Pro Show Slideshow Workflow

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In General, The Menus across the top of the screen, are almost the same as the Icons just below the menus.

1. Process all images you want to use in the show, before hand and put in folder. If any slides require text, I prefer to add this in Photoshop. You can apply text in Pro Show, but if you apply a slide style, the text moves separately.

2. Start new show. 1st slide- insert blank slide by right clicking in the slide space. 2nd slide-insert a title slide by doing the same. This will be a blank slide that you put text on, or you may put your own slide in with text already added. Next add all your images in the order you chose.

3. After all images are placed in your show, you can all an end slide to say Thanks for watching, or give credit to music, or whatever. Then end with a blank slide to fade out. At this time, I make any adjustments in time lengths for viewing slides. If there is text that needs to be read, I add a few seconds for that particular slide.

4. Add Slide Styles, which you select individually. Double click on the image. In far left column, click on "Slide Style" and try some variations by clicking on it, and then watching the preview to see if you like it. If all good, click to apply, then hit ok. If you don't like something you did, go back and repeat, and click on "no style"-apply-ok. Add transitions, either by choosing each one yourself by clicking in the transition box, or by doing it randomly, Slide>Randomize>Transitions.

5. Add Music. *My preference is to click on the Music Icon and not the "Audio" word. To make the Music Timeline active, hit the Tab button. Now the music timeline is large and the slide timeline is small. Now all adjustments will be done here for the music. To add a soundtrack, click the Plus sign on the left column. "Add sound file", will let you pick music from your computer. The 'Music Library", will offer you music within the program to choose from. I never use "Media Source", but you can check that out too.

*In the upper right corner of your screen, It tells you how many slides in total are in your show, the length of time the complete show is, and the length of your audio track. This is how you know how long your music needs to be for the show. Maybe you only need one piece of music, or you may need a few pieces, or to duplicate a piece. Then you may need to blend them for a smooth transition from one song to the next, and fade in and fade out.

Pro Show has much more to offer, and you can get very creative with so much more, however this basic workflow will give you a really nice show without too much trouble. This is a pretty user-friendly program!

The finished product needs to be "Published". This means to create a self-contained show appropriate for the item you would like it to be viewed on.
In the drop down menu under "Publish" in the top menu, click- video for web, devices, and computers. It will probably be the most common one used. It will create a MPEG-4, which can be viewed pretty much anywhere.

*For club use, this can be put on a flash drive to put on the club laptop. You can also burn a Video cd, if you have that capability.

This is to get you started...if help is needed, please don't hesitate to ask!