

iPhone Photography Conference 2026 Q&A

PRECON DAY

11:00 a.m. Track A

Ultimate iPhone Camera Tips & Tricks with Terry White

JSS

When using fusion camera, is that the same as digital zoom pinch and zoom?

Fusion isn't digital zoom. While digital zoom stretches pixels (losing detail), Fusion uses sensor cropping on 48MP lenses to deliver "optical-quality" 12MP/24MP shots. It's like a high-res cutout rather than a blurry enlargement. Sharp and clean!

geeleesa

How do you get to the more detailed night mode settings? I missed that and cannot find it. I have the night mode turned on but cannot get to the more detailed settings across the top for things like the astro-landscape shots.

Tap chevron > Tap moon icon above shutter > Slide to Max (use tripod for 30s).

West Chester, PA

Are all the camera options, .5, 1, 2, and 5 optical settings? How about the hidden lenses?

On the iPhone 15/16 Pro, 0.5, 1, and 5 are physical lenses. The 2 is a "Fusion" crop of the 1x sensor. It's "optical quality" but not a separate lens. The 1.2 and 1.5 are also "hidden" crops within that 1x sensor!

Bob

Terry, how do you activate Night Mode to show in the display with the other options?

When the sensor detects low-light conditions, you'll see the Night Mode moon icon at the top right of the screen, and you'll also see the Night Mode icon when you swipe up from the bottom of the screen.

Colorado Storm Chaser Dave

How did you get F stop to appear on the screen? And once set does that remain as a default setting or will it switch back to auto? Plus can you then change the F stop in post?

Tap Portrait mode > Tap f (top right) to show the slider. It resets to Auto for new shots, but you can always change it in Post (Edit > f icon) since the depth data is saved!

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Wen from Williamsburg VA

If I am at a site w/o cloud access, is there a storage device you recommend that can be plugged into the iPhone (I have a 16 Pro) and used to save images/video to while shooting?

For the iPhone 16 Pro, the Orico K20 Mini is a top pick—it's a MagSafe SSD that snaps to the back and supports 4K 120fps ProRes recording. The SanDisk Creator SSD is also excellent for on-the-go shooting!

Annemarie from State College PA

What are the pros and cons of using "Prioritize Faster Shooting" in the camera settings? I have an iPhone 15 Pro.

Pros: Reduces shutter lag and processing time, ideal for fast action (kids, pets, sports). Cons: Lowers image quality by reducing computational processing (HDR, noise reduction) when you tap the shutter rapidly. Turn it off for best results in low light!

DJ

Terry, when shooting outside on hot days, or while in the car on a longer drive the camera will tell me it needs to cool down. What is the best way to cool it down, and how long does it take?

Remove case, move to shade, and blast with car AC. Cooling takes 5-15 mins. Use a MagSafe Cooler to prevent it. Lower brightness and record in 4K30 to reduce heat. If you can turn the phone off completely.

NaninVermont

I can not find the setting to activate my Night Mode - any ideas why?

Night Mode only appears in low light. If it's bright, the icon is hidden. To find it, darken the room or cover the lenses. Once active, tap the chevron > moon icon to adjust. It won't show in high light!

RJ

How do I see the burst photos? I shot in burst mode but can't see how to choose one?

Open Photos > Tap the burst stack > Tap Select... at the bottom. Swipe to view all shots, tap the circle on your favorites, then tap Done. Choose to keep only favorites or everything. It's that simple!

DAY ONE

11:00 a.m. TRACK A

Unlocking the iPhone: Hidden Tools for Creatives with Glyn Dewis

Gene WPB

Can I mirror my phone with someone else's mac?

Only if you are logged in on that Mac.

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Randy from Houston

Does the Leica Lux app support burst mode?

No... single frame captures only.

Gene WPB

In LR can you also share video?

You sure can.

Deborah Chicago

The AI tools you are showing e.g. CatCut, etc. - what does the AI tool do with your images? Can you use them without AI "taking/using" your images for other things like training AI, etc.?

It's not something I'm concerned about, to be honest, so I haven't read the Ts&Cs.

JSS

Would love to learn more about how the AI assistant works especially with ChatGPT. Can you give more information?

I cover this in my class on Day 2, so definitely check out the replay once available.

