

NoBS Chat with Ricky

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[NoBs Stalker] Ok, for those who were late...
[NoBs Stalker] I will interview Ricky for about 10 minutes
[NoBs Stalker] then you can ask your questions one at a time
[NoBs Stalker] everyone understand???
[NoBs Stalker] If you don't behave...I kick you out of here
[AussieGirl] Yeah Antny - you made it!
[SusanF] Yuppers, but how do we do one at a time?
[Riff-o-Rama] well well well, antny
[chacityblackwell] I like to be kicked
[NoBs Stalker] You'll see how it works susan
[mrabbott] Yes (Boerneman-Jason here)
[antny] wow
[jaje] hahahaha
[jbauls] hi Jason Josh Here
[NoBs Stalker] I'd like to thank my international guest Ricky for being here tonight
[mrabbott] Hello Chasity
[antny] that was close !
[NoBs Stalker] How are you doing Ricky?
[mrabbott] Images looked great that you posted
[chacityblackwell] great. thanks!
[Ricky] Pretty well! Haven't started this season yet!
[NoBs Stalker] Can you tell us about where you live, your family?
[Ricky] My parents are originally from Minnesota! moved here years ago my grandfather was an OIL Explorer that came to Venezuela
[Ricky] they stayed here and I was born here, I have 2 brothers
[NoBs Stalker] How old are you?
[Ricky] my sis lives in Kissimmee, Fl
[Ricky] i'm 28 now!
[NoBs Stalker] How did you get involve in photography?
[Ricky] I studied in Tucson Arizona a career for Graphic Designs
[Ricky] a lot of Photoshop and Macromedia..
[NoBs Stalker] that's why your so good at it
[Ricky] I was interested in Advanced websites...
[Ricky] and we heard about influence on good photography work
[Ricky] to enhance a website..
[Ricky] so I started playing with products..
[Ricky] then I passed to my moms orchids...
[Ricky] that was a whole lot of fun..
[Ricky] then I started thinking..
[Ricky] what about mixing photog with my Photoshop
[Ricky] and started doing some cool stuff...
[Ricky] but one day..
[Ricky] a cousin came home..
[Ricky] with some pictures she did to her baby..
[Ricky] and she paid a lot of money for it..
[Ricky] about angel wings..
[Ricky] cables in the ground...
[Ricky] and I pulled one of those to Photoshop..
[Ricky] and made something out of a dreamy movie
[Ricky] so..
[Ricky] one day around 4 in the morning..
[Ricky] I was finishing a work,,

[Ricky] and opened google...
[Ricky] I thought if I can learn to create a basic photograph, I mean a good exposed image...
[Ricky] I could mix and fix in PS..
[Ricky] and do a good job...
[Ricky] and suddenly this image of Rob...
[Ricky] appeared on my screen I was stunned..
[NoBs Stalker] the naked one?
[NoBs Stalker]
[Ricky] I wanted to do that!
[Ricky] it's a baby on an armchair
[NoBs Stalker] ah, ok
[Ricky] then it led me to James site
[Ricky] and boom! NOBS fund...
[Ricky] then I was scared cause it said I had to be approved to join..
[NoBs Stalker] that was great for this place, your very talented
[Ricky] and a week later I was in,,,
[Ricky] it has been amazing finding NOBS...
[Ricky] before this it was me and my P&S like crazy around..
[NoBs Stalker] how long have you been a member of NoBs? how long have you been a photographer?
[Ricky] I believe this is my second year starting..
[Ricky] I saw so many things...
[Ricky] I didn't know where to start...
[NoBs Stalker] are you doing photography full time?
[Ricky] there was this nobs member that helped me understand a lot of technical things...
[Ricky] yeah! How could I forget... Rod Cole
[NoBs Stalker] we should thank Rod!
[NoBs Stalker] I think your studio is in your home?
[Ricky] he was fully technical..
[Ricky] yes...
[Ricky] in the living room
[NoBs Stalker] and you do amazing stuff!
[Ricky] hahaha yeah..
[NoBs Stalker] People think you need a big room but sometimes you've got to work with what you have
[Ricky] even a dancing salsa couple once...
[NoBs Stalker] I remember
[Ricky] sexy!
[NoBs Stalker] It's already been 10 minutes...
[NoBs Stalker] Time for you guys to ask questions
[NoBs Stalker] one at a time
[NoBs Stalker] who's first?
[SusanF] How do you attract your high end clients?
[Ricky] well, I have done lots of free work, giving samples to clients, but going always for something different and creative...
[Ricky] then I go straight to them...
[Ricky] to let them do something for them so they can see my work..
[SusanF] Do you know them personally?
[Ricky] i'm with a huge MALL
[blinn] when are you coming to Sudbury....LOL?
[Ricky] they hired me for their Primary Photog for Ads,
[chacityblackwell] What is your strength and weaknesses?
[Ricky] and I just made a models shoot and went straight to their office

