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Here are the exact instructions on how to prepare for your photomontage. You will find the following sections included.

Description: Describes how to prepare your montage for production

Instructions: Scanning and Preparing Photos for your montage.

Organization:

Music:

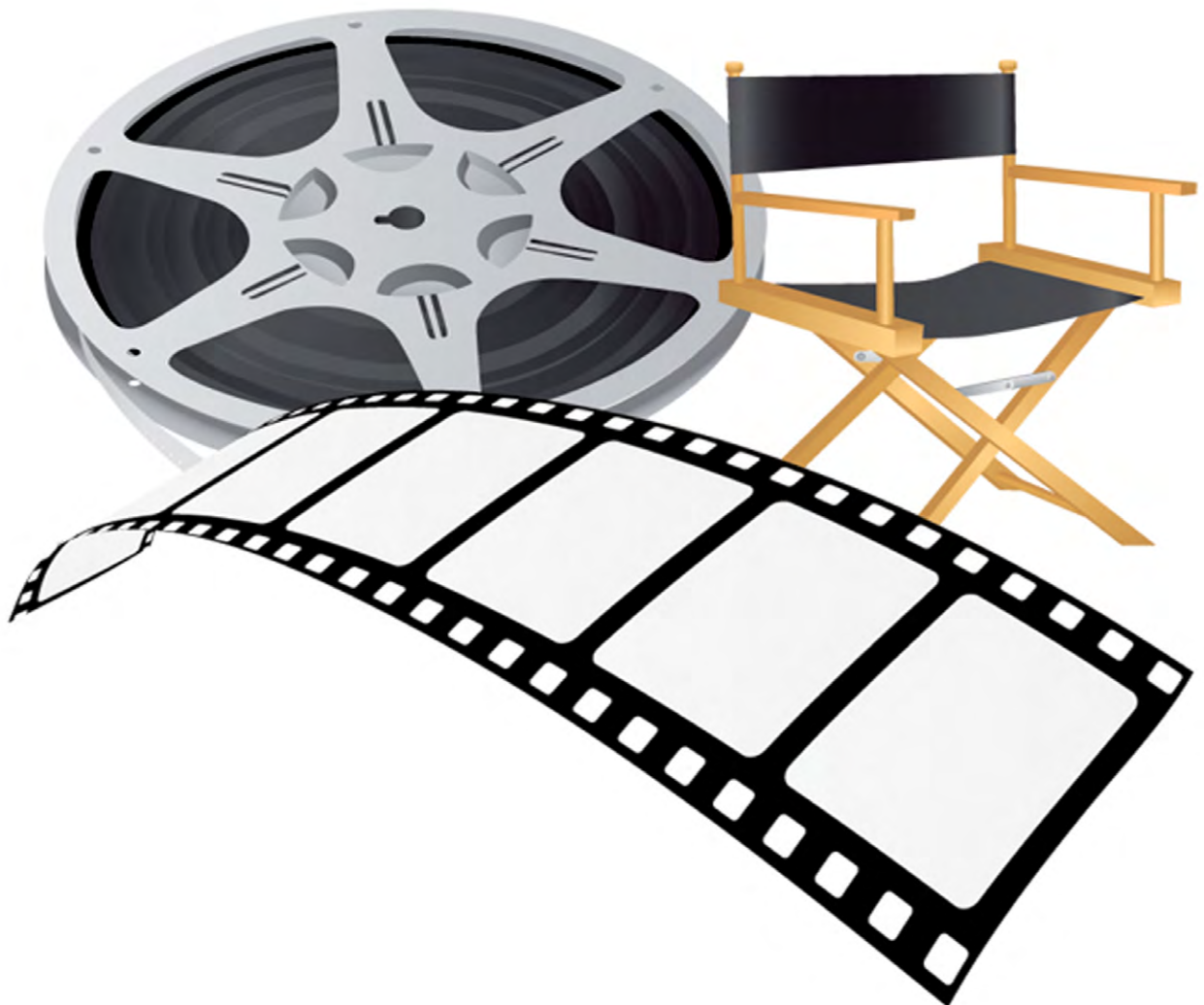
Picture Numbering:

Scanning:

Video Clips:

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Planning Your Montage

Setting photos of your loved one(s) to music is a treasured addition to any party or special event. We create photomontage videos and DVDs from your pictures, slides, and/or other images. Your family memories will come alive with this custom picture slideshow production. You select your photos and music and leave the rest to us - we are experts in photo to video transfer production!

Photo Montage videos make great keepsakes! Order a photomontage video for your next anniversary, graduation, retirement, or birthday party. They also play well at funerals, memorial services, banquets, bar mitzvahs, bat mitzvahs, and wedding receptions.

Special effect transitions are inserted between every two or three pictures to accentuate picture attributes. Other pictures will smoothly dissolve into the next picture throughout the video slideshow.

Recommended photo collage video length is 8 - 12 minutes (80 - 150 photos), although shorter and longer slideshow video presentations can certainly be accommodated. ZG Productions uses a standard display time of approximately 4 seconds per photo but some may be shorter or longer depending on effects used.

