

BNML Photog Group

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You can take snaps, and you can create art!

Today's Topics

- Photographers to Follow: nomadfotocafe
- Shooting by Candlelight
- Tips for Holiday Photography

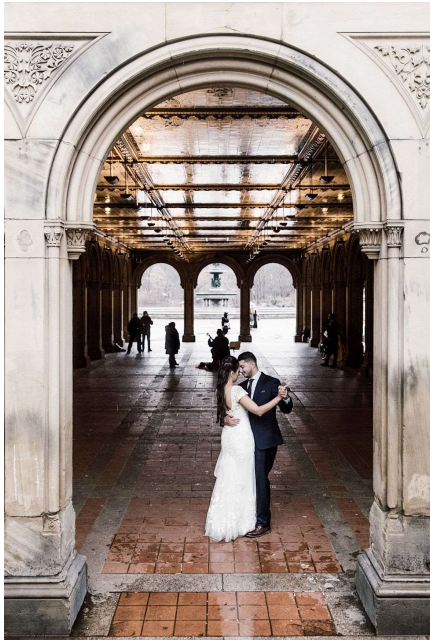
Photographers to Follow:

Viewing the work of talented photographers can help inspire your own photography.

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Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/nomadfotocafe/>

Website: <https://nomadfoto.com/>



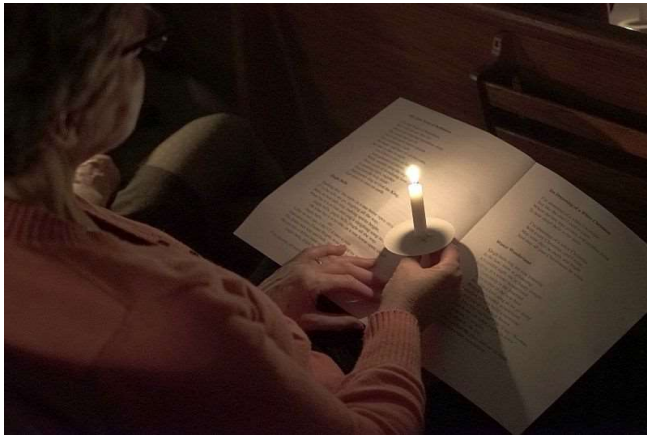




Shooting by Candlelight

Shooting with soft light, especially candlelight, is a real treat. The light seems to wrap around objects, especially faces, rather than the hard, sharp shadows caused by bright light or sunlight.





From a [Candle Light Photo Contest \(https://www.viewbug.com/blog/candle-light-photo-contest-winners\)](https://www.viewbug.com/blog/candle-light-photo-contest-winners):



Candle light is very dim, so when shooting, use Aperture Priority and open the aperture to its widest, like F2.8 or F4, which lets in the most light. If shooting in Manual, again open the aperture to its widest, and you might need to slow down the shutter speed to 1/60 or even slower, and boost the ISO. The subject needs to be rather still -- this won't work for a moving subject. Using a couple of candles

provides more light, distributed better. You can also use other lights, but keep them dim so that they don't overwhelm the candle light.

How to capture atmospheric portraits at home using candle light

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/features/candlelit-winner>



How this picture was made:

Reflective surface below.

Shot at night (or daytime with heavy drapes closed) to get dark background; also, black cloth hung behind the model. 20 tea candles used; fewer needed with brighter candles.



Tips for Holiday Photography

- Consider documenting holiday traditions, like decorating the tree, hanging lights, baking, trays of prepared food, setting the table, opening presents. You might use a small aperture (F11, for example) to keep everyone in focus.



- Take group shots at the start of the festivities, when people are fresh.
- Photograph children! Candid, or you can sit them in front of some lights or the tree, put a toy in front of them, and start shooting. If you use aperture priority and set the aperture wide open (F2.8 or F4), you'll blur the background lights.



- Photograph decorated homes in the neighborhood.

- Pet portraits with a holiday theme: a dog wearing a Santa coat or reindeer antlers, for example.



- Blur background lights (bokeh) by using a wide-open aperture.



- Funny photos



Some more good tips:

<https://shotkit.com/christmas-photography/>

<https://digital-photography-school.com/16-christmas-photography-tips/>