

*Experience New York  
sophistication in the heart of the  
Minneapolis Theater District*



**MANHATTANS**  
restaurant & bar

800 Lasalle Plaza | Minneapolis, MN 55402 | 612-339-3600 | ManhattansMpls.com

**TWIN CITIES  
ARTIST FOCUS**

**IN HER VIEW**

Born and raised in the Philippines, Mona Ruff-Saer was first exposed to photography by her photojournalist father, but little did she know the effect it would have on her life. When she came to San Francisco in 1991, she began to take travel photos as a hobby. She needed a creative outlet, a medium through which to express herself. Mona turned to photography for that artistic expression. What had started out as a hobby quickly became a passion and, hopefully soon, a career.

As with any career, she practiced and fine-tuned her natural abilities. She read books by Ansel Adams, subscribed to online photography forums to get feedback and worked with aspiring models to hone her craft. Today, Mona is based in Mankato, MN, and shoots a wide variety of subjects from children and families to weddings to fashion models. She continues to view photography as a passion and is contemplating to, at some time, make it her business. Each session is a chance for her to "record that event in my life permanently." Her photos exude this enthusiasm for her craft, as well as reflect her deep respect and admiration for her subjects. Mona Ruff-Saer is most definitely not Jane Plain.

To see an online gallery of Mona's work and to find out about upcoming events, go to:  
[www.studiomona.com](http://www.studiomona.com)



**Mona Ruff-Saer**



Inspiration springs from inside me,  
the culmination of everything I've experienced in my life; places,  
persons and things and all the memories I've acquired

I'm especially proud of some portraits I've taken of women ...  
... they exude such elegance and confidence





I am in tune with other people's emotions and life experiences ...  
... this helps me capture my subject's true character



... capture their beauty when they do



Let the subjects speak to you ...