[Ricky] strength and weakness..... Strength : i'm open to shoot from the skies if i'm asked too I will do anything creative and new fully opened..

[Ricky] weakness.... as I didn't studied photography, there several things I don't know, technical and sometimes practical.... but I always look the way to do and understand why!

[jaje] Do you plan out your sessions ahead of time Ricky?

[chasityblackwell] And what inspires you to strengthen weakness

[Ricky] sometimes I miss things in translations and its hard for me to understand..

[NoBs Stalker] take your time Ricky, no rush

[Ricky] I sure do, I always do a 3 days prior meeting with clients to see them, to know them, and explained them what we will do...

[blinn] How long typically are you baby session?

[Ricky] I ask them if they have particular ideas or as soon as I see clients ideas pop right out..

[Ricky] around an hour and a half..

[Ricky] after that is just crying..

[SusanF] How to you show your proofs - are they ALL PS'd? Projection?

[Ricky] I always set main session idea the creative one I have all set up...

[Ricky] nope, I don't project, don't have one, I give them 20 images, plus a big print in the package...

[SusanF] What size images?

[Ricky] I select the best ones I see then I let them select 2 more, usually they never do

[blinn] How much do you charge for a typical session?

[Ricky] it's a 12"x24" I think

[Ricky] I think it's bigger..

[Ricky] a session is around 250\$

[blinn] Ah I see.

[Ricky] is it too much or no?

[blinn] How long after the session do they get their proofs?

[SusanF] What a deal!

[Ricky] the next day.... at noon..

[blinn] Sound good I think..but you could get more I'm sure

[blinn] COOL

[blinn] and for weddings

[Ricky] I have been a bit expensive on weddings here because the album is done with jaco..

[Ricky] around \$2500

[blinn] and how are the albums working for you

[blinn] any problems?

[Ricky] it's amazing, the perfection of it in the making process is amazing...

[lisamphoto] If you could go anywhere to shoot a wedding, where would you like to travel?

[Ricky] no defects, happy clients , cool images..

[SusanF] Do you design them or Jaco?

[Ricky] I design them..

[blinn] excellent...I have decided to try them out this year..I can't wait

[Ricky] I was called for a wedding in huge Island...

[blinn] sweet

[SusanF] Do you use a program or PS them into pages?

[Ricky] it's called LOS ROQUES...

[Ricky] I will go anywhere I will be called...

