

# BRENIZER

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A woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a dark, textured wool coat over a green top and grey gloves, stands on a modern bridge with a metal railing. The background shows a cityscape under an overcast sky. Large white text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

32 MM

F 0.7

N : 85 MM / F 1.8  
B : 32 MM / F 0.7

The Brenizer Method involves stitching together multiple images to achieve a wide angle shot ... with a shallow depth of field !

Ryan Brenizer is a NYC based wedding photographer and the “father” of Bokeh Panorama, or Brenizer panorama, technique, which allows one to achieve an otherwise impossibly shallow depth of field at a given angle of view.



# The Brenizer Method



Panorama  
Merge  
Images



Shoot images as for a panorama  
Focus on the main subject

# Some Recommendations

Focal between 50 and 135mm

Aperture F2.8 or lower

3 rows of 5 vertical pictures (Min 30% overlap)

No tripod

Manual Mode

Focus on your subject (e.g. closest eye) and then disable the autofocus  
(or use AF-ON button)

Start by the main subject and then the background

Be close of your main subject

Activate the lens corrections in your postprocessing software before  
merging the images



N : 135 MM / F 2.0

B : 63 MM / F 0.9

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N : 50 MM / F 1.4  
B : 31 MM / F 0.9



N : 85 MM / F 1.8  
B : 40 MM / F 0.8



N : 95 MM / F 2.8





N : 50 MM / F 1.4  
Distance : 4 M

By the way ...

The same method can be also used to :

- Replace the wide-angle lens that you forgot to take with you for a photo walk
- Mimic the look of large format film photography with a digital camera
- Create very high resolution images



N : 40 MM / F 2.8  
Distance : 3 M

# MORE ...

[Video on Youtube \(FR\)](#)

[Video on Youtube \(EN\)](#)

[Bryan Brenizer Web Site](#)

[Phototrend Article \(FR\)](#)

[Photographylife Article \(EN\)](#)

[Calculate the Resulting Focal Length and Aperture](#)

Free Panorama Tool : [Hugin](#) / [MICE](#)

[Wikipedia](#)

# Mini Challenge

Try it, it's easier than it seems, and post your pictures on the Viewfinders Facebook Page with the hashtags

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Or upload them via the website

36 MM

F 0.6

