Creating a Slideshow

Start with your idea. All the slides should share a theme, story or a recent shoot.

Collect all of the necessary slides and put into a folder.

Think about music. Find a song and put it into your folder with the slides.

WINDOWS.

Open your folder, select all the slides, click on Slideshow.

The slideshow will run automatically.

To run it manually, start the slideshow, right click on the first slide and hit Pause.

From then on, you advance the slides by clicking your mouse.

This is a simple way to share photos from a recent trip or shoot.

PS ELEMENTS

Open the Elements organizer.

File > Get Photos and Videos > From Files and Folders

Select the photos > Open

Create > Slideshow > Select a theme > Next

It will run a preview of the slideshow. To stop it, hit Escape.

You are now in the slideshow mode.

You can reorder the slides by clicking on one and dragging it to a new position.

You can Preview the show at any time.

It will add its own music. You can add your music by clicking on Audio > Browse.

Go to Speed: Sync to Music Normal

You can Add Text Slide to make a title for your show.

When finished, Save As: Give it a title, and save. This will save it in the Organizer.

Go to Export > Export to local disk > Give it a name and folder location.

<u>LIGHTROOM</u>

Import your photos.

Select all slides. Right click > Add to Quick Collection

Rearrange slides by clicking on one (or more) and dragging to new position. (Sometimes this works, sometimes it doesn't   ???)

Go to Slideshow screen.

Preview will show a slideshow of your images. Hit Escape to stop.

Left side of the screen are the templates.

Right side of the screen are the options.

Suggested options:

Nothing checked except:

Background Color Black

Intro Screen (Black with no identity plate)

Ending Screen (Black with no identity plate)

Audio. Select Music. Select your music > Open.

Fit to Music. This will adjust the slide duration and the transition duration.

Preview.

Create Saved Slideshow: Give it a name. Create. This saves the slideshow in Lightroom.

On the lower left screen, you can choose Export as PDF, or Export as Video. These will create and save the slideshow in your folder for use outside Lightroom.

PHOTOSHOP

There are two ways to make a slideshow. One is quick and dirty. The other is technical, very comprehensive and not intuitive.

"Quick and Easy" – Open PhotoShop, File > Browse in Bridge

Go to your folder > Select your photos. View > Slideshow. It will run a slideshow. Use Escape to stop it.

View > Slideshow Options. Here are suggested options:

Zoom Back and Forth – OK

Slide Duration 2 sec.

Caption > Off

When Presenting, Show Slides: Scaled to Fit

Transition: Dissolve

Transition Speed: Slower

View > Slideshow

These option settings will remain until changed.

No option for audio.

No option for saving slideshow.

Slideshow #2.

Select your slides in Bridge.   Tools > Photoshop > Load files into Photoshop layers.

In Photoshop, Select > All Layers

Window > Timeline

In the Timeline Panel, Click on Create Video Timeline

In the Timeline Panel, click the Filmstrip icon > New Video Group From Clips

More ……..

PROSHOW GOLD

This is the program of choice for making great slideshows. Photodex.com

This program is sold for $69.95. A trial version can be downloaded to try.

I have version 2. The newest is version 8.

Open Proshow Gold.

File > New Show > give it a name

Folders List > Select folder > Select all slides

Drag slides down to timeline (Slide)

NOTICE each slide has a duration time. Each transition has a duration time.

Click on the duration time to change it.

Click on the transition to change it.

Click on the transition time to change it.

To rearrange slides: Click on one (or more) and drag to new position

Add music: Click on the song in the folder, and drag it down to the timeline below the slides.

Preview > Click on the green arrow button. Watch the timeline indicator move along the timeline.

To stop, click escape.

To add blank slides at the beginning and end: Slide > Insert > Blank slide

To sync the music with the show: Audio > Sync show to audio.

To save the slideshow in Proshow Gold, File > Save (Save as).

To save the show for use outside of Proshow Gold, Create > Choose type of output. I like Executable.