

# The Photographers

**Steven Begleiter ([www.begleiter.com](http://www.begleiter.com)).** Steven Begleiter is an award-winning freelance photographer based in Missoula, MT, who began his career as a photo assistant to Annie Leibowitz and Mary Ellen Mark. Before moving to Montana, Steven operated successful commercial photography businesses in New York City and Philadelphia, winning assignments from international magazines, Fortune 500 companies, and national advertising campaigns. Steven is the author of *Fathers and Sons: Photographs* (Abbeville Press), *The Art of Color Infrared Photography*, *The Portrait Book*, and *50 Lighting Setups for Portrait Photographers* (all from Amherst Media) and currently teaches at the Rocky Mountain School of Photography.

**Dan Brouillette ([www.danbrouillette.com](http://www.danbrouillette.com)).** A native of Sioux City, IA, Dan Brouillette became interested in photography as a student at Iowa State University, where the imaging software on his roommate's computer held much more intrigue than his own biology textbooks. When a family friend asked him to take her senior portraits, he was eager to give it a try—and the results were so good that each subsequent year he received increasing numbers of calls from other seniors looking for his unique images. Four years later, Dan has opened a complete photo studio and is quickly catching the attention of photo editors and art directors with his fresh editorial/commercial style.

**Stephen Dantzig ([www.dantzigphotography.com](http://www.dantzigphotography.com)).** Stephen Dantzig, who specializes in fashion, beauty, and corporate photography, is a nationally renowned lighting expert and author of *Lighting Techniques for Fashion and Glamour Photography*, *Mastering Lighting Techniques for Outdoor and Location Digital Portrait Photography*, and *Softbox Lighting Techniques for Professional Photographers* (all from Amherst Media). He has written more than thirty magazine articles on photographic lighting and ethics for *Rangefinder*, *Professional Photographer*, *PC Photo*, and *Studio Photography & Design*. He resides in Honolulu, HI.

**Rick Ferro and Deborah Lynn Ferro ([www.rickferro.com](http://www.rickferro.com)).** Rick Ferro and Deborah Lynn Ferro operate Signa-

ture Studio, a full-service studio that provides complete photography services for families, portraits, children, high-school seniors, and weddings. In addition to the acclaim they have received for their images, Rick and Deborah are also popular photography instructors who tour nationally, presenting workshops to standing-room-only audiences (for more on this, visit [www.ferrophotographyschool.com](http://www.ferrophotographyschool.com)). Rick and Deborah have also authored numerous books, including *Wedding Photography: Creative Techniques for Lighting, Posing, and Marketing* and *Artistic Techniques with Adobe Photoshop and Corel Painter*, both from Amherst Media.

**Rolando Gomez ([www.rolandogomez.com](http://www.rolandogomez.com)).** Rolando Gomez is a highly published photojournalist who was selected in 1994 by the Department of Defense as one of the top five military photographers worldwide. After nearly a decade of high-level employment with the Air Force News Agency, Rolando left to pursue his passion: glamour photography. He is the founder of [www.GarageGlamour.com](http://www.GarageGlamour.com) (now [www.Glamour1.com](http://www.Glamour1.com)), which is visited by over half a million people each month. This has led to a successful career conducting international glamour workshops and three popular books: *Garage Glamour: Digital Nude and Beauty Photography Made Simple*, *Rolando Gomez's Glamour Photography*, and *Rolando Gomez's Posing Techniques for Glamour Photography*, all from Amherst Media.

**Wes Kroninger ([www.weskroninger.com](http://www.weskroninger.com)).** Wes Kroninger is a professional photographer who established his career in Baton Rouge, LA, until relocating to Los Angeles in 2008. Kroninger, who specializes in commercial beauty photography, describes himself as an “MTV and Atari kid” and feels that this is reflected in how he pairs classic photographic skills with an edgy, contemporary sensibility. Kroninger's fresh and bold imagery has been featured in *American Salon*, *Rolling Stone*, and *Rangefinder*. His images have also won numerous awards for him and his clients.

**Chris Nelson ([www.fallcreekphoto.com](http://www.fallcreekphoto.com)).** A former photojournalist and reporter, Chris Nelson used to supplement his small-market wages shooting weddings, advertis-

ing images, and senior portraits—until he discovered he enjoyed his sideline more than his main job. Today, he operates Fall Creek Portrait Design, located in Fall Creek, Wisconsin. He has won numerous awards for his portrait photography and is the author of *Master Guide for Glamour Photography*, from Amherst Media.

