## Danny Douglas Photography

## Pricing for Profit

We will develop the 'true' cost of an $8 \times 10$. The results may surprise you!

## About Me

* I've been photographing for over 30 years
* My first camera was a Kodak Disc Camera
- Current Member of PPA and the MDPPA (on the Board of Directors)
* I love to photograph high school seniors
* I have 2 beautiful daughters
* I love comic books! DC Comics are my fav!
* And I am always here to help


Let's Discuss Pricing for Profit

## What Does an 8x10 Really Cost? Everyone is Different

## What does an 8x10 really cost?

* Everyone is different!
* Everyone must arrive at their own figures
* Based on a photographers specific workflow
* Your own "per-hour" value of time
* The cost of the materials for the print being sold


## Time to Produce an $8 \times 10$

* Transfer 50 Raw Images
* Import Images into Sales Software
* Prep Images for presentation
- Retouch 1 image for $8 \times 10$
* Produce High Res Image in software
* Upload image to your Lab
* Back up finished print and files
- Total Time?


## Time to Produce an $8 \times 10$

* Transfer 50 Raw Images

15 min

* Import Images into sales software
* Prep Images for presentation
- Retouch 1 image for $8 \times 10$
* Produce High Res Image in software
* Upload image to your Lab
* Back up finished print and files
- Total Time
* $85 \mathrm{~min} @ \$ .50 /$ minute ( $\$ 30.00 /$ hour $)$


## Material Cost for an 8X10

* Lab Cost for an $8 \times 10$
\$3.00
* Lab Shipping
\$2.50
* 8x10 Mounting
\$1.00
* Digital Media Charge
\$2.00
* Variable Expenses (Packaging, CC Fees, etc) \$3.00
* Total Material Charge


## Here is our Formula

## Cost of Time $\$ 42.50$ $+\underset{\$ 8.50}{\substack{\text { Materials Cost }}}=\begin{gathered}\text { Total Cost of Goods } \\ \$ 51.00\end{gathered}$

## $\$ 51.00$ is your cost to produce the $8 \times 10$.

## Here is our Formula

Home Studio @35\% COS
$\$ 51 \times 3=\$ 153$
$\$ 102$ gross profit

PPA recommends a $35 \%$ COS
for Home Studios.

Divide 35 into 100 and the result is 2.9 (Rounded up to 3 )

Retail Studio @ $25 \%$ COS
$\$ 51 \times 4=\$ 204$
\$153 gross profit

PPA recommends a $25 \%$ COS for Retail Studios.

Divide 25 into 100 and the result is 4.0

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