[lisamphoto] So you're a beach lover?
[Ricky] PS..
[Ricky] only Photoshop for albums..
[lisamphoto] When can we come and shoot your wedding??????
[SusanF] How do you find time for a private life then???
[Ricky] yeah is so amazing to work in the beach..
[lisamphoto] Till you drop your camera in the sand..
[improv] hi all, sorry so late
[Ricky] I'm a Workoholic!
[blinn] How many frames do you typically shoot during a wedding?
[chacityblackwell] .
[Ricky] so I just like to do this and play online games..
[Ricky] =)
[oldkenny] k
[Amegamogo] hah
[Ricky] around 700 to 900 images..
[lisamphoto] What is your favorite PS action?
[NoBs Stalker] will let you in this time mike
[Ricky] CONTRASOFT!
[improv] thanks dan
[Ricky] AMAZING TO GIVE THAT TOUCH TO THE SKIN..
[SusanF] How long does a portrait session take you?
[jbauls] Ricky I find the red in the kontrasoft bothersome to me. How do you do yours?
[Ricky] portrait adult?
[SusanF] Yes, the sitting session part.
[Ricky] around an hour..
[Ricky] red?
[Ricky] sometimes is the yellow or orange look...
[SusanF] Go back to telling us about the Contrasoft; red etc. How you like to adjust it.
[Ricky] you can lower the opacity of the middle layer at the end...
[Ricky] that will regulate it...
[improv] Ricky, when are you going to do some more beach babe sessions?
[Ricky] and for a full size image I set the blur to 21
[Ricky] there is going to be an amazing trip this year..
[Ricky] there is going to be an amazing trip this year.
[improv] do you photograph High school seniors?
[NoBs Stalker] tell us about it
[Ricky] and the photog that went last year, photographed
[Ricky] 14 ladies..
[Ricky] beautiful ladies..
[Ricky] and none of the images were used
[improv] can you pick us up at the airport?
[lisamphoto] We call them Hotties....
[Ricky] cause they didn't work..
[Ricky] so I set a 2 models session for the 21
[Ricky] so beware MUAHAHAHAHAHA
[Ricky] it's going to be cool..
[NoBs Stalker] can't wait to see those photos
[Ricky] not much seniors yet!
[antny] I'm on my way !
[blinn] no doubt
[Ricky] thy are HOT
[SusanF] Did you ever check out the Creative Center for Photography when you were in Tucson?
[Ricky] HOTTIES

[blinn] I bet
[Ricky] nope...
[Gregory Williams] we want to see them man
[Ricky] I was sponsored to study by a company in Tucson called PSE
Precision Shooting Equipment
[Ricky] so I didn't had much time free..
[Ricky] had to work too..
[SusanF] So you learned all your technical stuff from NOBS, Rod Cole
mostly?
[improv] Do you have a real job, or do you just do photography
[Ricky] Rod told me were to start in NOBS what to see first and
understand before going crazy...
[lisamphoto] If you'd been on time you'd know Mike!! GAH!
[Ricky] yeah..
[jbauls] photography is a real job
[AussieGirl] "real job"
[Ricky] just photography..
[NoBs Stalker] exactly Lisa
[Ricky] I'm doing 4 times what I did in my REAL JOB
[SusanF] Is he still in NoBs?
[Ricky] dunno I don't think so..
[Gregory Williams] Not sure really ... some people tell me I should get
a real job
[jaje] yes, rod still posts
[blinn] some people should just "GET A JOB"....lol :D
[photosensitive] if by real they mean boring and depressing , no
thanks!
[Riff-o-Rama] Rod's still around... I call him once in a while and tell
him to post more
[SusanF] 'k, Now I'm depending on you man!;)
[Gregory Williams] job .. just over broke
[NoBs Stalker] next question
[photosensitive] sorry if this has been asked, but I've been out of the
room for the beginning: Ricky, where do you want to be with your
photography career 5 years from now?
[Ricky] you know! I like too much to do creative things with babies...
[Ricky] its amazing reaction when clients see their prints...
[Ricky] it's a good feeling..
[Ricky] I just want to be respected, for what I do...
[jbauls] yeah ricky I love doing babies too
[oldkenny] Do you advertise?
[Ricky] my website only...
[photosensitive] so you think you'd like to specialize in babies?
[Ricky] and I did an expo once...
[SusanF] ! Wow!
[NoBs Stalker] do you live in a big city?
[lisamphoto] Ricky..how are things going in your country? I know you
were off line for a while.
[blinn] Ricky I think your respected....here and every where
[Ricky] yeah,,,, not totally in babies maternity is way cool too...
[photosensitive] do you see yourself going after a more commercial
market rather than the portrait business?
[Ricky] about 2 millions person in my city
[blinn] how many photographers
[improv] that should be a lot of babies!
[photosensitive] 'cuz your work really has great applications in that
arena...

[Ricky] yeah the president made a credit card limit, it was passed last year with the camera and lenses I purchased

[SusanF] How do you keep from burnout?

[Ricky] known photographers around 4 and they all hate me...

[improv] why?

[photosensitive] gee, can't figure out why?

[Ricky] burnout/?

[antny] that's when u know you're on the Right track

[photosensitive] 28 is too young for burnout!

[blinn] hate....come on why.,....

[Ricky] I do almost 2 sessions a day..

[Ricky] that's al..

[SusanF] Burnout = tired from the season and need a break.

