

PHOTOSHOOT PERMIT POLICIES

Thank you for choosing The Ringling for your photography session. The Ringling is proud to provide breathtaking settings for your portrait photoshoot.

Photoshoot Definitions:

- **Souvenir Photography:** The Ringling defines souvenir photography as photographs and video taken for personal use to commemorate a visit.
- **Portrait Photoshoot:** Portrait photography is defined as a photography session where a photographer (amateur or professional) has a person or group of people posing for portraits on The Ringling property. This includes, but is not limited to, the following types of photography: family, maternity, wedding and engagement, class/team/club, and birthdays.

Photoshoots are available at 10:00 AM or 12:00 PM daily, Tuesday to Sunday. Photoshoots are not available on Mondays. All photoshoots need to have a permit and participants must check in at the Visitors Pavilion. No one without a paid reservation will be permitted to conduct a photoshoot.

The categorization of a session as a photoshoot vs. souvenir photography lies solely with The Ringling. A photographer may still be charged The Ringling's fees for a photoshoot even when they are not compensated by a client. Any photography by persons other than the visitor or visitors' group for purposes other than purely personal enjoyment is presumed not to be souvenir photography. All visits for the purpose of posed portraiture are considered photoshoots and must obtain a permit. The Admissions management or Security supervisors have the authority to determine whether all photography sessions are souvenir photography or portrait photoshoots. If you are performing non-souvenir photography on Ringling property and do not have your photo permit, you and your party will be asked to leave the property.

The photographer is responsible for the conduct of their party. Photographers (and members of their party) who do not abide by these guidelines will be subject to permanent loss of photography privileges. The Ringling reserves the right to cancel this photography session without a refund and to remove any party from the premises for violations of any of the following policies:

1. Photoshoots are for a maximum of two hours: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM or 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Parties will be required to conclude shooting at the time listed on their permit. A maximum of 10 guests plus a photographer will be allowed for a photoshoot permit. Dates and time for photography sessions are reserved on a "first-come, first-served" basis, dependent upon availability and museum events.
2. Photoshoots must be booked and paid for in full, 1 week in advance.
3. All visitors, including photographers and their assistants, are required to enter and exit through the Visitors Pavilion.
4. Photography is permitted outdoors only; no photography is permitted inside any of the buildings, including the Museum of Art, Ca' d'Zan (including the Belvedere Tower), and Circus Museum.
5. Photography must not block gateways, pathways, entrances or exits. Do not place equipment where it will block pathways or restrict access for other visitors.
6. Walking, standing, placing equipment, or taking photographs in planting beds and wooded areas is not permitted at any time.

7. Do not pick any flowers. Live plants or flowers (including flower petals) and any other materials that leave residue (including but not limited to rice, glitter, paint, and balloons) are not permitted. You may bring one small prop no larger than 12"x12."
8. Do not stand, sit, lean, or climb on walls, railings, sculptures, statues, or fountains. Do not place items in window wells. Sitting on railings is prohibited. Touching glass in windows or doors is prohibited.
9. Do not attach, drape, lean or hang any props, clothing or other items on trees, plants, gates, or statuary.
10. Applicant will use discretion during the photoshoot and must not interrupt or disturb other guests or events that may be occurring on the estate. Other Ringling visitors not part of your group should not be included in the photoshoot without their permission.
11. The Ringling cannot guarantee that scheduled special events, programming, maintenance work, or construction work will not interfere aesthetically, logistically, or physically with the photoshoot.
12. A maximum of one (1) shoulder bag and 1 additional outfit may be brought onto the property. The Ringling does not provide changing areas or hair and make-up application areas. If you use a restroom, you cannot block other guests from facilities.
13. The Ringling has no changing facilities on property—please plan accordingly. Photographers and their party must be fully clothed while on the property. Lingerie and/or swimsuits are prohibited. Shirts and shoes are required. Nudity, partial nudity, or implied nudity are prohibited.
14. The Ringling reserves the right to remove from the premises any person behaving in a manner considered potentially harmful or detrimental to The Ringling and/or to other guests at the photoshoot.
15. In the event of inclement weather, you will have one opportunity to reschedule your reservation if you give at least one hour notice. Please reply to the email you received on your order confirmation if you wish to change your date.
16. The permit is for photography only. Wedding ceremonies are not allowed. Performing a ceremony will result in the immediate termination of the photoshoot with no refund of the fee.
17. Pets or any type of animal are not allowed on Ringling property.
18. The Ringling Security staff has the authorization to intervene in any photoshoot that is violating any stated policies. Failure to adhere to directions given by Security will result in termination of the photoshoot without refund of fees.

Permittee agrees to release from liability and hold The Ringling and Florida State University, its officers and employees (Releasees) harmless from any and all liabilities, losses or damages resulting from use of the property and performance of this agreement. The permittee understands and agrees that any insurance protection provided by the permittee shall in no way limit the responsibility to keep harmless and defend Releasees. Permittee expressly understands that by signing this document and agreeing to its terms, they are giving up their rights to obtain damages, judgments or awards from injuries, theft, death, or any other harm that may occur from the use of the property and performance of this agreement.

Thank you for abiding by these guidelines to make your visit as safe and enjoyable as possible and to maintain The Ringling as a world-class cultural destination.

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