

Portrait Photographer

Emily Harper

Professional summary

Detail-oriented Portrait Photographer with years of experience capturing candid and posed moments for families, individuals, and corporate clients. Skilled in creating personalized and creative compositions that showcase clients' unique personalities.

Experience

Freelance Portrait Photographer

May 2018 - Now

Self-Employed / United States, Chicago, IL

- Specialize in family, newborn, and professional headshot photography.
- Manage client consultations to understand unique preferences and goals for each session.
- Edit and retouch images using Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop to enhance quality and consistency.
- Successfully build strong client relationships, resulting in a 90% customer return rate.

Photography Assistant

June 2016 - April 2018

Focus Studios / United States, Chicago, IL

- Supported lead photographers during portrait sessions by setting up lighting, props, and backdrops.
- Managed client bookings and scheduling to ensure a seamless workflow.
- Assisted in post-production editing, learning advanced retouching techniques.

Professional Development

- Attended Portrait Masters Conference, 2022: Gained advanced techniques in lighting and posing.
- Completed Advanced Lightroom Workflow Workshop, 2021: Improved post-production efficiency and quality.

Volunteer Work

Chicago Youth Arts Program

2020 - Now

Photography Workshop Instructor

- Teach underprivileged youth the fundamentals of photography, including camera operation, composition, and editing.
- Provide mentorship and inspire creativity through hands-on sessions and projects.

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Education

Certificate in Portrait Photography

2012 - 2016

The School of the Art Institute of Chicago

United States

Certified Professional Photographer (CPP)

Professional Photographers of America (PPA)

Certified: June 2020

Advanced Photoshop Certification

Adobe Certified Expert (ACE)

Certified: March 2019

Skills

Expertise in studio and natural lighting techniques. 

Proficient in Adobe Creative Suite (Lightroom, Photoshop). 

Exceptional communication and interpersonal skills. 

Experienced in print and digital photo delivery systems. 

Strong understanding of composition and framing. 

Awards

 Best Portrait Photographer, Chicago Photography Awards, 2021