[Ricky] from Monday to Saturday..

[photosensitive] "almost 2 sessions"? darling, that's like being a little bit pregnant...

[improv] are you in a storefront setting? I thought that you had setup in a mall at one time?

[improv] sorry LM if this ? has been answered..

[Ricky] it was an expo on a mall..

[improv] so you are in a HOME studio?

[Ricky] yes my living room..

[improv] nice....keeps the expenses down.

[blinn] Mikey.....mikey....mikey....LOL

[jbauls] do you have photo displays

[improv] what were you talking about the president and a credit card limit?

[Ricky] sometimes is boring I don't have photography friends to call for a shoot or something like you guys do...

[improv] Fly up to Nashville....bring your cowboy hat.

[antny] I'll come and help you Ricky !

[Ricky] yeah bunch of big prints around 30 prints all over walking to the studio

[SusanF] I'm stuck on an island and can't visit anyone easily.

[Ricky] cause of the money exchange it is cheap for any of you to come down here...

[jbauls] I mean do you have displays around town?

[photosensitive] so have you been approached to do much more commercial work. Ricky?

[Ricky] I will accept anyone who wants to come..

[NoBs Stalker] I wouldn't accept that guy Riff

[improv] What city would we fly into?

[photosensitive] I remember the famous model you shot - have there been others?

[Ricky] I have done work for some important people with businesses they show work to other friends and they just keep coming..

[Ricky] Valencia city-Carabobo State

[photosensitive] what kind of work? strictly people or some product?

[Riff-o-Rama] I'd probably run out of gas on the way to Cornwall anyway

[SusanF] So you're networking into the demographics you want.

[Icie] I can't come. I couldn't get a Visa from Venezuela:(

[Ricky] people most of all....

[Ricky] but I like more the side of the commercial...

[Ricky] even shooting babies I go for a commercial look too..

[photosensitive] are these shoots art-directed or do they let you do your own thing?

[Ricky] The reaction of clients is" LIKE A MAGAZINE PICTURE"

[Ricky] I do anything I want..
[Ricky] they say go with the flow..
[Ricky] you know what you are doing..
[SusanF] Can you explain the difference for "commercial" versus "?"
baby shoot
[photosensitive] gads, it takes years before commercial shooters in
this country are sought out for their particular "look" or style...good
job!
[Ricky] well there is some work that just looks like photography..
[photosensitive] when I ask about "commercial" I mean advertising or
editorial work as opposed to portrait.....
[Ricky] and there is some work that you see in magazines??/
[photosensitive] and by "magazines" I think you mean ads, etc...?
[Ricky] this days I helped IMBO with an image that some people said it
was overexposed and all that...
[Ricky] yes ads..
[Ricky] and after working with it...
[Ricky] it just looked like a teen add...
[Ricky] was a good image with potential..
[Gregory Williams] .
[Ricky] just need to get on it...
[Ricky] commercial as Dave Hill photos..
[Ricky] that looks..
[SusanF] Don't know him...
[Ricky] manipulator form Jill
[Ricky] from*
[Ricky] Jill Greenberg..
[Ricky] www.davehillphoto.com
[Ricky] www.manipulator.com
[Ricky] I recently found a 19 YOP kid that is amazing...
[Ricky] Joey L
[Ricky] good work..
[Sarah] he is very good
[SusanF] What's YOP?
[Ricky] sorry YO*
[jbauls] year old photographer?
[Ricky] years old
[SusanF] got it.
[Icie] Is he from Toronto?
[blinn] yes I think he is
[improv] period
[SusanF] Well, I'm totally blown away by you, Ricky. I'm so glad you
are here and share so well!
[SusanF] Well, I'm totally blown away by you, Ricky. I'm so glad you
are here and share so well!
[Ricky] dunno I even wrote him and for 2500\$ he would come down here
for a week, but it's too much for me..
[Ricky] I like to help a lot as I have been helped ..
[NoBs Stalker] next question...
[SusanF] I've hogged it. Somebody else?
[jbauls] ricky what is your website addy
[antny] workflow ?
[Ricky] website addy?
[Sarah] address
[jbauls] address
[Ricky] www.rickysportfolio.com

[SusanF] Oh, I just can't stay out. Workflow; how long does it take for an image, or how long to workflow a wedding?

