

BIOGRAPHY

Stephen LeBlanc, Founder

Originally from Louisiana, Stephen LeBlanc began his photography career in 1980 capturing underwater images in the Caribbean as a YMCA scuba instructor. Both comfortable and able to concentrate in a harsh underwater environment, he was confident he could transfer his abilities on land. And so he launched his career as a commercial photographer. In this niche, his images have been featured on many magazine covers, and he has assembled a client list that includes such notable companies as American Airlines, Arthur Andersen, Burger King, Humana, Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) and Tropicana. His passion for photography initiated the opening of LeBlanc Studios in 1980 and continues today.

In addition to his passion for photography, LeBlanc is enthusiastically active within the community. With a heart for kids and a belief in the good neighbor policy, he is involved with the Boys & Girls Club of Sarasota County. Currently on the Board of Directors and spearheading a Toastmasters program to help the kids better present themselves, LeBlanc has also served as chairperson. In that role, he elevated the Club's biggest annual fundraiser, Kids Night Out, to record proceeds by securing appearances by celebrities Danny Glover, Johnny Bench and Dick Vitale. LeBlanc serves on the board of the Sarasota Chamber of Commerce, as well. A member since 1997, he sits on the Board of Trustees, is Chair for the Trustee Dine & Discover Program, and will Chair the 2009 Marketing Committee.

LeBlanc resides in Sarasota with his wife, Leslie, and two children Andre' and Renee'. When not behind a camera he enjoys weight lifting, windsurfing, scuba diving, wakeboarding and barefoot water-skiing.

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