Choose from any song that we have in our library which is over 100,000 songs.

Titles, and transitions are included in every video photo montage production for no additional charge.

A DVD copy of the final video montage will be provided.

Turn around time is two weeks from the receipt of your materials. Expediting is available for additional charge.

ZG Productions specializes in the transfer of photos to video or DVD. We can also transfer slides to DVD or video. Please call our office for special instructions if you already have digital images for the transfer.

ZG Productions recommends either certified mail or UPS send all materials for tracking purposes. Fed Ex is also available. We recommend that you mail your photos to us in a like fashion to minimize chances of loss. ZG Productions cannot be held responsible for lost images.



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Organizing Your Material Part #1

The first step to a successful photomontage is figuring out the intended audience and organizing your collage to the needs of the audience. If for instance your photo montage is to celebrate the life or lives of specific people and it will be presented in front of a large audience, then it is advisable that the length be between 10 - 12 minutes.

If the intent is to simply present family images in a looping fashion without music, your video can be as long as you like. You can add as many images as you like.

10 minute collage = 150 pictures @ 4 seconds

20 minute collage = 300 pictures @ 4 seconds

Photos/slides are the backbone of most montages. Other media such as video, film, audiotapes etc. are best used as accents to the main photo idea of a photo collage.

Organization

Once you have an idea of the total number of pictures you are going to need, then it is time to find them and get them organized. We suggest breaking the total number of pictures into more manageable units of time before you start your search. For instance, you may group them by decades, or specific events. Write these time units down and then determine approximately how many pictures would be appropriate for each unit of time.

1. We recommend you begin by creating a folder on your desktop labeled "My Photo Montage"
2. In that folder, create sub folders for the sections you are planning on having. Title each folder with that grouping name.
4. Begin by placing the photos in each section with each photo numbered.

Example

1-Friends

2-Family

3-Sports

The reason for the number system is because it will automatically save in your system in order.



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Organizing Your Material Part #2

Organization (cont.)

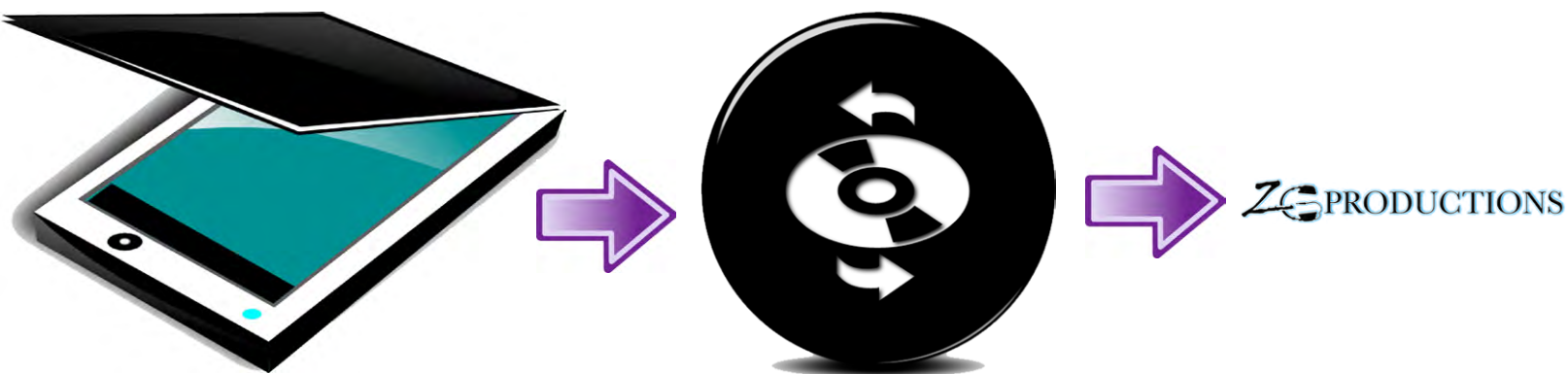
Each unit of time should have at least 15 pictures. It is best if they have about 25 to. Most music is about 3-4 minutes long and we will be trying to fit these pictures to your musical selections later. Two time units can be set to one song and large units can be broken up into two songs. However, if you can target 35 -45 pictures per time unit matching the music will be much easier. It may be helpful to label large envelopes or boxes with the decades or unit of time you are using on the outside so that as you run across pictures you can put them aside in the correct grouping.

Picture Selection

A few things to keep in mind when you are choosing pictures:

1. The transfer process does not enhance the existing picture, so make sure they are in focus, people's faces are not washed out, and the picture is in good condition. Ridges, water damage, etc. can be distracting to the overall picture. We do have retouching services available. However, we need to see the images before quoting any retouching fees. Usually the average cost for retouching an image is \$10 to \$35 depending on how much work the image needs.
2. LCD screens are wider than tall, so horizontal pictures fit naturally to the size of a television screen. Vertical pictures may have to be cropped or have black or white bars on each side to fill the screen. This is not bad, but too many of these vertical pictures are not visually appealing, especially if they are right after each other.
3. Pictures need to be removed from any type of frame. ZG Productions does not accept pictures that are in glass frames.
4. If you would like to scan your own photos, slides or mementos please follow these guidelines:
 1. DPI set at 300
 2. Save as a tiff file format.
 3. Place on cd or email as a zip (windows) or sit (Mac)

Doing this allows us to blow up the image without the image becoming pixilated.