[antny] Ricky, ...can you briefly explain your workflow ?

[Ricky] I have an action that always do a basic workflow..

[SusanF] Batch action?

[Ricky] an image around 2 minutes...

[Ricky] a wedding 2 days...

[blinn] wow

[Ricky] yeah..

[blinn] with working at the studio shooting too

[Ricky] it makes DEFOG, Selective color on reds to -35

[SusanF] THERES where I would get burnout!

[krisgay] I pull reds out -35 too.

[blinn] me three

[Ricky] and hue/saturation to +5

[Ricky] then kontrasoft

[krisgay] Do you shoot Canon?

[blinn] Ricky is that two 8 hour days

[Ricky] porcelainsoftskin and eye treatment

[blinn] you bet he does...LOL

[Ricky] yeah...

[krisgay] I find Canons are kinda heavy on the red channel.

[Ricky] CANON Ftw!

[jbauls] in kontrasoft in your batch action?

[Ricky] I just received my wacom tablet..

[SusanF] THANK YOU! I wondered what your workflow action was.

[Ricky] amazing,,...

[lisamphoto] That tablet will set you free!

[jaje] selective color red -35 is actually adding 35 to cyan, yes?

[Sarah] love my tablet!

[Ricky] I can post the Ricky's actions I have saved has all what I do in there ALWAYS<>>.

[jaje] yes?

[Gregory Williams] .

[Ricky] yes..

[krisgay] Is it a hue/sat reduce red saturation by -35?

[SusanF] You mean you'd post your actions on Nobs??!!

[Terry] please post it.

[Ricky] no hue/sat, on sat add 5 puts more color to it..

[SusanF] Drool....

[Ricky] ill post it as we finish here on Babies forum?

[jbauls] thanks sus

[SusanF] AAAAAHH! Panic!

[jbauls] susan

[oldkenny] Thanks Ricky!

[lisamphoto] What's the most memorable session you ever shot?

[Ricky] if any of you use MSN Messenger I'm under ricky@rickysportfolio.com if you want to add me...

[antny] Thank you Ricky!

[SusanF] Yes, thank you EVER so much. This has been a real treat.

[blinn] thanks man...I'm out...stay safe...and keep posting those awesome shots.

[Ricky] the first newborn I shoot..

[Ricky] it was so cool..

[Gregory Williams] Thank you .. look forward to seeing your latest and greatest portraits

[lisamphoto] What session was your worst?

[Ricky] baby sleeping in a shell..

[SusanF] I'm too dumb on the computer. My son set up iChat on the old one, and I don't know how to do it.

[Ricky] oh I post about the worst! called I FAILED TODAY!

[lisamphoto] I remember that! haha

[Ricky] baby crying all session..

[lisamphoto] How many kids do you want to have???

[Ricky] no one good show.. called it of after 2 hours crying..

[jbauls] better than crying AND POOPING

[SusanF] Gosh, and it was SO cute. Even your "failed" is cute!

[antny] shoulda sent it to Jill Greenberg

[Ricky] I Can't Have Kids!

[lisamphoto] I do not like baby sessions...WHEW!

[Ricky] is a shame...

[kclittle] You didn't fail Ricky Baby might not have felt good that day

[Gregory Williams] .

[Ricky] but I can't...

[SusanF] I was scared of babies until I had some.

[Ricky] I did some medicals studies and I'm not able to have babies...

[lisamphoto] Wellllll, I'll give you 1 or 2 if you are just DYING to have some.

[SusanF] Then I found out how scary they are

[AussieGirl] other people's kids are better than your own anyway...

[SusanF] Oh, sorry. Adopt?

[AussieGirl] when they smell or start crying, you can hand them back!

[Ricky] we'll see..

[lisamphoto] You never know what's in store for you sir..... :0

[SusanF] You'd make a great dad; if you'd get off the computer!

[Ricky] most of the time they don't cry I session is after changing cloth again and again..

[lisamphoto] It was a pleasure to chat with you. Watching you grow your talent around here has been fun!

[Sarah] That's what I keep telling my husband -

[SusanF] Here, here.

[Ricky] thx...

[Icie] The docs told me the same thing Ricky. No kids. I have an 11 yo son.

