

PHOTO SHOOT PERMIT RULES AND REGULATIONS

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

Photo shoots can be scheduled from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Scheduling is dependent upon availability. All photo shoots need to have a permit and check in at the Visitors Pavilion or they will be asked to cease the photo shoot. All fees must be paid in advance. No one without a reservation will be permitted to conduct a photo shoot.

Permits for late arrivals will be held for 30 minutes past your scheduled arrival time. Arrivals later than 30 minutes will forfeit their shoot time and fees.

The qualification of a photo shoot vs. souvenir photography lies solely with The Ringling. The Admissions Management or Security Supervisors have the authority to decide under which category photographs fall under.

Please keep your receipt and the following photo permit with you at all times as proof of payment. You are required to display your photo permit at all times. If you 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 who do not abide by these guidelines (including members of their party) will be subject to permanent loss of 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 rules and regulations.

1. Photo shoots are for a maximum of two hours between the hours of 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Parties will be required to conclude shooting at the time listed on their permit. Dates and time for photography sessions are reserved on a "first-come, first-served" basis, dependent upon availability.
2. To make a reservation complete the [Application](#). You will be contacted with payment options by Ringling staff. Reservations must be made and fees paid in full at least one week in advance.
3. All visitors, including photographers and their assistants, are required to enter and exit through the Visitors Pavilion. The photographer must check in with staff to receive their Photo Shoot Permit.
4. Photography is permitted outdoors only; no photography is permitted inside any of the Museums or Ca' d'Zan. Only those with a tower permit are able to access the tower.
5. Photography must not block gateways, pathways, entrances or exits. Do not place equipment where they 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.

8. Do not stand, sit, lean or climb on walls, railings, statuary 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 shoot and must not interrupt or disturb other guests or events that may be occurring on the estate.
11. The Ringling cannot guarantee that scheduled special events, programming, maintenance work, or construction work will not interfere aesthetically, logistically, or physically with the photo shoot.
12. A maximum of one (1) shoulder bag and 1 additional outfit may be brought onto the property. Additional luggage, hand trucks or other wheeled carts are permitted based on Ringling approval. These items must be listed on the application and pre-approved, with a limit of one conveyance per shoot. The Ringling does not provide changing areas or hair and make-up application areas.
13. 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 photo shoot.
14. In the event of inclement weather, you will have one opportunity to reschedule your reservation if you give at least one-hour notice
15. The permit is for photography only. Wedding ceremonies are not allowed. Performing a ceremony will result in the immediate termination of the shoot with no refund of the fee.
16. 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 swim suits are prohibited. Shirts and shoes are required. Nudity, partial nudity or implied nudity are prohibited.
17. Pets or any type of animal are strictly prohibited from photo shoots.
18. Small, handheld props, such as a floral bouquet or graduation certificate may be used. Large props of any kind are prohibited.
19. Each shoot may consist of one photographer; one assistant and the subjects being photographed. Additional people are not permitted as part of the shoot.
20. The Ringling Security Staff has the authorization to intervene in any photo shoot that is violating any stated policies. Failure to adhere to directions given by Security will result in termination of the shoot without refund of fees.

Permittee agrees to release from liability and hold The Ringling harmless from any and all liabilities, losses or damages resulting from use of the property and performance of this agreement. Permittee understands and agrees that any insurance protection provided by the permittee shall in no way limit the responsibility to keep harmless and defend The Ringling and its employees. 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.