Jenny

Thanks Glyn. Very interesting and informative.

Thank you, Jenny.

11:00 a.m. TRACK B

Making Killer Travel Photos with Just Your iPhone with Scott Kelby

Bob

Scott, I know the iPhone 17 pro is 48 mg. Could you discuss how this compares to a mirrorless with a much larger sensor?

The larger sensors on a mirrorless are much better, especially if you wind up making large prints, but as you could see from the images shown in this session, often it's impossible to tell which image was taken on which type of sensor, and that's what's so amazing. So, while the smaller sensor isn't as good, for the most part, it's hard to see the difference in quality.

Aslangold

One big disadvantage using it as my only travel camera - While visiting the ruins in Ephesus I missed so many photos because the sun was so bright, my screen was so dark I could not see to take them with my iPhone Pro. The same thing happened in San Juan.

It's not great in every situation, and it can definitely be a challenge in really bright lighting situations like that.

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DJ

Scott! How do you cool down your iPhone when the "you need to cool your phone down" message appears?? I've held it in front of the a/c in my car...but how do i do it in the field?

I've never seen a "you need to cool your phone down" message. Not even once, so I've never had to deal with it (and I live in the sweltering heat of Florida). I looked up what to do when that happens though, and they say to remove any case you have on your iPhone and then turn your iPhone off. Though they mention this warning only appears in extreme heat situations, like you left your phone in your car on a hot sunny day. Anyway, sorry I couldn't help more on this one.

JimWSoCal

Scott, What do you think about apps like "ProCamera" that allow more control over exposure? Several professionals told me that these apps slow them down and the prefer to use the standard iPhone Camera App.

I'm with them—I prefer to use the standard iPhone app (and I've tried a bunch of different ones over the years, but it's hard to beat the convenience of the Apple Camera App, especially if those other apps don't bring all that much to the table.

When shoot Live View and when shoot Burst?

When shoot Live View and when shoot Burst? What is each best for?

I leave Live View on all the time, so I get the extra features it brings (like the ability to apply a long exposure, or choose one perfect frame from a bunch of frames it captured). Burst is for when you want to shoot a moving object and then choose from that burst of images which ones you like best. It sounds like they're the same, but with Burst you get to choose how long your burst image (the longer you hold, the more images it captures at a rapid rate). Live View doesn't give you those options.

Dave M (north GA)

How do I shoot in JPEG, my iP 13 Pro has the HEIF? Is JPEG only available in newer phones?

HEIF is Apple's own version of JPEG and it works really well, so there's no big advantage to shooting in JPEG (like on the newer phones).

Starsky

Do you use a screen protector for your iPhone? If so, which one do you recommend?

I don't. I tried one years ago, and I didn't like them. Especially now that the screens are so strong. I drop my iPhone every week. Sometimes more, and it's fine.

BryNat

Does Scott (or, do you) use a phone case and/or lens covers?

I do have a clear iPhone case—very thin—and it works well. I don't use lens covers. Life is too short. LOL!! ;-)

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Tori in Georgia

Thank you for another great class, Scott - does shooting these great photos in JPEG limit our features in Lightroom Classic? One of the reasons that I love shooting in RAW mode is the wonderful features in LRC to help create a beautiful photo.

The limits of shooting in JPEG on your iPhone are the same limits of shooting in JPEG on your traditional mirrorless camera, so the choice is up to you. If you prefer to shoot and edit the Raw image, you can absolutely do that, just be careful of how large those Raw files are, and the limited amount of room we have on our iPhones. That's why I shoot in JPEG until I'm in front of something really cool, then I switch to raw, take the shots, then switch back to JPEG.

Steve in OC

Scott, would you ever take a trip with the express expectation of getting great travel photos, and leave your Canon gear at home, and rely solely on your phone? If so, when would you decide to use your Canon gear instead of your phone?

Absolutely! I've taken both with me, and wound up shooting the iPhone more and found myself going out for days with just my iPhone and leaving my Canon gear locked in the safe in my hotel room. I would use my Canon gear when I need more range than my iPhone would give me, or I need to do something that was better suited to my Canon gear, like really long exposure stuff, or fast action stuff. The reason I have so many travel photos shot on my iPhone is because I am shooting with it a lot when I travel.

