

# MELINDA RAINES

PHOTOGRAPHY

Storytelling Photography Session Guide

Serving Asheville
and surrounding areas with
Artfully Authentic Portraits
for Individuals, Couples,
Families & Friends





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"Helping you Share your truth, beyond words..."

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# STORYTELLING SESSIONS

in the Asheville area



1.

# RE-WILDING PORTRAITS

- Own your Magic and I'll capture it on camera
- Reclaim your power and sensual sovereignty
- Photojournalistic Boudoir in your own space
- Adventure
   Portraits in Nature:
   Mountaintops and
   Waterfalls

2.

### EVERYDAY MAGIC

- For families, pets, friends, coworkers, events
- For Local or Vacationing Families
- On-site in your home, yard, Rental, or in nature on a trail Mountaintop, Asheville streets.

3.

## TRUE LOVE STORY

- Elopement & Micro Weddings.
- Couples Candid Boudoir
- Run of the Mill Romance
- Engagement
- Couples Asheville Vacay
- Adventure
   Portraits in Nature:
   Mountaintops and
   Waterfalls

# ABOUT MELINDA



### **MISSION**

I create images that reflect your truest selfraw, real, and radiant. So you leave feeling empowered and seen. Photography is more than capturing moments; it can be a healing journey that leads you to the unapologetic embodiment of your innate beauty. Each session is an invitation to step into your confidence, honor your story, and celebrate yourself exactly as you are.

### **VALUES**

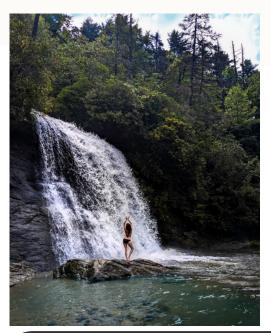
Every person deserves to feel safe, seen, and celebrated in front of the camera. My photography embraces all bodies, genders, orientations, ages, abilities, and family structures. I welcome and affirm BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, neurodivergent, disabled, immigrant, and economically diverse communities. This work is rooted in respect, created on Cherokee land, with the intention to honor its history and people.

### **FUN FACTS**

- One of my previous careers was as a Circus dancer, so I understand the vulnerability of being on camera!
- Still a Harry Potter fan and named my dog Wulfric-Dumbledore's 2<sup>nd</sup> middle name
- I'm a Girl Mama, a Pom Mom, & wife
- Favorite Asheville spots: VaVaVoom, Horse & Hero Gallery, Rowan Coffee
- Favorite Waterfall so far: Coyote Falls in Cashiers, NC

# **RE-WILDING PORTRAITS**





## Empowerment & Reclamation Sessions

These sessions are more than photos, they're healing rituals of reclamation. Of your body, sensuality, and confidence. I blend candid boudoir photography with sensual empowerment coaching and intuitive guidance, helping you embody your raw, sacred self. No stiff poses, no studio backdrops...just you, fully present, in the intimacy of your own home or surrounded by the beauty of nature.

Each session is a journey of selfdiscovery, leaving you with evocative images that remind you of your wholeness and power.

Re-Wilding Sessions are a rite of passage into the self you've been yearning to embody. As your intimacy coach and intuitive guide, I'll help you connect with the spark and archetypes that anchor your transformation. As your photographer, I'll capture the raw, radiant beauty of that becoming.



# EVERYDAY FAMILY MAGIC





### Family & Friends: Home & Vacation Sessions

Imagine your family, your vacation, or your daily rituals captured exactly as they are- messy, tender, joyful, real. Everyday Magic Sessions document the love in ordinary moments: kids playing in the backyard, pets milling about, meals shared in a mountain cabin, laughter echoing down Asheville streets. You won't find forced

smiles or stiff posing here.

Just authentic storytelling that preserves your life as it truly feels, so you can look back and remember the raw feeling in all its texture.