**Billy Pegram (www.billypeggram.com).** Fashion, editorial, and commercial photographer Billy Pegram is known as a photographer who pays attention to detail and always captures amazing results. In addition to photographing assignments for FILA, Lord of the Dance, and celebrities like John Nordstrom and Booth Gardiner, Billy has directed and produced over a hundred videos for American College of Sports Medicine in conjunction with major sponsors such as Reebok, Gatorade, YMCA Corporation, and Stairmaster. He is also the author of *Professional Model Portfolios*, *Posing Techniques for Photographing Model Portfolios*, and *Fashion Model Photography: Professional Techniques and Images*, all from Amherst Media.

**Hernan Rodriguez (www.hernanphotography.com).** The recipient of over twenty international photography awards in the past three years alone, Hernan Rodriguez operates a successful studio in the heart of Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley. There, he juggles a steady roster of commercial, product, and celebrity photography, along with portraiture for families, children, and graduates. He has art directed and photographed advertising campaigns for Guess Clothing, Tanline CA, Comfort Zone, and Corona (to name just a few). He has also been featured in *Rangefinder*, *Studio Photography*, and *Photoshop User* magazines.

**Tim Schooler (www.timschooler.com).** Tim Schooler Photography is an award-winning studio, located in Lafayette, LA, that specializes in cutting-edge high-school senior photography. Tim's bold and dynamic images are so popular that his sessions book solid almost instantly—in fact, he often has over a thousand seniors on his waiting list! Tim's work has been published internationally and he has been the subject of numerous profiles in *Rangefinder* magazine. His signature images and techniques have also been featured prominently in numerous books on professional portrait photography.

**Jeff Smith (www.jeffsmithphoto.com).** Jeff Smith is an award-winning senior photographer from Fresno, CA. He owns and operates two studios in Central California and is well recognized as a speaker on lighting and senior photography. He is the author of many books, including *Corrective Lighting, Posing, and Retouching for Digital Photographers*

and *Jeff Smith's Lighting for Outdoor & Location Portrait Photography* (both from Amherst Media), and *Senior Contracts* (self-published).

**Cherie Steinberg Cote (www.cheriefoto.com).** Cherie Steinberg Cote began her photography career as a photojournalist at the *Toronto Sun*, where she had the distinction of being the first female freelance photographer. She currently lives in Los Angeles, and has recently been published in the *L.A. Times*, *Los Angeles Magazine*, and *Town & Country*. In addition, she is an acclaimed instructor who has presented seminars to professional photographers from around the country.

**Vicki Taufer (www.vgallery.net).** Vicki Taufer, with her husband Jed, is the co-owner of V Gallery, a prestigious portrait studio in Morton, IL. In just three years, the studio has grown from the cramped basement of the couple's house to its current home in a 4,000-square-foot space with eight employees. Vicki has received national recognition for her portraits and is an award winner in WPPI (Wedding and Portrait Photographers International) print competitions. She is also a popular photography instructor, who has led workshops both nationally and internationally—including a trip to South Korea.

**Marc Weisberg (www.mwphoto.net).** Marc Weisberg specializes in wedding and event photography. A graduate of UC-Irvine with a degree in fine art and photography, he also attended the School of Visual Arts in New York City before relocating to Southern California in 1991. His images have been featured in *Wines and Spirits*, *Riviera*, *Orange Coast Magazine*, and *Where Los Angeles*. His business is a ten-time international award-winning boutique wedding and portrait photography studio specializing in edgy, fresh images.

**Jeffrey and Julia Woods (www.portraitlife.com).** Jeffrey and Julia Woods are award-winning wedding and portrait photographers who work as a team. They operate a successful wedding and portrait studio that specializes in highly personalized images that reflect the tastes and experiences that make each client unique. Their elegant images have been featured in *Rangefinder* magazine and in numerous photography books. In addition, their acclaimed marketing strategies have become the basis for a successful educational program for professional photographers, which they run out of their studio in Washington, IL. They were awarded WPPI's Best Wedding Album of the Year for 2002 and 2003, two Fuji Masterpiece Awards, and a Kodak Gallery Award.