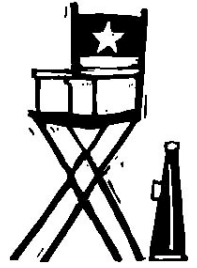


# The Director in the Classroom

## Editing with Pinnacle Studio – a very Quick Guide



### 1. Importing footage from your DV camcorder

- ❑ Connect the small end of the Firewire cable to your DV camcorder
- ❑ If you have a laptop, connect the other small end to the Firewire port
- ❑ If you have a desktop, connect the larger part of the cable to the Firewire port on the back of your computer
- ❑ Turn your camcorder on and switch to VCR or playback mode
- ❑ Launch Studio and click on the “1: Capture” tab
- ❑ Use the device control buttons on the camcorder interface in Studio to rewind your tape (note: no pressing of buttons on the camcorder needed – how cool!)
- ❑ Select capture settings (preview quality, DV full quality, MPEG full quality)
- ❑ Click “Capture” button and name your project
- ❑ As video is captured automatic scene detection is breaking up the video into small scenes represented by thumbnails in the video album
- ❑ When you are done capturing, click “Stop” and move on

### 2. Assembling the footage

- ❑ Click on the “2: Edit” tab
- ❑ To preview a scene double click on it in the video album and see preview in monitor on top left of interface. Or use the controls in the preview monitor.
- ❑ Find scenes and drag them to the timeline below into the track with the camcorder icon.
- ❑ Drag as many scenes as you need right-click on scene in timeline to delete. Rearrange order by dragging clips to desired location
- ❑ To view assembled clips, double-click on first clip in timeline or use controls in the preview monitor

### 3. Adding audio (background music, voice over narration, sound effects)

- ❑ For sound effects, click on the speaker icon tab (fifth tab) on the left side of the video album. Then select sound effect and drag to corresponding track on timeline
- ❑ For CD music, click on “Toolbox” in top menu and select “Add CD music”. Then insert CD into CD-Rom drive and pick track for video
- ❑ For voice-over narration, click on “Toolbox” in top menu and select “Record voice-over”. Then plug microphone into soundcard in, press “record”, wait for countdown and start speaking into microphone.
- ❑ For digital background music, click on “Toolbox” in top menu and select “Generate Background Music”. Then select “Style”, “Song” and “Version” and click “Add to Movie”.

#### 4. Adding transitions (2D and 3D)

- ❑ Click on the transition tab (second tab) on the left side of the video album.
- ❑ Select transition style from drop-down menu and preview transition by clicking on it
- ❑ Drag transition between scenes on timeline
- ❑ To preview transition on clip, use the controls in the preview monitor to go back to beginning and press play

#### 5. Adding titles

- ❑ Click on title tab (third tab) on the left side of video album
- ❑ Select pre-made title and drag on top of video track (stand alone title) or title track (overlay title on top of video)
- ❑ Double-click title to modify and edit. Click on “Ok” in the bottom right corner to accept the changes and go back to editing timeline
- ❑ Drag title anywhere on timeline to synchronize with video

#### 6. Making your Movie (different formats)

- ❑ Click on the “3: Make Movie” tab
- ❑ Click on the “Tape” tab to send your project back to the camcorder. The project will now render. Once finished, you can play the movie out to tape. The firewire cable will control your DV camcorder and automatically record the movie.
- ❑ To save your movie to the hard drive for websites, video email, or presentations, select “AVI”, “MPEG”, “Stream”, or “Share”
- ❑ To burn a DVD, click on “Disc” tab and burn the movie to VCD, SVCD, or DVD.