These Sessions are Photojournalistic in nature and my goal is to blend into the background of your life for a couple hours and preserve your magic on camera without being intrusive. I want to capture for you the real, the raw and the beautiful that you and your family are. This is a validating experience where you get to see yourself from a fly-on-the-wall perspective and have heirlooms to remind you and your family of the beauty the the mess of life together actually was and is.



# TRUE LOVE STORY





# Elopement, Candid Boudoir & Everyday Romance

Your love is more than a posed picture, it's a story. My
True Love Story photography is unscripted, raw, emotional,
and honest, capturing the in-between glances, the
unguarded laughter, and the sacredness of choosing each
other. Whether it's a ceremony among the trees, a kitchen
dance break, a mountaintop cuddle, or a quiet cabin
retreat, I tell your story in images that feel lived-in and true.
Forget the stiff and curated, you'll walk away with a visual
narrative that looks and feels like you. (and if you want a
few formal-ish portraits, I'm down for that too;)

I take my time to get to know you and your epic little love story. So that I can accurately capture and convey through your visual story on the day of your shoot like it feels to you. We'll brainstorm everything from location, to timing, to wardrobe, to vibe, and more. This is a creative collaboration that will bring you closer as a couple.

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# WHAT'S INCLUDED

in your investment



Each session includes a free 20 minute phone consultation before booking so that we can get to know your needs and desires for your session, pick location, day and time to suit everyone and go over any questions you might have.

Ready to book your free call? Email me at melinda.love.raines@gmail.com

1.

### 2 HOURS

- 50+ edited highresolution images.
- 10 artistically enhanced images
- Online gallery and digital download and ordering access

\$333

2.

### 3 HOURS

- 100+ edited highresolution images.
- 15 artistically enhanced images
- Online gallery and digital download and ordering access

\$444

3.

### 4 HOURS

- 150+ edited highresolution images.
- 20 artistically enhanced images
- Online gallery and digital download and ordering access

\$555

\*50% deposit due at booking. Remainder due day of shoot. Teaser Gallery delivered within 48 hrs. Full Edited Gallery Delivered no more than 3 weeks after date of your shoot.

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# WHAT LOCATION TO CHOOSE

A field guide



As a nature & city lover, I'm familiar with many local trails including woodland settings, river parks, mountaintops and waterfall hikes. I also have my favorite spots around Downtown Asheville and surrounding towns if you want an urban vibe. At the same time, some of the best, most authentic photographs can be captured in your own home, yard, or Airbnb where you feel most yourself and at ease. The choice is yours! I'm also able to accommodate multiple locations in one shoot at no extra charge if the travel time does not exceed 15 mins between locations. We will discuss all these logistics during your consultation call.

Here are just a few locations we can choose from:

#### **CITY**

- Pack square area
- Urban Trail
- <u>Wall Street</u> <u>Cobblestone</u>
- Grove Arcade area
- Broadway Street
- · Church Street
- Pritchard Park Area

#### NATURE IN THE CITY

- Botanical Gardens 10am-4pm (pictured above)
- NC Arboretum Gardens, Trails, and Creek 8am-9pm daily
- Beaucatcher Trail

#### WATERFALLS

- Looking Glass Falls

   (right off the road- best on weekdays otherwise busy)
- Moore Cove Falls
   (smaller falls but cool
  nooks & crannies)
- <u>Dupont Forest</u> (gravel trails- 3 beautiful falls!)
- <u>Silver Run Falls (secluded</u> & serene+\$60 travel)

#### **MOUNTAINS**

- Bearwallow Mountain (moderate hike)
- <u>Beacon Heights</u> (short moderate hike+\$60 travel)
- Waterrock Knob (1mi. Moderate hike+\$60 travel)
- Max Patch(1.5 mi. easy hike+\$60 travel)
- Black Balsam Knob (1.4 mi moderate hike+\$60 travel)

<sup>\*</sup>Travel fee is added when location is more than 1 hour drive from my location in 28704 area code.

\*Yes, shoot time includes hike time because I'm documenting your entire journey.