



Finding a *Balance*

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That's not to say they don't seek solitude from time to time. "I go fishing," Mark says with a laugh when asked about how he recharges. "I do yoga to keep my zen," echoes Ally with her own bright laughter.

Their dynamic energy is mirrored in the images they capture during weddings and portrait sessions, whose subjects radiate with the infusion of upbeat happiness that Mark and Ally exude. Full-time photographers since 2012, their business has quickly grown over the past four years. They now have their own brick and mortar studio in historic St. George's, and their dreams have become their career. And it all started with the Queen.

Mark and Ally met when they were both on hand during Queen Elizabeth II's 2009 visit to Bermuda to mark the island's 400th anniversary—Ally was working as a Bermuda government photographer at the time, and Mark was documenting the event for the Royal Gazette. Both native Bermudians, they'd each studied the arts in college—he at Brock University and she at Savannah College of Art and Design—before returning to the island and

Some married couples relish their daily time apart, catching up on the details of one another's work days over dinner. But husband and wife duo Mark and Ally Tatem, owners and photographers of Two & Quarter Photography Ltd., thrive on balancing one another out with their complementary skill sets throughout their busy workdays and in their rare time off together.

getting their feet wet with their respective assignments. Their blossoming relationship led to professional collaboration, and Two & Quarter Photography Ltd. was born.

The majority of Two & Quarter's work focuses on weddings and portrait sessions, and it's fair to say that it's not just Mark and Ally's energy that's earned them popularity and a 2016 WeddingWire Couples' Choice Award. Each possesses a true talent behind the lens. In the age of digital photography, where photographers often rely on the editing studio to manipulate their images to perfection, Mark and Ally get it right the first time. The name of their business, in fact, is a nod to medium format film, measuring at 2.25 inches.

"We both have a passion for film photography," Ally explains. "We very much stay true to our film roots. We don't focus on over-manipulation or what can be done to fix a bad photograph; we want our focus to be intentional. We aim to capture genuine photographs."

The work that Mark and Ally put into their business and their relationship is evident in their success. While the accomplishments of Two & Quarter Photography Ltd. during their first four years in business came as a pleasant surprise, Mark and Ally don't speculate on where they'll be another four years from now. Instead, they focus on enjoying each day and continuing on the path that their pairing has inspired.