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Music Selections

Music Selection

Music selection should be chosen based on category, time period or for instance if the song happens to have lyrics that pertain to the category you choose to put it to.

Remember there are approximately 15 pictures per minute. This is not an exact science - do the best you can. Please be aware that titling can add an additional 8 - 10 seconds per title page.

Common Music Selection Questions

What if the song I like is too long for the pictures I want to use?

1. We can extend the length of each picture up to 6 seconds each (generally better for slower type songs).
2. We can cut out part of the introduction if there is a long lead in, or fade the song out early.
3. You could select more pictures to add to this section.

What if the song I want to use is too short for the pictures I have selected?

1. You can take some pictures out.
2. You could pick another song, so that there are two songs for this section.
3. We can reduce the time on each picture down to 4 seconds each (best for fast songs).

You may need to modify your groupings at this point to start fitting the pictures to the music. You might find it helpful to place the song name on the box or envelope you are using to group the pictures



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Other Amazing Photo/Video Products

Concept Videos

Using the selected theme, we begin with a story line. Once we have developed the story line, we start collecting the necessary files needed to produce the video. We begin creating the story line with a video meeting session. This is a great family bonding moment in which your child becomes the star and your there to root them on. The video session can take approximately 1 to 2 hours depending on the package you reserve with us. We produce the entire video and it is used as the child's introduction for their event. Because of the time and cost of technology, we have priced our concept videos at \$1500 to \$3500.

Commercials

Using the theme you have selected, we can produce a full 30-second or one minute commercial. If your child's theme was Broadway, we would produce the opening night commercial of their newest production coming soon. This package is truly a keepsake. \$850 to \$1100

Movie Trailers

If the theme is Hollywood, we would produce the movie promotional trailer for the film they are starring in.

Custom Photo Introduction.

Using the theme, we will produce a video introduction of your child unlike anything you have ever seen. This package is used for the introduction of the star. It takes us about 2 weeks to build it and the finish product is a one of a kind masterpiece that you can watch for ever. \$500 to \$800

Invitation DVD.

Your child would invite their guests to their event through video. We will shoot the video at your home or our office. Once the video is produced, it will be compressed and placed on DVD and mass-produced for you to send to your guests. \$500 for production - \$5 per DVD includes label and case

Thank You DVD

We will create a thank you card your guests have never seen. We film the event, create a recap, create the DVD and send it to you for your mailing. We can event produce the DVD's for you. \$500 - \$5 per DVD includes label and case

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PACKAGES

<p><u>Package #1</u> \$300</p> <p>Maximum Length: 5 minutes 25-35 photographs 2 songs Intro and conclusion Panning and Zooming Transitions Between Photos DVD with Video case and label</p>	<p><u>Package #2</u> \$500</p> <p>Length: 7-9 minutes 60-80 photographs 3-4 songs Intro and conclusion Panning and Zooming Transitions Between Photos Custom DVD Menu DVD with Video case and label</p>
<p><u>Package #3</u> \$700</p> <p>Maximum Length: 10-12 minutes 100-120 photographs Unlimited songs Photo Animation to photos 3D effects Titles, Panning and Zooming Transitions Between Photos Custom DVD Menu DVD with Video case and label</p>	<p><u>Package #4</u> \$900</p> <p>Maximum Length: 11-15 minutes 150-160 photographs Unlimited songs Photo Animation to photos 3D Effects Titles, Panning and Zooming Transitions Between Photos Custom DVD Menu DVD with Video case and label</p>

Additional Options

Scanning of Photos	\$.50 cents per photo
Adding Video Clips	Price TBA depending on how the footage has to be transferred
Projector & Screen Rental	\$250-\$350
LCD Screen for playback	\$350.00
Add a Voice Message	Price TBA
Rush Order if Available	

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Video Tape to DVD Conversions

Transfer VHS & Camcorder Tapes to DVD



Do you know what's happening to your memories stored on videotapes?

- Your videotapes have already started to degrade, and over the years they may have already faded to the point where they are no longer viewable.
- Each time you view, rewind and fast-forward your videotape, it is slowly breaking down.

How can you preserve and relive those fading memories?

This is where ZG Productions comes in. Let us transfer your videotapes to DVDs and the latest digital formats for you to share with friends and family for generations to come.



Benefits of Videotape to DVD Transfer

Watch your video on your TV, computer,

No more fast-forwarding or rewinding--go directly to your favorite scenes.

No more worries that your videotapes will degrade and your treasured memories will be lost forever.

GO DIGITAL WITH ZG Productions!

When you transfer your memories to digital formats, you preserve them without any further loss in video or audio quality. Having old memories stored on DVD and archived on ensures that your precious memories will be preserved for generations to come.