

#PBD2016



INFORMATION FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS

What is a Portfolio Builder Day?

Portfolio Builder Days are where we take over a location or venue with models that are exceptional in their field and will work hard to help you get some stunning photographs for your portfolio.

For many, it's the next logical step from attending workshops and training courses or for those with experience shooting and wanting to put their skills into practice to create images in amazing venues with professional models.

Each Portfolio Builder Day starts with an introduction from Andrew Appleton over coffee, explaining the outline of the day, followed by a walk around the venue, giving an insight into areas of interest, what to look for, spotting and solving tricky lighting and giving hints, tips and guidance for getting the best out of your shoot.

Working in small groups of four photographers, you'll get to shoot with each model, who will come prepared with clothing and outfits that are matched to the theme of the venue or shoot styles.

This isn't a workshop, this is all about creating your own shots, working with the lighting conditions available but of course the two Andrews are on hand all day to give you any assistance needed as well as providing plenty of lighting equipment.

A buffet lunch is provided as well as refreshments available all through the day to keep you going between shoots!

The day is rounded off with a wrap-up of the day over tea and cakes and there's plenty of time to ask any questions about what you've experienced during the day.

“ Great opportunities to shoot fantastic models in great locations and at affordable prices”

- Mark Harris

“ I've attended three PBDs now, smashing environments to push your creativity ...”

- Iain Poole



What to Expect

- Stunning Venues
- Professional Models
- Fully Insured Events
- Food & Drink All Day
- Lighting Kit & Advice
- Experienced Organisers
- Follow-Up Support
- Great Fun!

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Example Itinerary

9.30am	Arrive at Location, Coffee, Introductions
10.00am	Venue Walkthrough, Lighting & Composition Tips
10.30am	First Shoot
11.45am	Refreshment Break
12.00pm	Second Shoot
1.15pm	Lunch
1.45pm	Third Shoot
3.00pm	Refreshment Break
3.15pm	Fourth Shoot
4.45pm	Tea, Cake & Wrap Up

Actual timetables will vary on each Portfolio Builder Day.

“PBDs are a great follow-on from the workshops where you can put into practice what you learn ...”

- Mark Lynham

FAQ's

What do I need to bring?

Your camera kit (memory cards, charged batteries, speedlights, lenses)

Can I bring my own lighting kit, reflectors etc?

We have location lighting equipment available, but you're welcome to bring your own too.

Can I enter photos taken on PBDs into competitions?

As you're creating your images using your own skills we believe you're the author of your work, so would be eligible for competition entry. However please check the terms of your competition to make sure.

What's a PBD+?

Brand new for 2016, **PBD+** is a uniquely styled event by our teams of highly creative MUAs and designers. If you want that little extra from your portfolio, **PBD+** will get you there!

Can images taken be used commercially?

Our venues and models are all contracted for you to take images for your portfolio use only, therefore cannot be used for commercial sale or licensing.

Does everyone shoot at the same time?

We find that the most productive shoots are those where each person shoots in turn with the other photographers in the group assisting. This also works well for the models, who can focus on posing for one person at a time.

Can I shoot in a group with someone I know?

Each group is made up of four photographers, so if there are people you'd like to work with on the day, just let us know and we'll be happy to pair you up. We also offer discounts if you wish to book a whole group of four.



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We love seeing the photos you've created on Portfolio Builder Days, so please do share them in the Portfolio Builder Day Facebook Group for everyone to see.

When you're posting images on your portfolio or social media, we've created the hashtag **#PBD2016** so that models, venue owners and other photographers can quickly find your images and see your best shots!

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2016 Portfolio Builder Days

Saturday 20th February
Posh Frocks & Boudoir

Pipewell Hall, Kettering

Saturday 12th March
PBD+ High Fashion

Civic Centre, Dagenham

Saturday 24th April
Latex & Leather

Urban Style Factor, Northampton

Sunday 15th May
Spring Fashion

Withamside House, Notts

Saturday 25th June
Industrial Edge

Wortley Top Forge, Sheffield

Monday 25th July
PBD+ Ball Gowns

Woodchester Mansion, Gloucestershire

*“ Portfolio Builder Days
have provided me with
the chance to work with
great models in great
locations without having
to make any of the ar-
rangements yourself.*

*The days run smoothly
and are a lot of fun ...*

- Tim Steele