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YOUR DATING PORTRAIT: What You Need to Know

We will consult well ahead of time until we are all clear on what you wish. In the meantime, below you will find some general guidelines.

General:

You want to show yourself at you most appealing, yet be honest and sincere at the same time. The good news is that the “real” you is also the most attractive you.

Outfits:

- For suggestions on selecting outfits that will look the best in photos, [please see](#) the separate preparation portrait guides for women and men on our site if you do not have them already.
- Using those guidelines as a beginning, keep in mind that you will want images that show your social and personal side, and especially the qualities that reflects you at your most appealing and genuine.
- Bring clothes you love or feel the most “you” when you wear them. However, if there is a new direction you’d like to try, perhaps this is the time.
- In general, a “what you see is what get,” approach is best. If you love the outdoors and are looking for someone who shares that enthusiasm, consider dressing for action. On the other hand, if formal dining and the opera are your passion, maybe dressing up for those occasions would make sense.
- Be ready to experiment and have a little fun. Bring something you enjoy, like a book, music, a basketball, a guitar. Something that helps you connect to who you are when you are most happy and comfortable.
- Bring several outfits, at least three. More is better.
- We will be able to do several different versions and styles. You can change outfits between sessions, mix and match, and have fun.

Makeup and Accessories:

For suggestions on makeup and accessories for women and men, [please see](#) the separate preparation portrait guides on our site if you do not have them already.

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We will spend some time warming up, so please allow enough time. If possible, do not schedule anything immediately after your shoot, so you can stay relaxed.

Still not sure how to go about this? Do not worry. Again, whatever the shoot, we always consult with our clients first by phone, email, or in person. We will exchange ideas and visions for as long as it takes until we are both happy that we have a way forward.

Location and Parking:

Our [studio](#) is in Ballard is just a few blocks from the old one in a recently renovated multi-story brick building. We are now at 3060 NW Market St, Seattle, WA 98107 just on the corner of 32nd. Our ground-floor Market Street entrance is on the north side of the street: look for "3060" above the door.

Parking:

There is two hour free parking on the street, but only between 11:30 AM and 3 PM. Don't even think about parking there at other times during the day as the parking police are relentless. However, you can often find a space just around the corner on 32nd, and we have usually been able to find a space just one block up on 56th. If you are bringing a lot of clothes, let us know so we can assist you in carrying them.