

## **Creating a Slideshow in Final Cut Pro** **By Serena Carpenter**

**This handout assumes that you understand basic editing in FCP, but do not know how to create a slideshow in FCP. The process of creating a slideshow in FCP allows for more flexibility and control, however it requires more work than software such as Soundslides.**

### **1. Photographs**

1. Crop photographs, if necessary, and put them in a folder
2. In FCP, import Folder
3. Edit your audio and photographs in the timeline in FCP

### **2. No Captions (Eliminate black bars surrounding the photo)**

1. After placing clips on the timeline, place playhead over specific clip in the timeline, double-click clip/photograph. It should appear in the Viewer (sprocket film strip indicates that it is the clip from the time line).
2. Select the Motion tab in the Viewer.
3. Select scale and adjust the size of photograph until it fills the screen
4. Select clip that you adjusted in the timeline
5. Edit > copy
6. Select all of the rest of the clips
7. Edit > Paste attributes

### **OR**

### **2. Slideshow with Captions**

\* You should adjust the size of photographs before applying a colored background. Follow the previous instructions to adjust the size of photograph. You can also adjust the positioning of the photograph in the Motion tab by selecting Center. You should see a + sign in the Canvas window. Use your mouse to adjust the placement of the photograph in the Window.

### **Create a frame around the photograph**

1. Select all of your photos on the timeline
2. Drag photos to V2 (Video track 2)
3. In the Browser, select the Effects tab
4. Video generator > Matte
  - a. You can also select Render for gradient or other designed backgrounds
5. Double-click color
6. Drag color from the Viewer to V1 (Video track 1)
7. In the Viewer window, select the Controls tab
8. Double-click the colored square to choose background color. Black is usually best because you want people to read your captions.

### **Add captions to your photographs**

1. Add a V3 track by right clicking the solid grey area in the timeline above track V2
2. In Browser window, go to Effects tab > Text > Text
3. Drag text from Viewer window to track V3 above the photo you want to caption
4. In the Viewer window, go to the Controls tab
5. Type desired caption in the large text box.
6. Select Origin button, position the + in the Canvas to move text below your photo
7. Repeat this process for each caption you would like to write to a photograph