



## Preparing for your Studio Portrait Shoot with V3



### Basics

- Relax--it's going to be fun...a lot more fun than you may think.
- Don't bring anyone with you who will be a distraction.
- Turn your phone and/or pager off when you get to the studio...try to arrange to have your portrait time an uninterrupted time for just you and nothing else.
- If you wear contacts, choose those over glasses.

### Women

- Clothes
  - Bring a few outfits, at least.
  - Keep colors subtle, pants solid colors.
  - Avoid stripes, subtle plaids can be creative.
  - Layered looks have a lot of potential for creativity.
  - HAVE FUN, bring the beautiful, or formal, and just plain "out there."
- Props
  - Though we do have some props, please bring your own if you have ones you want to use.
  - Hats, if you wear them, can be fantastic.
  - Necklaces, bring a few, though we may decide on none.
  - Same as above with ear rings.
  - Hairpieces, if they will not destroy your hair styling.
- Hair
  - We do have a stylist who can be at the studio if you would like: just ask us and we will schedule your shoot appropriately.
  - Hair up is, of course, more formal.
  - Keep in mind what type of hair style will be most natural, flexible, and easily redone after a change of clothing.
  - Bring extra hairpins, if those would be helpful.
  - Avoid excess hairspray, but bring some to add if necessary.
- Makeup
  - **Bring lip gloss**--otherwise you'll get really bored with hearing..."lick your lips" a thousand times.
  - All makeup should be darker than usual, including eye-liner, eye shadow, etc.

- Lipstick should be avoided unless you want to do a fun shot or two later in the shoot with that look, which can be a great look--just bring the lipstick and save it for later.

## **Men**

- Clothes
  - Simple is best but bring a couple of changes so we can get multiple looks.
  - Sport coat or jacket.
  - Suit.
  - Jeans, white oxford shirt.
  - Sweaters, if you normally wear them.
  - Ask your wife or significant other...believe me, they'll tell you what they think!
- Props
  - Hats
  - Pipes
  - Watches or significant rings
  - Again, ask your significant other...they'll be impressed (maybe shocked?) that you did!
- Hair and Makeup
  - As a rule, no makeup unless you are an actor or model and you know what you are doing and why you are doing it.
  - Hair...simple and just the way you would do it for any occasion other than during the first cup of coffee 2 minutes after getting up in the morning.