

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How is your name pronounced?

Like papaya. Aya. Aya papaya!

How long have you been a photographer?

I have been shooting professionally for 19 years as of 2024. I began my career as a music photographer and 2024 will be my 15th year photographing weddings.

If I need you to travel to us, do we have to pay for expenses?

Travel within Western Washington is included in the cost. If your wedding is located elsewhere, I require transportation and lodging to be reimbursed. For Japan, please inquire.

How do you shoot at a wedding?

I am fairly quiet and unobtrusive. As a documentary wedding photographer, I will do my best to capture true, genuine moments. For couple portraits, I do very little posing, but will give direction to make you comfortable! If you feel uncomfortable in front of a camera, I highly recommend practicing poses prior to the wedding. Family/group photos will be directed traditionally and straight forward. Having a prepared list of group combinations to give to your day-of coordinator or trusted person is recommended.

What do we need to do to book you as our photographer?

When you are ready to move forward in booking, I'll send you additional questions needed for creating your contract. A signed contract and 50% deposit will secure your wedding date. The remaining balance will be due 1 week prior to the wedding date. I currently accept payment in the form of check and Zelle.

How many photos will we receive?

You will receive a minimum of 250 high resolution JPEG images with any digital suite packages 4 hours and up.

Will we see/get ALL of the photos?

No. I do not offer a proofing service. I hand select the final photos that will be delivered to you through a personalized web album. They will be edited with a lot of care and thought into telling your wedding story.

What film formats are available?

35mm, medium format (6x6 120mm), & instant Polaroid film.

If you shoot film for our wedding, do we get the negatives? Do you do prints?

No. The photo lab will scan the negatives that I will then add to the web album. Prints can be purchased directly through your personalized web album!

If you shoot Polaroids, do we get to keep them?

Yes! I will scan them so they are part of your web album and then they will be mailed to you.

What else should we know?

My arms and legs are covered in tattoos. If this will alarm any of your wedding guests, please give them a heads up. For events 4 hours or more, please provide a meal for me (preferably at the same time as your guests as most don't want photos of themselves eating). I will usually take 10-20 minutes to eat before diving into taking photos during the reception. If you will have a planner and/or caterer involved, please include me in your headcount.

If we move the wedding date or cancel the wedding, do we get our deposit back?

No. If the wedding date is moved and I am still available, the deposit will go towards that date. If it is not available, the deposit will be forfeited. If the wedding is canceled, the deposit will be forfeited as well.

Do you have business insurance?

Yes, my business is insured. Certificate of Insurance can be provided upon request.