12:15 p.m. TRACK A

Big Vision. Small Camera. Huge Fun. with Rick Sammon

JennyMac

Are you shooting in RAW or JPG? :)

It depends. It depends on the size of print I might wanna make. Depends on if the picture is really important to me. Using the live mode gives me a choice. The JPEG's are pretty good for me.

Dana

Rick, Do you edit on the phone or move the photo to your computer to do the post work?

I use both. Look at it. The phone is awesome. There are also apps that do things Photoshop can do. As always, it really depends on what I'm looking for. I like the upscaling programs. Upsize the iPhone pictures for making big prints.

Chris

For selfies, do you use front or rear camera? And if you use the rear camera, do you use an accessory to help you see the shot?

I use the rear camera.

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Using Your Phone as the Ultimate Business Assistant with Gilmar Smith

Tori in Georgia

Terrific session, Gilmar - quick question ... what are the differences between the work on your WordPress website and your SmugMug website? Could it be that your portfolio is on WordPress and your business is on SmugMug?

WordPress site is where I host your main website, blog, and handle SEO-driven discovery, giving me full design control. SmugMug, on the other hand, is focused on my client galleries, portfolio, proofing, and delivering print or digital orders. Essentially, WordPress is for my brand and blog content, while SmugMug handles my client-facing photography workflow.

2:15 p.m. TRACK A

Pocket Portraits: Pro iPhone Photography on the Go with Lisa Carney

Jim Ellis Georgia

Lisa-when you travel and take portraits--do you have the subjects sign a release so you can use their photos in courses like this?

I do not. Generally, there are massive language issues. In the U.S. and many countries, it is generally legal to take and show photos of people in public spaces without consent for artistic, editorial, or personal use. You do not need a model release for gallery exhibitions, social media, or books.

Gail King

Lisa-I love the tip about taking selfies with the sun behind, bouncing off the ship wall. How would you recommend taking a sunset selfie on the beach?

Sunset selfie on the beach with the sun BEHIND you. I'd use that Westcott BOUNCE reflector. Hold it in front of you.

Nancy Balluck

What type of iPhone tripod do you use? Thank you!

I use a simple selfie stick with a 3-prong tripod. Or I also have a heavier tripod I got from B&H: Vanguard VEO 3 GO 265HCB Carbon Fiber Tripod.

Phil Columbus

For those who might not be able to afford Prophoto lights, can constant lights do the trick?

Yes. Only advantage with the Westcott LED is that it has a BATTERY, so that I can take it on location with no power source.

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Chris

Do you happen to use a hand grip for you iPhone? If so, which one do you use? Thanks!

I use a BeastGrip and a magnetic grip I got from B&H PGYTECH MagCam 2 Phone Grip.

T Reese

How do you expose for silhouette photos?

You have to just tap BACKGROUND on iPhone screen. You will get exposure control yellow box. Tap on SUN icon drag it down. IF that is not clear, send me an email at lisa@lisacarney.com and I'll send you a little video on how to do it.

Dave M (north GA)

Lisa, do you compensate your street subjects?

Dave, when I am traveling in foreign countries, I often give my subjects a "tip," or I bring special items/treats.

Gail King

Lisa, do you modify the photo from ChatGPT or is there a way to do it from Photos exiting to ChatGPT?

Gail, on the iPhone, I use ChatGPT app. On desktop, I use Chat inside Photoshop.

June Norsworthy

Hi Lisa, I was really really interesting in what you mentioned at the end about using ChatGPT to remove water stains on a window in the background of your portrait on the phone. Is there a way to upload a photo to ChatGPT in a Browser on your phone? I have ChatGPT on my phone, and I do believe that I could upload any photo, esp. jpg from my computer to ChatGPT. Is that correct? I just never thought about getting ChatGPT to help out with retouching.

June regarding ChatGPT. I have a chat account, and I have the chat app on my phone so I can upload directly from my iPhone.

2:15 p.m. TRACK B

Storytelling with the iPhone with Jefferson Graham

Dotti G

Is there a solution for when your screen goes dark in bright sun - maybe equipment you can buy to solve this?

What the world needs is a great lens cover for the iPhone to help with this. My only solution isn't good: turn the phone off, let it cool down, turn it back on, and try again. Sorry, but I've been there!

