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Education

October 2004 - December 2007 Minneapolis, MN
The Art Institutes International Minnesota
Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Photography
Awards : Dean's List 4 x's, President's List 3 x's & Honor Roll 4 x's

Experience

May 2007 - Present Minneapolis, MN
Freelance Photographer

- wedding photojournalist - focuses on fashion & storybook imagery
- portrait photographer - specializes in children's portraiture
- post-production editor - camera raw conversions, color corrections, retouches
- album & specialty product designer, archiver of digital negatives for clients

September 2008 - December 2008

Preschool Portrait Photographer for Lifetouch

- create profitable portraits of preschoolers ages six weeks to six years old
- transport portrait equipment to daycares, set-up & tear down on a daily basis
- complete daily paperwork, backup images onto dvds & make weekly shipments
- resign daycare's contract with director & guarantee satisfaction in Lifetouch's operations

February 2008 - October 2008

Robbinsdale, MN

Newborn Portrait Photographer for Our365

- capture newborn's first portrait during first day of life
- product sales consultant - educate & assist new parents with order placement
- collect payments, report daily sales, & ensure each customer's satisfaction
- order supplies, clean & repair equipment as necessary

July 2007 - September 2007

Chanhassen, MN

Erin Johnson Photography

- assistant photographer & lighting / equipment assistant for weddings & portraits
- pre & post-production album designer & digital negative archiver
- post-production editor - camera raw conversions, color corrections, retouches

Equipment & Software

- Digital & 35mm : Canon 10D / 20D / 30D / 5D / Nikon N90 / D200
- Medium & Large Format : Hasselblad / Toyo 4x5 Monorail
- Lighting Systems : Calumet / Profoto / Alienbees / Smith Victor
- Software : Adobe Creative Suite CS3, CS2, CS / Aperture / iWeb / Microsoft Office / Quicken

Exhibitions

December 2007 Vérité Minneapolis, MN
Northrup King Building, Studio 339
The Art Institutes International Minnesota, Main Gallery & The Gourmet Gallery

Awards

December 2007 The Art Institutes International Minnesota
Best in Show Graduate Portfolio Show, Fall Quarter