

# The Artist. The Rachel Konty.

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A photographer from Greek φωτός (photos), meaning “light”, and γράφω (graphos), meaning “written.” Rachel Konty is this and more. The more, in my eyes, an artist, and truly human. You may know this artist or you may not yet, but I know for certain, this is someone you will want to know in your lifetime. Born in 1981 in Arizona the story started. Being creative as a child, always designing things, being finicky about the most meticulous details of the world around her to how her clothing coordinated. She always saw things in pictures, settings, moments to stand still so that it could be captured. And, it is her love for literature (Sherlock Holmes and Greek Mythology being her favorite) that has developed this photographer into the artist she is today. I would also note the support, investment and love of her father and mother. They are some of her biggest fans. Five things my wife will be holding at some point in the day are: a cup of tea, a book, Lily(our pup), Prince(our other pup) and a camera.

My wife is Rachel Konty and I was a fan of her work long before we got married and long before we ever had a “thing” for each other. In getting to know her as a person I noticed early on that her relationships in life, life experiences and love exuding from her is what made her art stand apart from others. That is what makes her great at photography. You have to have a connection to life in order to really capture it on film. Her passion started on her father’s Pentax 35mm camera. She is a photographer in every sense, being able to shoot film and develop all her own and still out do people with the latest in digital technology. And,



that is what makes her great at digital shooting as well. She does not rely on the digital aspect to make her better. She still shoots as though it were film. From these elements the passion grew. She would go on to George Fox University and receive her degree in photography and later study design there as well. After college she went through a tough situation in life, that many in life never will. And, at an age that it just does not seem plausible.

My wife was married before me to

a great man. It’s not hard for me to say that, as I knew him, if only briefly, and can say he really was a great person. She lost him unexpectedly, without reason, as he was killed in an automobile accident. She witnessed this event. It was frame by frame, each negative being developed in her mind. They were on their way home from a photo-shoot. This was a moment



that no photographer would want to have to capture and for Rachel a devastating loss. But, somehow, she as an artist and person, found a way to turn turmoil into a greater good. The loss and sorrow will always have a memory for her, but the love she developed from it is something we all could hope to experience someday. This is why my wife truly is the definition of an artist. So many artists talk about these big emotions behind their art, but when you get to the core of their experiences you see they pale in comparison to what this young woman went through. Most people would have quit, become bitter or angry. Yet, through the rough times, Rachel found peace and hope, which shows in her work today.

I am very proud of my wife, not just because she is my wife. Removing that equation, I can step outside for one second and see this amazing photographer, this amazing artist and more importantly amazing person. Then come back and be so blessed to call her my own. Rachel and I married in 2010 and we made Konty Enterprises Inc. our very own artistic expression. Since, she has done many photo-shoots and designs. She shoots it all, families, babies, couples, commercial work, her own line of photography artwork, fashion and editorials. My wife deserves the world and all the love one may possess. I truly believe that when people have her do photography, or better yet, her art for them, they are receiving more than just a photograph. They are receiving the very extension of love, creativity, emotion and experiences that have shaped Rachel Konty into who she is today. The crazy thing is she is not done. I am already blown away by her capabilities and then she shows me her latest work...my mind many times just cannot comprehend how someone can be this good. Not to mention continue to get better.

In closing there are a lot of people who are photographers. There are lots of people who are very educated in the field, with lots of that. My wife has all that. But, there are not a lot of photographers who really possess the ability to for one frame, step

inside the film and become human with the photograph. My wife possesses that ability, through her own triumph, and respectfully as she and I believe, through some love and grace from above. So, I encourage you, the next time you need some encouragement or a reminder of hope, check out my wife’s work. She is available to photograph your life for whatever your situation may be. Thanks for reading about this great person and my best friend, Rachel Konty. Did I mention my wife is super gorgeous yet? Consider it an added bonus service when you hire her.



Sincerely,  
The Man Fortunate Enough To Experience  
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