

### the photo montage

- » 75 photos = \$195; for additional photos, add \$1.50 per photo
- » GOLD package = 75 photos included in package, DIAMOND = 150 photos included in package
- » **For each photo you give us that is already scanned, or in digital format, we'll subtract \$0.50 per photo.**
- » The price of the photo montage includes **production** of video only. **We do NOT provide the equipment necessary to present the video.** This must be provided by you, your venue, or via rental through our provider, Party Pleasers DJ.

#### WHAT TYPE OF PHOTO MONTAGE DO YOU WANT TO PRODUCE?

- **Growing up/dating montage** — photos of bride & groom growing up, then as a couple
- **Honeymoon montage** — great way to put your honeymoon photos and video clips together!
- **Incorporate into your wedding film** — include growing up photos and/or photos of you together, along with some vocal narration, to tell the broader story of your lives through your wedding film

#### WHAT WE NEED TO PRODUCE YOUR PHOTO MONTAGE:

1. **Photos** (and short video clips, if desired) in the order you'd like them to appear
2. **Music** for each section of photos
3. **Captions** for each section of video

This guide will help you organize all these materials. Please read and follow these instructions! If you need any assistance at all, please don't hesitate to contact us.

### think about these things as you organize your photos...

—**Shorter is Better.** We've found that photo montages that are between 8 - 12 minutes in length are ideal. This usually works out to about 3 songs and can be anywhere from 75-150 photographs.

—**Choose Quality Photographs.** Photographs that look great printed will also look great while scanned. Photographs that are extremely dark or grainy, while perhaps improved somewhat, will still not appear the best.

—**Choose a Variety of Photographs.** Using a variety of photographs can keep your audience's interest.

—**Landscape Photographs show better than Portrait Photograph.** Given the standard dimensions of television monitors, photographs that are in landscape mode (vertical) as opposed to portrait mode (horizontal) show better on a TV. Portrait photographs will still look good, but will typically have a black border that appears around the photograph.

—**Add Short Video Clips:** Think about adding one or more 10-15 second video clips to your video. Video clips can help break up the montage, and is a good way to keep your audience's interest. These are great on your honeymoon!

### think about these things as you choose your music...

—**The music is as important as the photos!** It sets the tone for the video. Nothing makes for a good video like good song selection! If you have songs that have meaning to you, use them!

—**Use variety!** Slower songs mean more emotion, while faster songs are more fun and exciting. You want a good mix — not all slow and not all fast. If you decide to have 3 sections of video, for example — groom, bride, couple — it's good to start off fast, slow down in the middle, then maybe go in between, or a bit more upbeat, for the final section.

—**Fewer is better!** If you try to use too many songs, it ruins the flow of the video. We prefer **one song per section of photos**, if you're doing a growing up/dating montage. You can do two songs per section if you'd like, but no more than that.

## 1. photo & music instructions

Each photo/video clip will be organized or titled with a number. PLEASE make sure you label everything according to the order in which you'd like it to appear. We're terrible at guessing what photo goes where — you seriously don't want that pic of you at 10 years old coming directly after your 16th birthday party, do you?

### digital photos?

Organize all your photos, songs, and video clips on a CD-R:

- (1) Save each picture (or rename) with a 3-digit number indicating the order that you would like it to appear in the video (i.e. 001.jpg, 002.jpg).
- (2) Put your photos, video clips, and songs for each section in a separate file folder. Number each folder in the correct order for the video.

### scanning your photos? (you'll save \$0.50 per photo if you do!)

Organize all your photos, songs, and video clips on a CD-R:

- (1) Thoroughly clean the scanner with a dry T-shirt or cloth every 5 scans. If the scanner is not cleaned, dust particles and fingerprint smudges will be scanned with the photos. This is especially crucial when using a public scanner at a local photo lab.
- (2) Scan each photo and save it in JPG format. Save each picture with a 3-digit number indicating the order that you would like it to appear in the video (i.e. 001.jpg, 002.jpg).
- (3) Put your photos, video clips, and songs for each section in a separate file folder. Number each folder in the correct order for the video.

**Important!** Set the scanning resolution as high as possible (we recommend setting the resolution at 300 DPI or higher). Photos scanned at a low resolution may appear blurry or "digitized" on your computer screen. Before sending your scanned photo files, carefully examine each one. If the photos are distorted (if they do not look exactly like the original photo), rescan them at a higher resolution. Contact us for more assistance with scanning.

#### **AVOID, if possible!**

- \*Photos that are cut into shapes (circles, hearts, stars, etc.)
- \*Cropping/cutting horizontal photos into vertical photos

### sending your photos to be scanned by us?

- (1) Number each photo in the order you would like it to appear. (Place a numbered sticky note on the BACK of each picture or write the number with a pencil.)
- (2) Place your photos into zip-lock bags labeled by their section.
- (3) Send us a CD-R of music and video clips you wish to use. Make sure to save video clips with a 3-digit number to indicate where in the order you want this clip to appear on your video.

#### **DO NOT:**

- \*Do not send photos that are cut into shapes (circles, hearts, stars, etc).
- \*Do not rely on placing the photos in the correct order in the package as they may shift during shipment.
- \*Do not tape or glue photos together or to sheets of paper.
- \*Do not put sticky notes on the FRONT of your photos - as they will be damaged by the sticky residue.
- \*Do not write captions on the back of photos (see below).

### when recording video clips...

If recording video clips on your honeymoon, keep each clip to 10-20 seconds long, if possible. Use these moments to describe, or “report,” what is currently taking place. Consider describing the day, time, location, how you’re feeling or what you’re doing, etc. The more details you include, the more meaningful it will be to you, and the more entertaining for your viewers. For example, “Here we are at...” or “We’ve been having a great time here at...”

### adding captions...

You can add names, dates, quotes, silly or serious captions, etc. Limit captions to 2 per minute of video. Unless you’re using an important quote or poem, keep your captions short and sweet! Fewer than 10 words works best.

To send us your captions, please type them or email them to us, and label exactly where you want them located in the video. Please check your spelling and your order placement, as we will put everything in the exact order you specify, with the exact spelling you indicate!

For example:

John — June 21, 1981 (*before 001.jpg*)

Jane — December 11, 1983 (*before 028.jpg*)

John and Jane — Together At Last! (*before 054.jpg*)