HelenS

What were those other apps for long exposure?

I like Pro Camera. Others are ReelHeld and Even Longer.

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HelenS

Which travel tripod are you using? I'm assuming it's light and folds up small. What microphone setup are you using. I love the minimalistic gear you're using. Thank you.

Rode Wireless Micro for audio (only \$99 and incredible!), and the tripod is the SC426 from ProMaster and sells for under \$100. <https://amzn.to/3MZb9mq>

Annemarie from State College PA

I love the local storytelling, but how do you capture a story when you are traveling, say on a cruise, where you literally have 2-3 hours in a location and then you're gone to the next location. How can you plan a story if you've never been there?

You can't. But you can wander around and see what jumps at you and put something together that way. Even with only 2-3 hours, you should be able to see a lot. Also, ask locals for tips on what to see.

ChasingLightAndStory

You mentioned a Samsung hard drive. Which one? How do you support and mount it? A bracket?

I love the T7 series, even though the prices have doubled. I used a traditional spinning disc drive from LaCie yesterday, and it was so slow comparatively. Small-Rig, Neewer, and other companies sell drive mounts that attach to cages. There are many cages available for around \$50. I like this one from Neewer: <https://amzn.to/4rvb1cp>.

3:30 p.m. TRACK A

Thinking Like a Landscape Photographer with Your iPhone with Ramtin Kazemi

Dawn

Ramtin, Can you tell me again what you use on your tripod to hold the iPhone for landscape photography.

ULANZI ST-27.

Annemarie from State College PA

Why do you prefer High Efficiency over Most Compatible? Aren't the JPEG files higher quality than the HEIF files?

I prefer high efficiency. To be honest, it's not going to make a huge difference. You could use JPG, but if you're going to edit it, I highly recommend RAW.

Dotti G

What do you do to see the landscape in bright sun when the iPhone screen blacks out?

I've really never had a screen black out. I'd like to hear more. But I assume you have an older iPhone that doesn't have a super bright screen and you can't see it under the sun? The newer iPhones have a much better screen brightness.

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Dave M (north GA) h

Can you share what components make up your tripod set up. Thanks.

Tripod base, any Arca Swiss ballhead and the ULANZI ST-27.

JimWSoCal

How do you deal with the situation when the sun is so bright that you can't see the display on the iPhone to compose the shot? I have had this happen several times and gave up on taking that shot.

General rule is you never wanna shoot directly into the sun or include the glaring sun into your shot. That goes with both for phones and cameras. But if you must, always tap on the sun itself. Always tap on the brightest part of the image for exposure.

iJo

When I use my 4x lens on my iPhone 17Pro set on RAW 48 and I only get a 12 MP photo, Why? I get a 48MP on the .5 and 1x with the same settings

That's because that specific lens is on a 12 megapixel file :) That means that specific camera on the phone is not 48 megapixel. Even if you have it set to 48, it will automatically take 12 because it maxes at 12. So the newer iPhones have 48 for more lenses. :)

Sully

Rammy, Great Class. I always have my camera in manual mode when I shoot a pano. If I am shooting a pano and my phone is determining the aperture and exposure for me, how do I control each frame being identical f-stop, exposure, etc.?

On the iPhone, all you have to do is make sure your exposure is locked by tapping and holding the exposure as you're taking the first shot.

Jenny

Thank you Rami. That was informative and inspiring.

You're welcome!

4:45 p.m. TRACK A

Professional iPhone Editing for Everyday Photos with Terry White

Dagny

Quick question, on the new iPhone 17, when shooting in raw is there an editing program for that in camera or do we still have to use an external app?

The built-in Photos app will edit your raw images.

Dave M (north GA)

Does Lr mobile have a feature to make a street look wet?

It has Clarity and the same trick we use on desktop can be used on mobile.

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Cheryl

Is there a lot in mobile Lightroom that is not in Lightroom Classic on my Mac?

Lightroom Classic has more features than Lightroom on Mobile.

June Norsworthy

Hi Terry, where is that "Retouch" Feature?

It's in the Quick Actions (magic wand icon).

JimWSoCal

I wish they would offer a slimming feature like in Luminar Neo and other apps.

Noted.

Cheryl

Do you need Premiere from Adobe for that? Do you get that with the \$4.99/ mo mobile Lightroom?

