

## **MATTHEW MAHLSTEDT**

Matthew Mahlstedt is a Baltimore-based photographer who grew up just outside of Annapolis, where his mother taught him the basics of photography at a young age. He originally had plans to be a 3-D animator and worked several warehouse jobs to put himself through school. But after realizing how much time would be spent sitting at a computer, he made a career change. After 11 years as the staff photographer for [Tamarain Carpets](#) and countless side gigs, Matthew started his own company, That Baltimore Photographer.

He is very active in the local photography community around Baltimore and can often be found at film meetups or judging photography competitions held by camera clubs throughout Maryland. This community connection is one of Matthew's favorite aspects of being a photographer as "I'm so often surprised by the creativity and determination of my fellow photon hoarders."