

The Beauty and Complexity of Underwater Editorial Pre-Wedding and Wedding Photography:

Over the many years that we have worked as editorial pre-wedding and wedding photographers, we have been afforded numerous opportunities to create and execute a wide array of breathtaking and cutting edge photo shoots both here in Toronto/the GTA and internationally. Throughout our storied careers underwater photo shoots have been one of our most revered type of shoots to undertake. The sheer beauty and complexity that underwater photography consistently has presented to us never fails to let our ingenuity to soar.

In this post our goal is to further highlight the beauty and complexity of underwater photography, and to go into depth about the process that we undertake to produce stunning and innovative underwater photo shoots.

MOOD BOARDS:

One of the first pieces of preparation we do before embarking on any type of photo shoot is to create a “mood board.” This board essentially aids us in properly compiling a list of the variety of moods and poses that we wish to include throughout the shoot. This type of preparation is especially helpful to complete before an underwater photo shoot. The proper preparation greatly helps us to set up the scene of the shoot, and give our models and couples the opportunity to practice and perfect their facial and body posing before jumping into the fast paced and oft unpredictable nature of an underwater photo shoot.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

Before we ever set foot anywhere near any body of water we always extensively ensure every safety precaution possible is set in place for ourselves and any crew, models, wedding clients and equipment. For an average hour long underwater shoot, we usually will split it up into three twenty minute sessions. We do so to grant plenty of time in between each session for proper breaks for all working on the shoot, and to make sure that no one is ever submerged in the water for an unsafe amount of time. These breaks also give us the ability to ensure that we have a solid line of communication with our models and clients throughout the entirety of the shoot. Our open line of communication ensures that proper feedback is given to our models and clients as well as ourselves.

WARDROBE/MAKEUP:

Whether we are aiming for a bold and edgy theme, or a soft and romantic look, the choice of both wardrobe and makeup that our models and wedding clients sport in an underwater photo shoot needs to pop on camera. We always choose garments that will offer both functionality and fashionability for our models and clients to wear in the shoots. We fondly remember one shoot we executed a few years ago that showcased some elegant designer gowns that we had acquired. We ended up putting together a decadent mermaid inspired underwater photo shoot. The gowns featured in the shoot were crafted from both grand white chiffon and lace, with loose and

flowing multilayered tiers. During the shoot we innovatively created a water current to aid our talented models in creating and flawlessly executing some truly one of a kind body movements and poses.

Choosing the ideal waterproof makeup is the icing on the cake to complete any stunning underwater editorial pre-wedding and wedding look. The talented make-up artists we have had the pleasure to work with over the years have always given our models and clients the most stunning underwater make-up looks to beautifully compliment their exquisite facial movements and poses.

LIGHTING:

Setting up the perfect lighting for an underwater shoot in any body of water can be quite the feat. When we are shooting in a body of water rather than on solid ground, we have to be extra respectful of how tricky it can be to accommodate sudden camera adjustments to compensate for the inevitable changes natural light throws at us. Along the way we have come up with many helpful tricks to make the most out of this difficult predicament. During one underwater shoot in a pool, we were able to devise the plan to strategically position some strobe lights along the edge of the pool to flawlessly work in conjunction with natural light. Our exemplary underwater camera accessories which were able to work while submerged underwater further helped to make that shoot a smashing success.

As we continue to grow creatively as editorial pre-wedding and wedding photographers, we will continue to explore all that underwater photography has to offer. The gorgeous and intricate nature of this art form will no doubt ensure its preservation for a long time to come.