

# EMPTY CHAIRS

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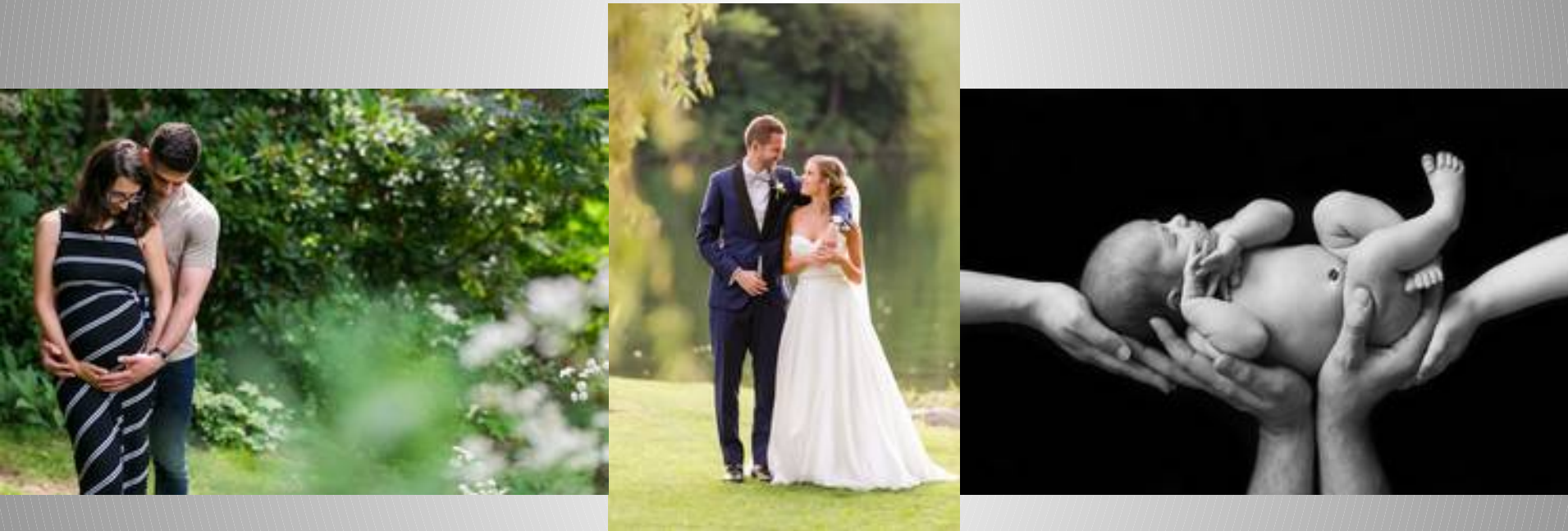
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# What I Look For When Selecting An Image

Eye – Catching/ Striking

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"I was photographing hydrangeas and as I stepped back, I noticed a few tiny tree frogs in the bushes," writes Your Shot photographer Claudia Cooper. "Seeing them made me smile. I loved the color combination."

PHOTOGRAPH BY [CLAUDIA COOPER](#), NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC  
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Your Shot photographer Natalie Bondarenko photographed this coral reef while glass fish swam in the waters of Raja Ampat, Indonesia.

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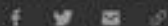


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Your Shot photographer Kevin Dooley documented this elephant calf walking besides its mother in Botswana. He writes, "I absolutely loved how the baby was no wider than the mothers legs. Baby elephants are so small, yet they grow into huge animals."

PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN DOOLEY,  
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"Casper is a five month old Daschund with a rare coat known as a dapple. Although strikingly beautiful Casper's markings are often coupled with terrible health defects," writes Your Shot photographer Cat Race. "It is incredibly dangerous to breed specifically for dapple traits, but luckily for Casper he has a clean bill of health thanks to mixed coated parents. So while we can admire his coat all day it's super important to remember to avoid trying to engineer

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Contrast

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Your Shot photographer Mary Hamilton documents this moment as a baseball player at the College World Series prepares to step to bat in Omaha, Nebraska.

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Your Shot photographer Martina Platania photographed this sunset in Marsala, Italy with the Egadi Islands in the background.

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Foreground/ Middle/ Background

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"It is Monday afternoon in Perth and I am starting a new series, I've been thinking about it for a while now," writes Your Shot photographer Gloria Salgado Gispert. "Those things that happen everyday, I can hear her coming, she is dragging her bag on the ground, in a minute she will cross by our front door. I go get my camera, carefully compose the frame and wait."

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Your Shot photographer Joanna Grzyl photographed her daughter during the afternoon light.

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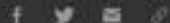
Clear Subject

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"Before taking the field for last Sunday's NCAA exhibition match vs the Lipscomb Bisons, the University of South Alabama Jaguars Women's Soccer Head Coach, Richard Moodie, spoke with his team urging them to play in a unified manner and with purpose," writes Your Shot photographer Richard Rickart.

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"Waiting in line for camp registration, my excited camper consoles his little sister," writes Your Shot photographer Jennifer Bogle. "It's his first sleep away summer camp and her first time being without him for a few days. One of them is more emotionally prepared for this milestone."

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Tells A Story

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Your Shot photographer Ally Watson documented the moment the bride let go of her bouquet for the crowd behind.

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Your Shot photographer Andrew Cleland documented people fishing off the coast of Munster, South Africa.

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Sparks an Emotion

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My grandmother's dementia is worsening but even though she doesn't remember that I've had a third child each time we visit, her smile lights up the room to 'meet' him each time," writes Your Shot photographer Lyndsay McNiff.

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Your Shot photographer Amanda Thomason documented this moment between her daughter and her cat sitting on the floor together.

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# Tips to Creating A Powerful Image

- Make Sure The Photo Is In Focus
- Avoid Motion Blur- Unless Intentional
- Avoid High ISOs If Possible
- Color Correct Your Images
- Add A Little Contrast If Needed
- Use Your Light Wisely
- Use the Rule Of Thirds

# EMPTY CHAIRS

How does the absence of a person change the perception of the chair  
and what story does it tell?

























# In Conclusion

Looking for an image that-

- is technically strong
- has a clear subject
- stands out
- makes me think, or feel, or want to know more about it

# Questions?

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