



As the owner of Michigan Digital Image I've been producing slide shows since the mid 1980's. I began creating them for my wife, who is a teacher, for her third grade year end assemblies. That was before computers became a household word. Back then I used slide projectors and cassette tapes. As the abilities of computers expanded and slide show software was developed, I continued to produce shows for every type of event you can imagine; Local Hall of Fame Banquets, Weddings, Memorials, 50 Year Anniversaries, Sweet Sixteen, Graduation open Houses, Sporting Banquets, Retirement Parties, Athena Awards, you name it.

These days the finished product is in DVD format and includes your choice of music faded and timed just right. You can be assured that when your montage is produced by Michigan Digital Image, I will take as much care as if I were creating it for a family member.

Planning Your Show

As you begin to plan the type of show you want for your event, keep this in mind, slide montages fall into two basic categories; a feature presentation to entertain an audience for a short period of time or a continuous looping show as an interesting attraction as people have dinner or cocktails.

As a feature, my suggestion is to keep your show at a maximum of 10 to 12 minutes. Any longer and you tend to lose the interest of the viewer. Six to eight minutes is ideal. I usually leave slides up for 3 to 4 seconds each, and then add a two second transition. This seems to move the show at a nice pace, not too fast but not painfully slow either.

If you do the math a 10 minute show would require about 100 to 120 photos. The formula is simple: 10 minutes= 600 seconds divide by 5 (3 sec. for the photo and 2 for the transition) equals 120 photos. If you divided by 6 you get 100 photos. We also have to figure in the title slides but still, it's a pretty close estimate.

As a background show, the sky is the limit. Most people will watch as they are eating and talking or having cocktails and mingling. You may use any number of slides in this format. It's common for them to last 20 or 30 minutes. You set them on "loop" and it can run all night if you like. Music and title slides are not as important.

Remember, it's your show and my goal is to make you happy so if you have specific ideas, I'm ready to go with them.

Digital slide shows for any occasion!

Weddings

Anniversaries

Graduations

Memorials

Family Reunions

Birthdays

Vacations

Business Functions

Bar Mitzvahs

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