Premiere on iPhone is FREE.

DAY TWO

11:00 a.m. TRACK A

iPhone Photography & the Hybrid Workflow with Glyn Dewis

Dave M (north GA)

Glyn, can you provide the name to the products you mentioned in this class. Great job!! Thanks!

"Phil" from 3LeggedThing, SealSkinz Socks, The Wireless BlueTooth Camera Shutter Remote Control for Smartphones.

Guild

What do you do to compose a photo when the screen darkens on a bright sunny day and you can't see anything in the display screen?

TBH, I've never experienced this as an issue. The iPhone 17 Pro Max is 2000 Nits brightness and is proving more than enough.

MaxJupiter

When you have photos in LR, how do place them into the catalogue in LR Classic?

You don't "import from Lightroom" as such – you either sync the cloud library down into Classic, or export originals from Lightroom (cloud/desktop) and then import those folders into a Classic catalog.

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TS

Glyn, would you post a link to the article or post you showed at the end of your presentation? Thanks.

Sure, here you go:

<https://glyndewis.com/blog/iphone-made-me-a-better-photographer>

11:00 a.m. TRACK B

Making Great Portraits on the iPhone with Scott Kelby

Kent

How can you transfer LR iPhone photos to LrC? They can be transferred to LR but not LrC. Thanks Kent

If you have syncing turned on, it automatically syncs photos taken or edited in Lr to Lightroom Classic.

Jill

Offloading Photos: What is the best way to offload photos to my PC. Direct connection to iPhone, or from the iCloud. I seem to struggle with formats (RAW), adjusted photos, loss of computational photo features, etc. Do I need to export adjusted photos ...

Get a USB-C Flash Drive (if you have an iPhone 16 or newer), and save the images to the card, then put the card in your PC and copy them off the flash drive. :)

Craig N from Boston

Does an edited portrait photograph have to be saved before it is exported to my PC? If I do save it, does that mean the original no longer exists?

The original lives in your camera roll on your iPhone, so if you make a copy to your PC (or email it to yourself, text it, etc.), it still remains in your camera roll.

LL

Any rules of thumb when shooting portraits of individuals with very dark skin? Change of settings, etc. Still need to add warmth? Any tips appreciated!

Only that you might have to increase the exposure amount a little bit, but your iPhone actually does a really good job of exposing for darker skin.

KurtO

So full-length is an exception to your prior tip to shoot a portrait from a bit higher?

Absolutely.

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Craig N from Boston

Does the iPhone play nicer with an Apple computer than a PC?

Of course. The phone and the computer are both made by the same company. So, your images automatically back up to Apple's cloud, they automatically go into Apple's Photos app, you can use AirDrop to move any photo from your iPhone to your Mac, and so on.

Chris

Scott, can you clarify the point you were making about reflector VS diffuser? I missed it. Thank you!

The reflector is used to bounce light from the sun back into the shadow side of your subject's face. A diffuser is placed between the sun and your subject to soften and diffuse the light so you can shoot with great light outdoors (not having to shoot under shade, etc.).

Nargo

When doing a "selfie" portrait.....where do the eyes look?

Up at the lens on your iPhone. :)

Meathead

I use iCloud. Do my raw files offload to the Cloud, leaving room on my phone? How soon after the shot?

They stay on your iPhone—they are not automatically moved to the cloud.

Bado

Would you recommend any lens protector for the iPhone lenses?

I don't use them, and have never had an issue, and I've been using the iPhone camera since the iPhone 1.

MbATX

Scott, great class. What's the point of the "spatial scene" button? Using iPhone 13 Pro.

It applies a 3D look to your image, and it is actually kind of cool. It's not real 3D, but it's a neat look.

keevah

Scott- so much great info, but I just got my iPhone Pro and tried to find where you were in the masking. I can pull many parts up for adjusting, using the cube, etc. How do I get to masking, tried many things. HELP

The masking was in the Lightroom app for iPhone. :)

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Creative Visualization for iPhone Photographers with Rick Sammon

Dave M (north GA)

Rick, so do I really need to be spending money on upgrading from a Nikon Z50 to a full frame like the Z5ii? THANKS!

I don't use Nikon, so I am sorry I can't help.

