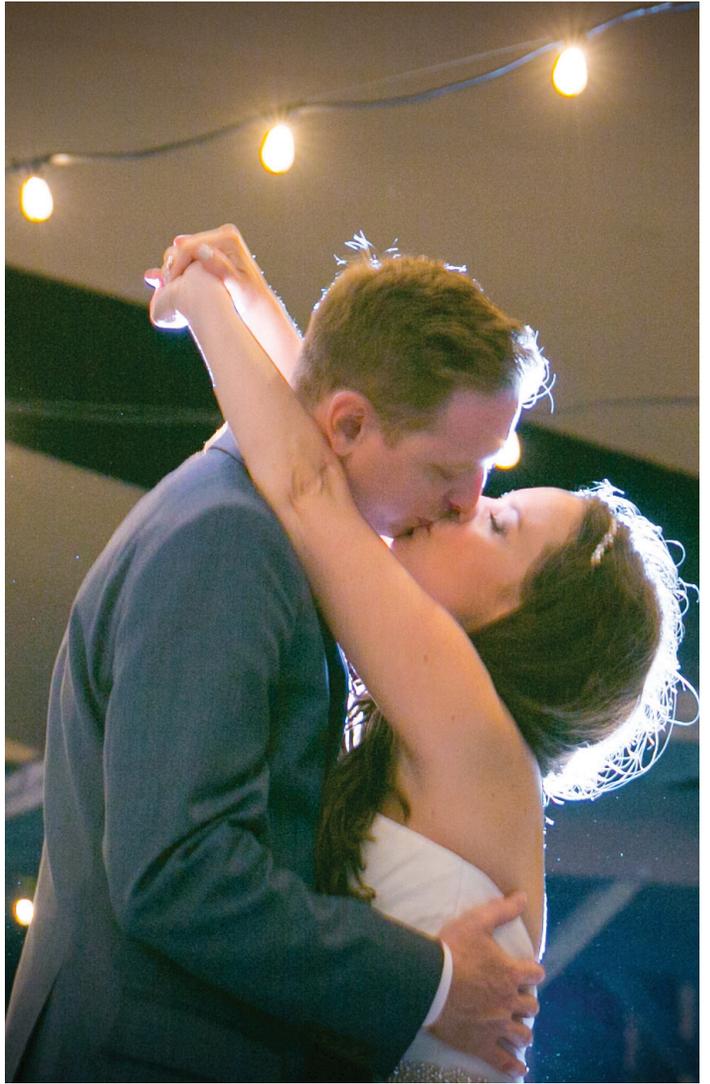
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PHOTOGRAPHY IS AN ART AND ART IS SUBJECTIVE



Each couple has their own style and specific vision as to how they want to remember their wedding day. While everyone will have their opinions and want to share their input into what photos should or should not be taken, it all comes down to what couple wants. It is your day! This is not to say all suggestions are bad, but make sure you each photo you take is something you, as the couple, will cherish.



QUALITY OVER QUANTITY

One of the biggest misconceptions for wedding photography is that more photos equals better photos. This is untrue. The photos that will take your breath away are because of the thought and execution that went into the shot. Rapid firing photos of the whole day will not produce the end results you are wanting. Trust your photographer. As an outside observer he or she is able to look for and capture the right moments that will produce the end results your looking for.





