

# Smile:

## You're on Candid Cameras!

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**Boy meets girl.  
Boy dates girl.  
Boy marries girl.  
A timeless story.**

**Capturing it candidly, in  
its entirety, is what's new.**

### **Engaging Images**

Begin capturing those special moments once you're engaged by setting up your own wedding website or having your photographer do it. Your wedding announcement photos and engagement party photos can be uploaded and links can be sent to friends and family, then downloaded to iPods, viewed on HD widescreen televisions, on cell phones and on handheld computers.

### **Live Action Footage**

On the day of your wedding, with digital technology and live web casting, your Aunt Maggy who lives in a remote part of England and is too infirmed to attend the wedding,



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can receive emails with still and moving images in real time from the event. So don't be shy about asking guests (close friends or relatives are best for this) with digital cameras and camera phones on hand to capture the moments for those who couldn't make it.

### Documenting the Day

The au courant look most couples are going for these days is photojournalistic, which chronicles the event objectively and tells a story, says Vincent Fave Jr., a photographer in East Meadow. Today's brides are older, more sophisticated and educated. They want a natural, spontaneous look, agrees Denise Chastain, of Modern Wedding Photography in Lynbrook. It's about human storytelling.

But, traditional shots are still part of the mix — so do also be sure to ask for a few simple, posed portraits, as well.

### Moving Pictures

Since you are going to great extremes to personalize your wedding, Lia Diaz, photographer and husband/partner, Nelson, videographer, of Imagine Studios in Hauppauge, say they become closely connected to and familiar with your style early on. To do so, they usually begin working with you and your fiancé at the time of your engagement. Nelson will scan baby pictures and images from childhood up until the engagement, to create a photomontage as a foundation for the narrative to unfold in the video.


And there are various videography techniques that the pros can use to make your video truly outstanding. For instance, by handholding his camera, using low angles and extreme close-ups, Nelson Fuentes, of I-do-Video in Central Islip, uses a cinematic approach to your wedding video. The results are unobtrusive coverage of



the affair with quick, reality type images similar to what you see on television nowadays. He can also tell your story by shooting in super 8mm film, if a nostalgic look is what you'd prefer.

### A Hollywood Ending

Lastly, if you want your video to have the appeal of a Hollywood movie, Morelli Media of Hicksville offers a cast segment with the bridal party, which mocks the credits at the end of a feature film, scrolling credits with a list of vendors, honeymoon pictures and other fun segments.

When it comes to your wedding photography and videography, remember that this once traditional genre has been elevated into a unique art form with an abundance of options that will reflect your individuality. 



**Candid shots are fun, as in these examples of photojournalistic photography from Modern Wedding Photography in Lynbrook.**