Guild

How did you instruct ChatGPT to get that beautiful photo of your neighbor's house?

I used the prompt: Winter Wonderland.

JimwSoCal

Rick, you have both the ReeHeld app and the Even Longer App? Why both? Can ReeHeld be used when on a tripod? Even Longer is quite expensive to unlock advanced features.

ReeHeld only goes to 30 seconds. Even Longer goes for hours!. Yes, to using it on a tripod.

JimwSoCal

Rick, you mentioned the "Brilliance" slider on the iPhone Photo Editing App. What is the equivalent in LR?

I'm not sure. Sorry

Christy in San Diego

Do you shoot bursts in HEIC or JPG?

HEIF.

JohnW in CO

Rick, any recommendations on how to incorporate multiple apps when processing images?

There are dozens and dozens of apps, so all I can say is: It depends. :-)

Tori in Georgia

You and Susan are always such an inspiration! No question, but I thought I'd share that my husband will be retiring in about a month, and our dream is to travel and photograph the coastal towns. Thanks for all the sessions, books, and classes from you both!

You are most welcome!!! Have fun!

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Lance

Question for Rick Sammon: Is the Adobe Project Indigo App that you mentioned used for macro photography? If so, are there other applications for this app?

Thanks. It is great for Macro... and all iPhone photography!!!

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iPhone Accessories That Make a Real Difference with Jefferson Graham

DocSharon

Can you please provide names of all your recommendations? You spoke very quickly, thank you.

I'll follow up with a newsletter edition listing everything. It will be out on Saturday.
<https://www.jeffersongraham.com/p/2026-mobile-photography-accessories>

Wen

List of the brands used is helpful - a simple search shows lots of options that look like what is being used in the class.

Again, newsletter edition coming. <https://www.jeffersongraham.com/p/2026-mobile-photography-accessories>

Dawn

Please give a list of your most favorite accessories, specifically the selfie stick, clamp, ball head.

Insta360 Selfie Stick, Neewer cage. I don't use a ballhead on the selfie stick, but I do on my ProMaster tripod.

Ellen

Jeff, I don't think I heard you mention a zoom lens for the iPhone. Do you recommend them? Going on Safari in the fall and wondering if I should get one. Thanks!

I did bring it and said I've never found a lens that was worth buying. I haven't found a quality improvement, and they're a hassle to walk around with. The later iPhone Pro models have a 13- 240mm lens. What else do you need?

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Copenhagen

For these rigs, do you have to remove the case that you have on your iPhone for daily use?

Yes, but I use dedicated iPhones for photography that live in the cage or atop the selfie stick.

Rana

What about a filter for solar eclipse photos?

For a solar eclipse, yes, you'll need a filter.

Lind V

Jefferson, what is the brand of the small light cube you use with the Manfrotto grip and Imsta 360?

I showed off an Aperture LED light in the class.

JMF

Did you buy your iPhone with the highest available storage, or do you rely more on the attached storage bank to store photos/video?

Always. It's a small price to pay not to get "out of room" nag messages.

saloon

Best question for recording live music?

I used my Rode Wireless Micro mics for a recent music shoot, and they were amazing. I placed them atop my Henricksen amp.

thank you

Thanks, what's the brand of your favorite power bank?

Anker. This does fast charging in like 30 minutes, so very helpful.

<https://amzn.to/4lrDL4z>

Jeff

What is your favorite iPhone tripod?

I like the Insta360 combo tripod/selfie stick. Ulanazi makes a slightly larger one with MagSafe, but I found that the video footage was shaky, so I never used it again.

Lind V

Do you use a screen protector for your iPhone? If so, which one do you recommend?

I do not.

Shannon in Texas

Jefferson, what is the name of the silver-looking cage that you said you liked the best toward the beginning of your presentation?

SmallRig.

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How Far Can You Push iPhone RAW Files with Ramtin Kazemi

Dave M (north GA)

Rammy, you mentioned two files to download. What are they and where would we find them?

I'll make sure they are downloadable when the replays are available, Dave.

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Experimental iPhone Photography: Artistic Images Beyond the Snapshot with Lisa Carney

June Norsworthy

Lisa, is ChatGPT inside PS? I have a difficult time getting AI off of Firefly. I cannot even find Nano Banana, much less Chat in PS> Tell me how to find ChatGPT, etc., inside PS?

