



JENNIFER BRINDLEY UBL

PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHER
EDUCATOR
STORM CHASER

PROFILE

Professional Portrait Photographer operating a studio for 18 years, specializing in Contemporary Portrait and Personal Branding. In the spring months, focus turns to storm chasing in the central United States. One of the most well-known female storm chasers in the world. Highly sought-after educator in photography, storm chasing and meteorological spaces.

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ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

Fashion • Art • Film

Veganism • Photography

Social Justice • Gender Equality

MEDIA ATTENTION

PRINT PUBLICATIONS

STORM: CHASING NATURE'S WILDEST WEATHER - OCT 2025

Book by Hank Schyma – multiple images featured

SIGNIFICANT TORNADOES 1974-2022 – NOV 2023

The Definitive Book on U.S. tornadoes – multiple images featured

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER MAGAZINE – MAY 2023

"Alive With Character" Feature story on studio and portrait work with multi-spread article interview and photos

COSMOPOLITAN MAGAZINE – MAY 2022

"Chase Season" Article interview and photos

THE OBSERVER MAGAZINE – UK – FEB 2021

"In the Eye of the Storm" Article interview and lead photo

CREATIVE NONFICTION MAGAZINE – WINTER 2016

"Capturing the Storm" – biographical article by Laura Jones

MILWAUKEE MAGAZINE – JUNE 2014

"And the Thunder Rolls" – Lead photo and interview

WELT DER WUNDER MAGAZINE - GERMANY – SEPT 2013

"What to do when Monsters Storm?" – Lead photo

THE LONDON TELEGRAPH - UK – APRIL 2013

"On the Road With the Storm Chasers" – Lead and feature photos

FILM APPEARANCES

"TWISTERS" – JULY 2024

Storm Chaser / Self – Background – Universal Studios motion picture

"STORM CHASING: THE ANTHOLOGY" – 2016

Self – Documentary film by Blake Naftel

"STORM ASSIST 2014"

Narrator – DVD/Blu-ray charity production

"THE ROAD TO EL RENO" – 2013

Self – Documentary short film by Tony Laubach

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

HISTORICAL TORNADOES DOCUMENTED

- Largest tornado on record 5/31/13 El Reno, OK (2.6 miles wide + 301mph top wind speeds)
- Fastest tornado on record 6/16/14 Pilger, NE (94.6mph forward moving velocity)

STATS

- Total number of tornadoes documented: 58
- First tornado: 2007

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS AND ACCREDITATIONS

-MASTER PHOTOGRAPHER

The Portrait Masters International 2020

-ASSOCIATE PHOTOGRAPHER

Icon International Photography Awards 2025

-ASSOCIATE PHOTOGRAPHER

Wedding and Portrait Photographers International (WPPI) 2015

TELEVISION APPEARANCES

“EARTHSTORM” – OCTOBER 2022
NETFLIX original docuseries

NBC TOP STORY – OCTOBER 2022

“Female Storm Chasers Pursue Passion...” Featured interview and photographs

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER – FEBRUARY 2019

Episode “Ancient Fighting Arts...” Short feature on Dr. Anton Seimon’s research project

WEB FEATURES AND VIDEOS

SHEPHERD EXPRESS – MARCH 2025

“Jennifer Brindley Portrait Will Capture Your Essence” – HerStory Feature Article

ONMILWAUKEE – MARCH 2023

“Jennifer Brindley Portrait develops professional, personal brands”

NONGIRLY – OCTOBER 2021

“A Photographer’s Unique Path into Storm Chasing” and “How to Become a Storm Chaser with Jennifer Brindley” Videos and articles

WASHINGTON POST – JUNE 2019

“This beastly tornado left behind captivating images and an incredible set of data” – Lead photo and two story images

SIERRA MAGAZINE – OCTOBER 2017

“Why do People Become Storm Chasers?” – Featured image and interview

ONMILWAUKEE – MAY 2013

“Local Storm Chasers Share Insights and Close Calls” – Featured images and interview