[Sarah] thanks Ricky!

[antny] Your stuff is Great Ricky !

[Gregory Williams] .

[lisamphoto] Thanks for your time and efforts around here! I bet you're tired!

[Ricky] I will do all I have to do to get to inferno this year! I promise and we can have some fun...

[lisamphoto] that would be efforts...hope Improv is gone before he sees that!

[SusanF] What time is it Ricky?

[Ricky] 11 here..

[Ricky] there?

[Sarah] 9:20 pm here

[AussieGirl] It's 2:20pm on Monday here

[Ricky] by any chance does any of you use VENTRILO?

[antny] here too

[photosensitive] 7:20pm in Oregon

[Terry] 10:20 in Florida

[antny] what is that ricky?

[NoBs Stalker] are your fingers tired Ricky?

[photosensitive] is Ventrilo software or a drug?
[SusanF] Oh, that is late. (It's 7:20 here)Thank you so much for everything. I'll be watching your posts. Best wishes!
[Ricky] is a voice chat
[Ricky] I have a server..
[NoBs Stalker] never heard of it
[Ricky] just need to download the software is free and connect to my server ad we can talk all day long..
[Ricky] ww.ventrilo.com
[NoBs Stalker] that's nice to know
[Gregory Williams] .
[Ricky] if any of you want to just PM me and I will send you info to connect
[Ricky] and anyone is welcome down here to come and visit!
[Gregory Williams] sounds similar to skype
[NoBs Stalker] think you will be coming to inferno?
[SusanF] I may just do that someday! You're welcome to Orcas Island and visit us too!
[Ricky] yes , and I will need some support material like letters form NOBS to take with me to Canada embassy
[NoBs Stalker] I'm sure many people can do that for you Ricky
[Sarah] goodnight everyone! Thanks again, Ricky!!
[Ricky] cool..
[Icie] I thought the problem was just between the US and Venezuela?
[Icie] You can't get into Canada either?
[Ricky] embassy here requires US approval to have Canada's issued,,,
[Ricky] so...
[Ricky] our president is NUTS...
[SusanF] You guys, this was so fun. I felt like we were all together all around the world. Thank you!
[NoBs Stalker] poor you
[Gregory Williams] well he doesn't want you to leave and not come back
[NoBs Stalker] yes, that's what is great about this forum
[Icie] Ours too. Did I say that out loud?
[SusanF] Do you have to be careful what you post about him or anything?
[Ricky]
[Ricky] now I need a bit of help if anyone wants to help me with something...
[NoBs Stalker] any other questions before we wrap this up?
[NoBs Stalker] too funny susan
[jaje] have you looked up dof calculators online?
[Ricky] I've seen those calculators but translating I make a mess..
[kclittle] what lenses do you shoot with Ricky?
[Ricky] I just want to know when to set lens at a certain setting to know when ill have a huge DOF and when not..
[photosensitive] I miss the days when they used to put that kind of info on the lens barrel...
[jaje] Do you have favourite focal lengths and shooting distances?
[Ricky] 24-70
[Ricky] canon
[Ricky] and a 70-200
[Gregory Williams] they still do on the prime lenses not on zooms
[SusanF] Isn't there a depth of field preview on the camera? I thought there was.
[jaje] I would only memorize dof at different shooting distances for 70mm and 200mm
[Ricky] I would too but don't know them..

[AussieGirl] Try this link Ricky <http://www.dofmaster.com/dofjs.html>

[SusanF] Well, guess it's time for me to go; thank you again, and see you on the forum!

[NoBs Stalker] well, I want to thank my special guest...

[AussieGirl] You can also get manual DOF calculators like this:

https://www.nulab.com.au/nushop/index.php?page=shop.product_details&flypage=shop.flypage&product_id=259&category_id=48&manufacturer_id=0&option=com_virtuemart&Itemid=1

[AussieGirl] oops big link. sorry

[NoBs Stalker] It was a pleasure having you on with us Ricky

[Ricky] Your welcome! Anytime!

[NoBs Stalker] Thanks for doing this

[jaje] Thanks Ricky!

[NoBs Stalker] hope to meet you at Inferno in November

[Terry] Thanks Ricky!!!

[Ricky] np and just PM if anyone needs help in anything..