HAVING A SHOT LIST



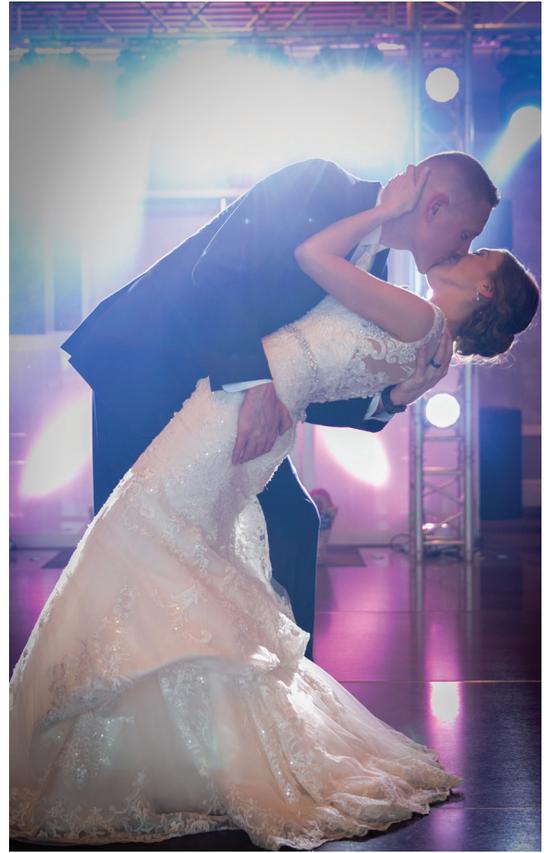
Having an idea of what you want captured will help ensure your satisfaction with the end results. Creating a list of photos lets the photographer know of your expectations and helps him or her stay organized and on schedule. It relieves the couple of stress and will help make sure nothing is forgotten in the hecticness of the day.



STAY RELAXED



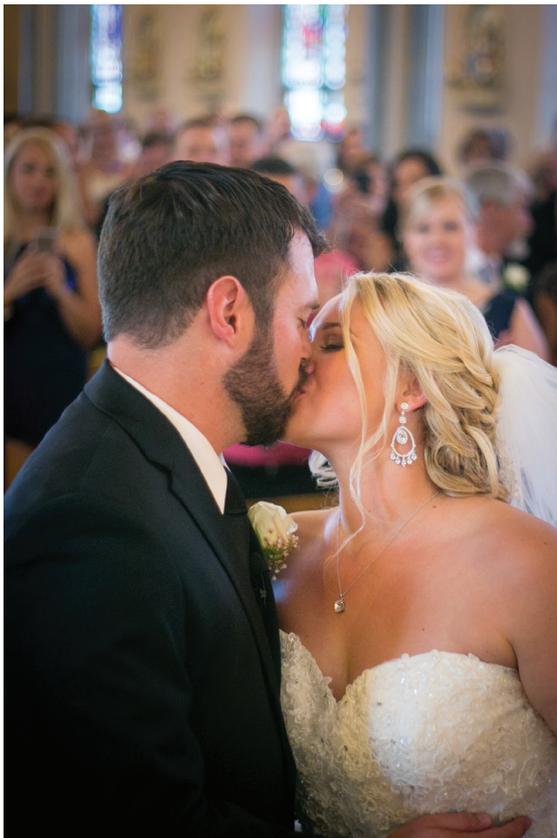
The more relaxed you are the more natural you will look in your photos. Don't force any pose. Let your true happiness and excitement of the day shine through in your photos.



COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Make sure you and your photographer have open communication and have a planning session before the big day. Figure out if you are the couple that wants a hands on photographer that gives a lot of direction or if you prefer someone to lay low, capturing moments as they happen naturally. Managing expectations and communicating your vision lets your photographer know how to capture your day the way you want it.





ASSIGN A POINT TO PERSON



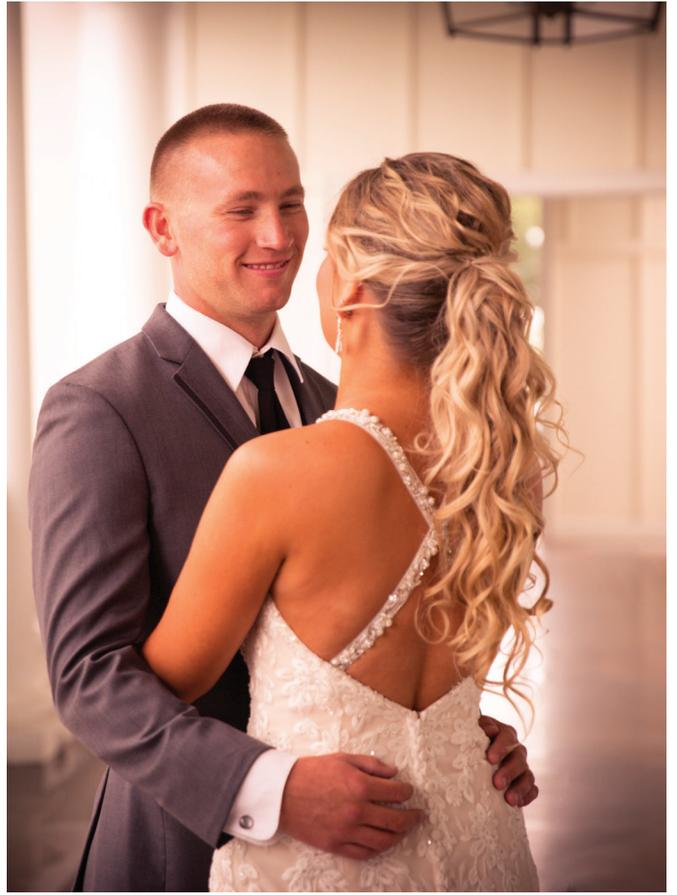
A point person such as a mother, bridesmaid, or groomsmen helps relieve the couple of the stress of organizing photo ops. Because the photographer is meeting everyone for the first time, he or she is not necessarily going to know if an important member of the family was missing from the shot. Your point person helps maintain organization and provides a necessary second set of eyes.