PODCAST INTERVIEWS

STORM BEFORE THE CALM – SPRING 2025

S1E4 – Jennifer Brindley Ubl

GIRLS WHO CHASE – JANUARY 2021

S1E4 – Jennifer Brindley Ubl: Creating a Life You Love

OUTSIDE MAGAZINE– MAY 2021
“When the Tornado Chased the Storm Chaser”

CHASERCHAT– MARCH 2021
Featured Interview

MILWAUKEE MOMCAST – JANUARY 2020
Ep. 09 “Why Moms Need to Exist in Photos”

FINDING BLISS PODCAST – AUGUST 2019
Ep. 054 “Overcoming Fear of Failure and Comparisons”

NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC RADIO [NPR] – MAY 2018
“Ride or Die” story by Jimmy Gutierrez

STORM FRONT FREAKS – MAY 2018
Ep. 52 “Women in Chasing”

THE GHOST TRAIN PODCAST
“The Burning Passion” – January 2015
“Mother Nature, She Awakens” – April 2015

PANEL APPEARANCES

GIRLS WHO CHASE – NOV/DEC 2026
“Capture Awe” educational instructor - sponsored by the American Meteorological Society through MetEd / COMET.

GIRLS WHO CHASE – 2024
“Spring Training” veteran storm chasers panel sponsored by the American Meteorological Society through MetEd / COMET.

AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY – 2024
“So, You Want to Be a Storm Chaser” Weatherband webinar

MADISON PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS – 2019
“Photography Panel Extraordinaire” Photography expert panel

EDUCATIONAL

VIRTUAL / STREAMING

STORM PHOTOS OF THE YEAR “STORMIES” – 2024-CURRENT
International storm photography competition - Judge

SPRING TRAINING – MARCH 2024

GIRLS WHO CHASE Storm Chasing Educational Program: “Storm Structure / Storm Spotting Basics” and “Positioning for Safe and Successful Chasing” both co-presented with Skip Talbot

PHOTO MIDWEST EDUCATION – FEB 2023

“Third Thursday” educational presentation

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

NATIONAL STORM CHASERS SUMMIT – FEB 2023

GIRLS WHO CHASE “Girls Who Chase – One Year Later” Co-presented with Jennifer Walton

INDIANA STORM CHASERS CONVENTION

Presentations in 2015, 2016 and 2022

MINNESOTA SEVERE STORMS CONFERENCE

Presentation in 2018

NAT’L TROPICAL SEVERE WEATHER CONFERENCE

Presentation in 2014 co-presented with Skip Talbot

SCHOOL / CLASSROOM PRESENTATIONS

BIG IDEAS LEARNING – JUNE 2023

“Career Explorations: Storm Chaser” K-8 textbook pairing educational video in partnership with National Geographic Learning

GRACE LUTHERAN OAK CREEK – MARCH 2014

“Storm Chasing and Tornadoes” – 3rd Grade Class

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL – MAY 2016

“Storm Chasing and Tornadoes” – 1st – 3rd Grade Class

PROJECTS

RESEARCH

TORNADO SCIENCE RESEARCH 2016-2022

Multi-year tornado research project with Skip Talbot, Dr. Anton Seimon, Dr. Tracie Seimon, Dr. John Allen and Hank Schyma

MEDIA

“STORM CHASER” FILM 2018

Consultant and Artist / Art contributor for short film directed by Gretl Clagget

“EXTREME WEATHER” IMAX FILM 2014-2015

Support crew and behind-the-scenes photographer for armored TIV and Doghouse chase vehicles

CHARITY / COMMUNITY / VOLUNTEER WORK

IGNITE THE SPIRIT MKE – 2018-2019, 2021-2023, 2025

Annual Milwaukee Firefighter’s Charity Calendar photographer

WEST ALLIS BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE MEMBER – 2025-CURRENT

The Block Grant Committee oversees and makes suggestions for the use of Federal Community Development Block Grant funds received by the City of West Allis.

STORM ASSIST - 2012

Co-founded 501c3 non-profit organization to raise money for tornado victims