ChatGPT on PHONE is a standalone app. If you want to use it on DESKTOP, you choose it in the contextual task bar. Please feel free to EMAIL me if this is not clear. lisa@lisacarney.com.

Dave M (north GA)

Lisa, did I hear you say that Photoshop Mobile is your go-to CAMERA app? VERY interesting session. I'm VERY left-brained, :-), so this will be a challenge, but Fun, I'm sure.

No, Photoshop mobile is not my go-to camera app. I use the NATIVE apple camera app currently. But I'll tell you, new apps come out all the time, so I am always experimenting. My main EDITING app on phone is Lightroom on mobile.

Craig N from Boston

I plan on ordering an iPhone 18 Pro when it's released. How should it be configured with regard to memory and any other options that will allow the use of these apps?

Craig, the rule of thumb is always get the most memory you can afford.

Maria Barnowl, Western Washington

What is the best technique to turn a 72dpi iPhone image into a printable image? I use Photoshop to increase it to 300 dpi, shrink the size, and sharpen the image. Is that the best technique? And I have an iPhone 13 Pro. Would I be happier with the camera in the iPhone 16 or 17?

I use TOPAZ to upscale. On iPhone models, I always try to get the latest. 18 is coming out soon, thus I would get a 17 as soon as 18 comes out (it will be cheaper), you are going to be AMAZED how much better your photos are from a 13. Its a BIG upgrade!

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MbATX

Lisa, what presentation application did you use for this session that allowed you to combine your face with your images and text, including the use of your iPhone? Most engaging presentation, captured my interest.

Glad you liked it. I use Camtasia. You can add a LIVE video insert and show your iPhone while the slide is still up.

3:30 p.m. TRACK B

Using the iPhone as a Behind-the-Scenes Tool with Aundre Larrow

fotofah

Does the iPhone 16e lack Dual Capture? (As far as I can tell on mine, it doesn't offer that feature.)

Lovely to meet you. The 16e lacks Dual Capture. I hope it becomes a feature on future E-models, though.

4:45 p.m. TRACK B

Editing iPhone Portraits Like a Pro Using Only the Photos App with Tracy Sweeney

Christy in San Diego

Is there a level of brightness on my iPhone that I should use before I edit the photos?

That's such a great question, and a great note for me to include in future instruction. If your screen brightness is too high, your photos can appear brighter than they really are. That often leads people to accidentally under-expose or darken their edits, and the images may look too dark when viewed on other devices. If your screen is too dim, the opposite can happen, and you may brighten the photo too much. I recommend setting brightness at about 1/2, which is close to neutral viewing.

Malcolm NYC

When I shoot Live Photo and then choose a different frame than the moment I clicked the shutter, I find the selected frame tends to be less sharp. Is that inevitable, if it's just a screen grab from video?

So yes, it's fairly normal that the alternate frame may not look quite as crisp as the original shutter moment. That said, in good lighting, the difference is often very subtle, and the trade-off can absolutely be worth it if the expression, gesture, or moment is better in another frame. I often tell people that choosing the best moment is more important than chasing perfect technical sharpness. One tip that helps is to shoot Live Photos in good light and keep your phone steady, because the video frames will look sharper when there's plenty of light and less motion.

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Please tell me how to get more of the apps, such as masking. I loved your personality and teaching, wonderful session, I learned a lot. Now I need to know how to get to highlights and masking, etc. HELP, your session was the BEST

Thank you so much for the kind words! I'm so glad you enjoyed the session and that it was helpful. That truly means a lot to hear. The Highlights tool is right in the Photos app; you don't need to download anything separately, it is built directly into the editing panel inside the Photos app on your iPhone. Open the Photos app, choose the photo you want to edit, and tap Edit in the top right corner. Then tap the adjustment icon (the small dial or slider icon at the bottom). From there, you can scroll through the different tools like Exposure, Highlights, Shadows, Contrast, Brightness, and more. For Masking, that feature does not yet exist in the Photos App. I would recommend checking out Lightroom mobile. The best thing you can do now is simply practice opening the Edit panel and experimenting with those sliders. Move them slowly and watch how the image changes. You'll quickly start to get a feel for what each one does. Thank you again!