

Monte Zucker goes "all out" to create portrait for SKPA trainings

When Monte Zucker was asked by Special Kids Photography to contribute one of his photos to use in the SKPA workshops, he graciously responded immediately, "I'll help in any way I can. Just let me know what you want."



In a follow-up call from Karen Dórame, SKPA director, Monte, a nationally known portrait and wedding photographer, explained he would prefer to start fresh with a new subject. "Can you find me someone to photograph today, or perhaps tomorrow?" Karen was in Utah at the time and Monte was in Florida.

Thank goodness for the Internet! Knowing that a Down syndrome child would be a great photo assignment, she searched the web

for a child in the Miami area for Monte to photograph. It was already 5 p.m. in Florida, so she left messages and hoped for the best.

In the morning an email came through from Nancy Harris, director of PODS Angels support for families of children with Down syndrome. Nancy began her message, "MY daughter, MY daughter!!!" One could almost picture a lady jumping up and down in front of her computer. She explained that her husband had even attended one of Monte's lectures. "I would LOVE to have my daughter in front of Monte's lens," she explained.

Lori Nordstrom responds to SKPA request

SKPA also received immediate turnaround to a similar request that it sent out to Lori Nordstrom, a well-known photographer and program presenter at national photographic conventions.

She began her email with, "What a great organization!" She was a little surprised that and saddened to learn that nonprofit SKPA was founded because a photographer had tried to refuse service to a disabled child.

Lori explains that the calendar pages feature a profile on one of the children with cancer. The "angels" are children of families who have donated money in lieu of a session fee.

She ends her email with the gratifying and welcome words, "I will do whatever I can to help you out." It is truly "heavenly" to hear those words.



Lori Nordstrom responded immediately to a SKPA request for photographic example to use for training purposes. She sent this calendar cover she created for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

"Bingo!" thought Karen, "This is looking very good" — a gross understatement regarding this long-distance challenge. After multiple phone



Mariah and her mother, Nancy Harris, discuss the portrait on the 28th floor of Monte Zucker's condo in FL.

calls and emails, it looked like the arrangements for session had had a good launch and that it would actually happen. It was now up to Nancy and Monte to work out the details for the photo session. The portrait was accomplished, and the delightful results are shown here. The images will appear in the next SKPA training in CA on 6/26.



06 Workshops (SKPA Accreditation and Programs)

Long Beach, CA - Jun 26 (Mon) Door
Prize: Epson Stylus Photo R1800 printer!
Oakland, CA - Jun 30 (Fri) Golden Gate
School of Photography
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Seattle, WA - Jul 31 (Mon)
Location TBA

Las Vegas region - Sep 25 (Mon) W/S held
in St. George, Utah (1.5 hr. N. of Vegas)
Tucson, AZ - Oct 15 (Mon) Session held
pending sufficient enrollment
Phoenix, AZ - Oct. 17 (Wed) Session held
pending sufficient enrollment

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