

# PhotoCram Weekend with Samantha Chrysanthou and Darwin Wiggett

**Schedule : Exact times TBA**

## ***Friday***

### *Camera Controls Made Easy*

Are you mystified by f-stops and shutter speed? Want to know how to pick the right aperture and shutter speed every time? Darwin will reveal the three simple rules that will take the guesswork out of photography. Think of it as 'new math' without the hard numbers.

### *Student Image Critique*

Most of us appreciate the value of a professional opinion and, in the world of photography, having a pro provide constructive feedback on your images is a great opportunity for growth. Samantha and Darwin will provide an in-class critique of two images from each participant that have been provided in advance of the PhotoCram Weekend. Learn what you and others are doing wrong (or right!) in your photography. Everyone will benefit from these constructive image critiques.

### *Student Assignment I*

Before you head home for the day, Samantha and Darwin will give you your assignment on aperture and shutter speed for the Saturday sunrise session. The assignment will be structured so that you will need the help of a partner; students are expected to team up in groups of 2 to complete the assignment. Keep your best work to enter into the Photo Contest on Sunday!

## **Saturday**

### *Sunrise Shooting*

The early bird gets the worm! If you are an early riser and want to get the best light, then arrive early to capture the morning light before the morning session begins.

### *Morning Shooting Session*

Team up with your shutter-buddy to do the Student Assignment 1 on aperture and shutter speed. Samantha and Darwin will be on hand in the field to answer questions and offer guidance on the assignment shoot.

### *Lunch and Question Period*

This is your chance to chat over lunch with Samantha and Darwin. Now is the time to ask those burning questions about the world of photography!

### *The Camera and the Creative Eye*

The most essential skill you can master as a photographer has nothing to do with camera controls and everything to do with conceiving a photograph before you snap it. Samantha will guide you on the path to mastering the ability to 'see' the potential of an image in the jumbled, visual world around you.

### *Personal Style and Creative Vision*

Are you afraid of your photographs being lost in the vast array of images out there? Does your photography feel stale to you? Samantha and Darwin will speak on the evolution of personal style in photography. What is personal style and where does it come from? Learn to shoot from your soul and let your inner artist flex its muscles. See how two photographers shooting the exact same subject at the same time will produce very different results when each photographer is shooting from the heart for personal expression.

### *Student Assignment 2*

Samantha and Darwin will give you your assignment for the Saturday sunset session. Students are expected to team up again in groups of 2 to complete the assignment.

### *Free Time and Supper*

### *Sunset Shooting Session*

You will team up with your shooting partner to do the Student Assignment 2 on learning to see images in the world around you. Samantha and Darwin will be on hand at all times to answer questions and offer guidance on assignment shooting.

## **Sunday**

### *In-Class Critique of Assignment Images*

This is where the hard work of the weekend pays off. Your assignment photos are critiqued by the instructors and by your fellow participants. At the end of the session Samantha and Darwin will judge the winners of the assignment Photo Contest. Only images shot during the PhotoCram Weekend can be entered into the Photo Contest. Great prizes will be awarded from our sponsors!

### *How to Make Money with Your Photography*

The industry of photography has undergone a sea change in the last decade. Learn the essential tips and techniques used by the pros to help sell and market your photos.

## **Bios**

### **Bio for Samantha**

Samantha Chrysanthou was born in the province of Alberta in Canada. After moving for a period of time to northern Alberta, she returned in 2000 to southern Alberta to pursue a law degree in Calgary. After

becoming a lawyer, Samantha began to realize her heart was more engaged in capturing the beauty of the landscape around her than debating the nuances of legal arguments in court. She has since left law to pursue writing and photography full-time. She particularly enjoys shooting the prairies, foothills and Rocky Mountains within an hour or so of her home in Cochrane, Alberta. Samantha's work has been published in *Outdoor Photography Canada*, *Popular Photography Magazine*, *Photosho Magazine* and *Nature Photographers Online Magazine*. Her work is represented by AllCanada Photos stock agency.

You can see more of Samantha's work by visiting her website at: [www.chrysalizz.smugmug.com](http://www.chrysalizz.smugmug.com)

### **Bio for Darwin**

Darwin Wiggett is one of Canada's most well known outdoor and nature photographers. His work has been published worldwide in calendars, books and magazines. Darwin has eleven pictorial books published including the acclaimed *Darwin Wiggett Photographs Canada*, *Dances with Light – the Canadian Rockies*, and *How to Photograph the Canadian Rockies*. Darwin is a columnist for *Outdoor Photography Canada* magazine, and writes regularly for *Popular Photography in the USA*. Darwin was awarded *Travel Photographer of the Year* for 2008. For workshops, seminars and photo tours and inspirational imagery see [www.darwinwiggett.com](http://www.darwinwiggett.com)