

Creating a Photography Slideshow

Part 2

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My Opinion About Photography Slideshows

- Photography slideshows are unique in that the presenter and the audience are photographers who want to share their photographs.
- Slideshows of other types and for other audiences will have different purposes and may use different approaches.
- I want to see and present shows that highlight the photographs and give sufficient time to enjoy the photograph.
- Anything that does not support enjoying the photographs is an annoyance.
- Music can enhance the viewing experience.

Outline

- Update to Zoom Advice
- Demo of NCH Software - *Photostage*
- Slideshow Creation in Lightroom Classic

Slideshow Software

- Many choices
- **NCH Software *PhotoStage*** [LINK](#)
 - Pro version \$70 now \$49.99
 - Home \$50 now \$34.99 (cannot insert video clip)
 - Renders 4K video
 - I can vouch for it
- ➡ • Wondershare DVD Slideshow Builder Deluxe suggested by Nock Wong
- ➡ • Lightroom Classic
- Movavi [LINK](#)
 - Yearly subscription
- Photopia [LINK](#)
 - Recommended by Photodex who made Proshow Gold
 - Subscription
- PowerPoint

Zoom

- The presenter shares their screen and the video is played.
- Zoom attempts to share the information on the screen.
- Things that make for a poor experiences are:
 - Internet speed of sender and receiver
 - Zoom overall bandwidth
 - Transitions and effects

Zoom Recommendations

- Record at a high resolution so the presenter has the best image regardless of the resolution of their monitor.
 - Recommend 4K 3840X2160 (aka QHD)
- Attendees can view the video in a less than full screen image.
- Minimize motion in the slideshow
 - No pans or zooms
 - Simple transitions
- Presenters can use the Zoom Video Player for slideshow
- Everyone can turnoff video and audio of themselves

Building a Slideshow

Gather Resources

- Decide on a theme
- Gather photographs
- Sequence the photographs
- Find appropriate music

Put the Show Together

- Start a New Project in *Soundstage*
- Add sequenced slides to the timeline all at once
- Add title slides and text
- Add selected music to the soundtrack
- Synchronize music and slides

Render the Video and Watch It

- Suggest MP4 at 4K (3820 X 2160)
 - PPC Projector is 4K so make use of it.
 - Shows better on Zoom
 - Can be downscaled if needed. Less gratifying to upscale HD.
- Watch the video. You will likely find some problems
 - Sequence doesn't work at one spot.
 - Too many/few slides
 - Title slide and credit side too long/short
- Repeat

Demonstration of
Putting It Together
with NCH Software
Photostage

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