

“The Way I See It” PHOTOGRAPHERS’ FAVORITE LOCATIONS

We asked two talented local photographers—**Brian Marcus**, of Fred Marcus Photography, and **Kathi Littwin**, of Kathi Littwin Photography—for their favorite reception sites and city backdrops for photos.



◀ **BRIAN’S PICK FOR BEST RECEPTION LOCATION:**

The Pierre
“I don’t know exactly what it is, but I can always feel an energetic buzz in the air when we photograph in this hotel’s

glamorous, ornate ballroom. Plus, being across from Central Park allows for a few outdoor shots.”



◀ **KATHI’S PICK FOR BEST RECEPTION LOCATION:**

Banchet Flowers
“This is the spot for small, intimate weddings. It’s actually a flower shop, so the room is always full of

blooms that can be incorporated into the décor. The main space has picture windows that let in great natural light.”

▶ **BRIAN’S PICK FOR BEST CEREMONY LOCATION:**

Saint Jean Baptiste Catholic Church
“This gorgeous church on Manhattan’s UES was built in 1913, but it looks as if it was opened yesterday. The ceilings are over 170 feet high, with gold and turquoise hues—you feel like you’ve been transported to Italy. The scale and architectural details make for jaw-dropping photos.”



▶ **KATHI’S PICK FOR BEST CEREMONY LOCATION:**

Angel Orensanz Foundation
“It’s a former synagogue on the Lower East Side. The lighting design, a critical part of its charm, is included in the fee—it makes the space look rich, juicy, and colorful, and guests are always impressed by it.”



◀ **BRIAN’S PICK FOR BEST GROUP SHOTS:**

New York City landmarks
“I love the steps of the New York Public Library and Grand Central Station, in particular. Photographing the wedding party

at any of the city’s iconic locations always draws huge crowds, and it’s very exciting both for my subjects and myself. The shots always come out amazing and full of energy.”



◀ **KATHI’S PICK FOR BEST COUPLE SHOTS:**

The city streets
“The streets of New York make for a fun backdrop. Some of my favorite shots are of the bride and groom walking through traffic, in Central Park, or

in Times Square. But any spot that creates a sense of being in New York, and is easy to get to on the wedding day, will work well.”

▶ **BRIAN’S PICK FOR BEST COUPLE SHOTS:**

Fulton Ferry Landing, Brooklyn
“If you have the time to get to the foot of the Brooklyn Bridge, on the Brooklyn side, you can get some really romantic shots around sundown. I love it because it has the most picture-perfect views overlooking the city and the bridge.”
[Editor’s note: Permits are required to shoot here.]



▶ **KATHI’S PICK FOR BEST GROUP SHOTS:**

Central Park Conservatory Garden
“The entrance gate has steps leading up to it, so you can create a nice arrangement. There are plenty of beautiful spots inside the formal gardens, too—just keep in mind that a permit is required to shoot here.”

