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I look forward for to meeting with you and creating a portrait your family can treasure forever.

*"Together, we'll capture your special story through a Portrait in Oil"*

My goal is to create the most beautiful oil portrait commissions possible. I follow a set procedure to best ensure that each of my commissioned oil portrait paintings lives up to the highest standards.

First, decisions need to be made about the portrait. Will it be casual, formal; what clothes would you like worn in it, etc.

I work from high resolution, high quality digital files. Any photographs taken by someone other than myself, I need a signed release from them. This is because of copyright issues.

I am available to do the photo shoot myself. The session can take 30 minutes up to two hours depending on the complexity of the composition and number of figures portrayed. (Occasionally a second photo shoot is needed)

The best of the photography will be shown to you. I will work from several photos if deemed necessary. Then the painting process begins.

This short clip shoes a sample of a portrait progression:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-HsSLABLCk&t=1s&index=9&list=PLrIbcaLjgnASEjqjdCvfw9qZLIPb2exd>

My commitment to the quality of your portrait is evident in my method of working. As I view the subject there is constant and meticulous judging of spatial relationships in order to achieve an accurate representation of the person sitting before me. It is an aspect of the design that does not stop when the drawing on the canvas is completed but continues throughout the painting process. There must be a feel for the form of the subject, comprehension of how the light defines the figure, and the ability to translate this information to create depth on a two dimensional surface. Understanding color and knowledge of how each brush stroke will interact with its surroundings is paramount.

I will happily work with you to accommodate small changes. Your satisfaction is my primary concern. A portrait is a very time consuming process. Painting time will average 6-12 weeks from the start, unless you're getting a very small portrait. Updates will be sent to you throughout the progress.

In the end the painting will be as original and priceless to the owner as the people within it. It will be a true heirloom, enjoyed for generations to come.

Your absolute satisfaction is guaranteed.

Price is based on the following criteria: the number of people or pets in the painting; how much of each subject is to be depicted; the size of the actual painting itself; the intricacy of clothing, jewelry and props; and the complexity of the background setting. I do my best to work within my clients' budget.

Photoshoot: \$250 This includes travel time, (no extra charge for areas close to New Orleans or Baton Rouge) one to two hours of photographing and several hours of editing.

11 x 14 – head shot one person

Portrait with two people – smallest size 16 x 20

An estimate is given after a decision has been made on a image to use.

If you are the winner of a portrait service, the value of the painting donated will be deducted from the price of the estimate.

No extra charge for a simple background

All photography, travel, framing and shipping expenses and sales tax are in addition to the portrait estimate.