Model Releases



Sample Model Releases for Portrait Photographers

Model releases, specifically designed for both trade (TFP, TF*) and paid model arrangements. These releases serve as a foundational guide, outlining the rights, permissions, and obligations of both the photographer and the model. While they provide a structured starting point for drafting agreements, the nuances of individual projects and regional legalities can vary. It's a good idea to consult with a legal professional. This ensures that each release is tailored to your particular requirements and remains compliant with local laws, providing a protective framework for all parties involved.

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Model Agreement & Release

THIS MODEL AGREEMENT AND RELEASE ("Agreement"), as dated below, is between [Your Name] ("Photographer") and the undersigned model/performer ("I", "me", "myself"). The agreement is as follows:

Verification of Age and Capacity: I verify that I am of legal age of majority (18+ years) at the time that these photographs are taken. I further verify that I have full legal capacity to execute this authorization without the consent or knowledge of any other person.

Photographic Release: For valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby grant the following rights and permis-sions to Photographer, his heirs, legal representatives, and as-signs, those for whom Photographer is acting, and those acting with his authority and permission. They have the irrevocable, perpetual and unrestricted right and permission to create and use photographic images, and video/audio recordings, of me, or in which I may be included, in whole or in part, or com-posite or distorted in character or form, without restriction as to changes or alterations, in conjunction with my own or a fictitious name, or reproductions thereof in color or otherwise, made through any medium at his studios or elsewhere, and in any and all media now or hereafter known, specifically includ-ing but not limited to print media and distribution over the internet for illustration, promotion, art, editorial, advertising, trade, or any other purpose whatsoever. I also consent to the use of any published matter in conjunction with such photo-graphs. I hereby waive any right that I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or products and the adver-tising copy or other matter that may be used in connection with them or the use to which they may be applied. I hereby release, discharge, and agree to hold harmless Photographer, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, and all persons act-ing under his permission or authority or those for whom he is acting, from any liability by virtue of any blurring, distortion, alteration, optical illusion, or use in composite form, whether intentional or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the taking of such photographs, video, or audio or in any subse-quent processing of them, as well as any publication of them, including without limitation any claims for libel or violation of any right of publicity or privacy. I have read the above authorization, release, and agreement, prior to its execution, and I am fully familiar with the contents of this document. This document shall be binding upon me and my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns.

Terms for Paid Photo Session: I verify that I have entered into a Paid agreement with Photog-rapher. I understand that this means that I will be financially compensated for my professional services rendered during this photographic session. I may also be financially compensated for reasonable travel expenses incurred solely for travel to and Document provided as a sample. Review and make appropriate changes for your own use. from this photo shoot. The complete and total financial com-pensation package has been agreed upon by both parties and is as follows:

Duration of Photographic Session (hours:)_____

Payment for Modeling Services: _____

Payment for Travel Expenses: _____

Total Payment: _____

I understand that this represents a one-time payment. Upon receipt, I waive all rights to additional payment or remuneration for my services rendered during this session, and I relinquish any right to compensation, financial or otherwise, from any future use of the images or recordings (or their derivatives) produced during this session. I understand that full copyright for all images and recordings produced during this session is retained solely and exclusively by the Photographer and that, by accepting payment, I have waived my rights to any present or future possession, personal or portfolio use, or commercial application of these images.

By signing below, Model acknowledges receipt of payment in full.

Date: _____

Model's Signature: _____

Model's Printed Name: _____

Model's Address: _____

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Model's Phone: _____

Model's Email: _____

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For valuable consideration received*, I grant to [Your Name] (“Photographer”) the absolute and irrevocable right and unrestricted permission concerning any photographs that he has taken or may take of me or in which I may be included with others, to use, reuse, publish, and republish the photographs in whole or in part, individually or in connection with other material, in any and all media now or hereafter known, including the internet, and for any purpose whatsoever, specifically including illustration, promotion, art, editorial, advertising, and trade, without restriction as to alteration; and to use my name in connection with any use if he so chooses. I release and discharge Photographer from any and all claims and demands that may arise out of or in connection with the use of the photographs, including without limitation any and all claims for libel or violation of any right of publicity or privacy. This authorization and release shall also inure to the benefit of the heirs, legal representatives, licensees, and assigns of Photographer, as well as the person(s) for whom he took the photographs. I am a legally competent adult and have the right to contract in my own name. I have read this document and fully understand its contents. This release shall be binding upon me and my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns.

***Compensation: Digital copies of images from this shoot. Model may reproduce and display these images for any non-commercial, personal use or for on-line or printed model portfolios. Quantity and selection of images to be determined by Photographer.**

Date: _____

Model’s Signature: _____

Model’s Printed Name: _____

Model’s Address: _____

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Model’s Phone: _____

Model’s Email: _____