KEEP IN MIND YOUR SURROUNDINGS

A beautiful photograph does not just happen on its own. Take the time to notice your surroundings. If there is a garbage can next to the counter where you are getting ready it will most likely be in your picture. Removing clutter will keep you at the focal point of your photographs.

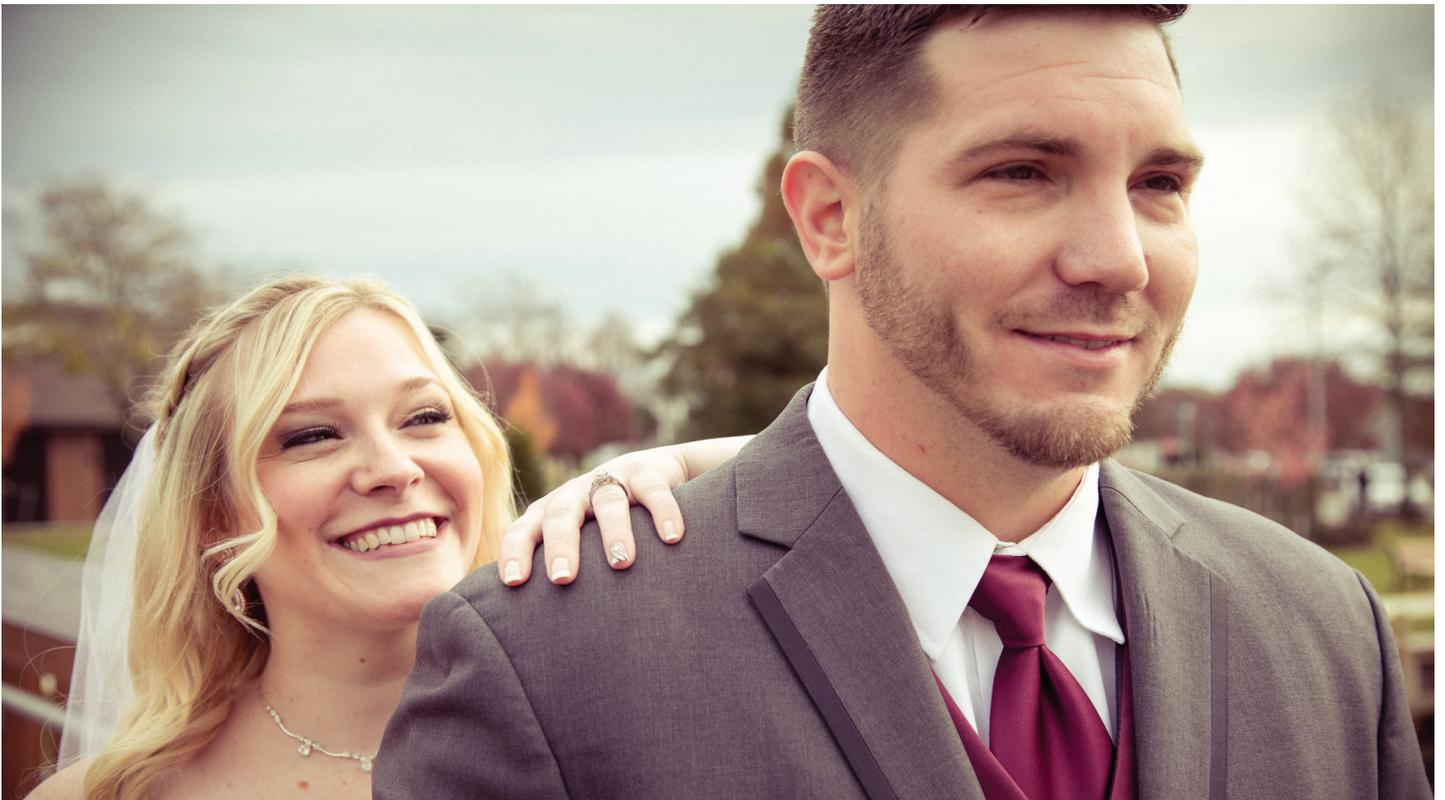
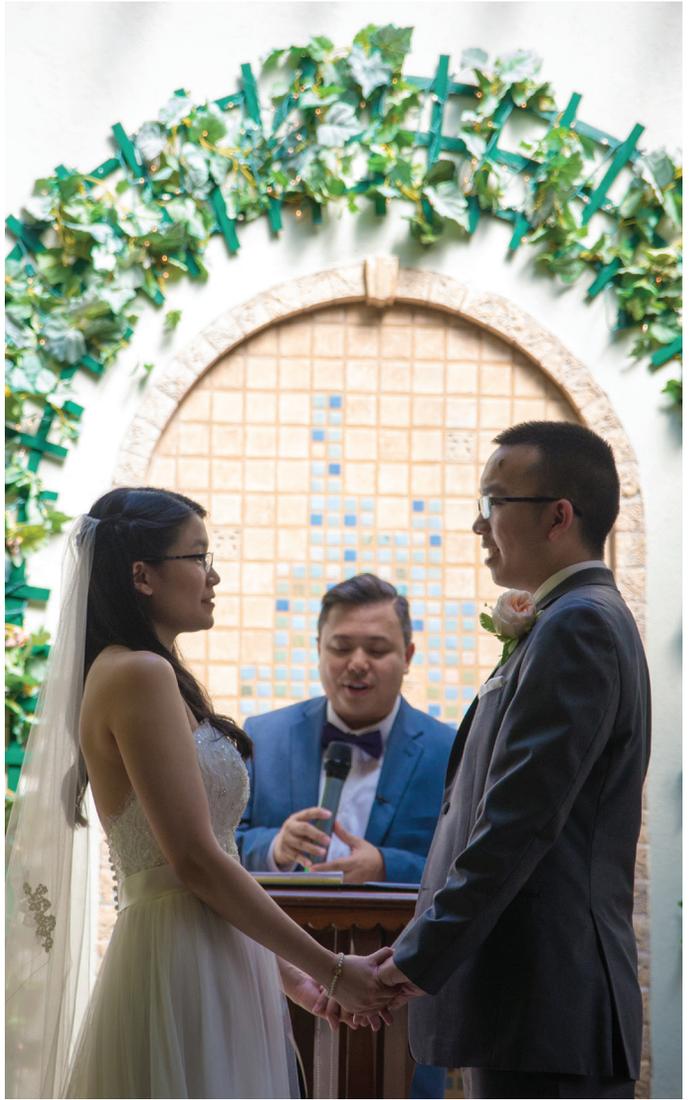




PICTURES YOU LIKE ON PINTEREST ARE INSPIRATION. THEY WILL NOT BE DUPLICATES



Pinterest is a great way to get ideas and inspiration for your photos but it does not mean yours will look exactly the same. There are countless factors, from background to lighting to timing that play into why no two photos are alike. Own the fact that you two are your own couple and embrace the uniqueness of your photos.



EACH SHOT TAKES ABOUT 3 MINUTES TO SET UP



Photos need some preparation. Knowing this will help you manage your time and stay on schedule. Inform your bridal party as well, preventing them from wandering off while your photographer is setting up a shot.



DON'T FORGET TO CALCULATE TRAVE TIME

If you have multiple places you want to take pictures, don't overlook the fact that everyone who is supposed to be in the photos needs to drive to the locations. Coordinate rides and make sure everyone is on the same page to help maintain efficiency.





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