



Who are Bella Sessions For?

Bella Sessions are a very extraordinary portrait session, designed to capture your beauty, a priceless gift for yourself. The bonus is that it can be an incredible gift for that someone special in your life.

Karen has photographed Bella sessions for woman of all ages, sizes, shapes and styles. They are beautiful photos of beautiful women. They are tasteful, flirty, strong, soft, empowering, intriguing and sometimes sexy.

Many clients have been brought to tears when they see the photos, moved by how stunning they look and how special they feel having these photos of themselves.

Who is booking Bella Sessions?

Anyone who wants a beautiful photograph of themselves. Women are treating themselves on their birthday, to celebrate a milestone, having photos done as a gift for their fiance or partner or just because it is time for them to do something special for themselves. We encourage you not to wait for a reason!!

I am nervous and excited is that normal?

YES! You should be excited, you are going to have fun and feel great.

Nervous? There is no need to feel nervous. Karen will put you at ease and give you lots of direction. After the Bella Sessions women always say how comfortable and fun it was. Don't let nervousness keep you away from an experience that will make you feel fabulous and be an amazing gift for yourself or that someone special.

How do I prepare for my Bella Session?

Please bring four outfits for a full Bella session and two for a Bella mini-session (Bella mini-sessions are only offered to past-clients or in conjunction with limited specials.)

Ideas for wardrobe include: a sexy night gown, a favorite top and jeans, garter and stockings, bustier, favorite lingerie, an outfit that you feel confident in, jewelry, a hat and accessories, lots of accessories, especially bold ones. Doing this for someone special? How about a dress shirt, a tie, or maybe their favorite t-shirt? You are responsible for your own clothing and props for the sessions.

Do you do nudes?

Sessions do not typically include any exposed nudity.

Will you retouch the photos?

We believe women have been trained to look for their faults and due to media portrayal, have a tainted vision of what a beautiful woman is. Karen will photograph from a variety of angles, so you can see how stunning you really are. Afterwards the images will be retouched for blemishes and enhanced to add to the images artistic feel of the photograph.



Can I do my own makeup?

All the Bella Sessions include professional makeup application. Experience has shown us that this makes a big difference in the final results of the photos. We will book your makeup application at Roots the Salon for you. If you choose not to have your makeup done the session rate remains the same. Fake eyelashes (which can be fabulous!) are not included. Roots is happy to add this service, please let us know beforehand though.

Hair styling is not included as we find a natural look works best. However, if you wish to have your hair cut before the session we recommend scheduling it a few days before your session. If you wish to have your hair styled for the session Roots would be happy to accommodate you in conjunction with your makeup application.

What does a session cost?

Bella Mini Sessions: The session involves two outfit changes, professional makeup application, and a 40 minute session. Rates are kept very low as we believe this is something every woman should experience. After your session you will receive one complimentary 8x10 and 14 digital, retouched files on a CD. Other offerings are also available from our most recent Presentation Menu. \$487

Bella Sessions: The session involves four outfit changes, professional makeup application, and a 90 minute session. After the session you will be invited down to the studio to view approx 40 images. You will receive a complimentary 16x20 and 20 digital, retouched files of your choice on a CD. Other offerings are also available from our most recent Presentation Menu. \$1027

Will other people see my photos?

No one else will see your photos other than Karen and her right hand in the office Christine. We will not share any images on our blog, website, a studio display or any other marketing without your permission.

Can I bring a friend?

Yes, of course. You can also schedule your Bella Sessions back to back and hit the town after your sessions.

How do I book my Bella Session?

We'll pick a date, and then you'll pay your session reservation fee. The final payment will be due before your session. Before your appointment Karen and you will review what you should bring and expect at your session.

What are people saying about their sessions?

"I can't believe how comfortable I felt – the time flew by, everyone should do this." – RK

"The photos made me cry, I have never seen myself look so beautiful, I keep going back and looking at them." – MG

"I feel so good to have finally done this for myself. The photos make me smile every time I see them and my husband loves them. Thank you so much Karen." -TS



Bella Session Policy

Please arrive on time for your session, we will finish your session at the schedule time.

If you need to cancel you are welcome to transfer the session to a friend.

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Friends of Bella Sessions

Roots the Salon – they will provide the makeup at their downtown salon, four blocks from the studio. We will book the makeup for you. We also highly recommend them for hair. 485 - 5th St

Secret Drawers – let them know you are about to have a Bella Session and they will offer you 20% off on your purchase. 431 5th Street

Courtenay Costume Rental – Want a unique look? Courtenay Costume rental is the place to go. 250-334-3687