

Software Review: muvee autoProducer 3

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Great Software Gets Added Features

Last year I had the privilege of introducing muvee autoProducer to a new generation of budding home video editors and enthusiasts. For 2004, muvee Technologies (www.muvee.com) has raised the bar admirably with the all new muvee autoProducer 3. To refresh your memories, muvee autoProducer's purpose is to instantly and painlessly transform your home videos into a masterpiece. It accomplishes this feat by automatically doing the editing process for you—complete with stunning transitions in time to the music of your choice.

All New In autoProducer 3

Listen up as I describe the new features of muvee autoProducer 3. Don't have a video camera or home movies? No problem—the new version supports digital still snaps in JPEG, GIF, and BMP formats. Plus, you can blend the stills with your favorite video footage. In prior versions of autoProducer there was no way to add additional styles, but in autoProducer 3 there is now support for "Plug-In" styles. This means if the 24 provided styles are not enough for you, just download additional plug-in style packs for a nominal price. Another nicety is the ability to work with MPEG-2 file formats which are DVD compatible. WMA music files are also supported in addition to your MP3 collection and WAV files. They even added volume control to the main interface to help you work with your masterpiece.

Take It Out For A Test Drive

Go to www.muvee.com and click on "Products" to download the free trial version of muvee autoProducer (fully functional except there will be the muvee demo watermark through your video, and MPEG-2 is not supported). Just follow the simple directions until you get to the really fun part... "Select Style" from the drop down menu of 24 style types. They run the gamut from music videos, to fire, to slow motion. Next, you "Add Caption" (if you desire) for the start and ending sequence and that is it! The next two buttons let you create the movie based on your selections and finally save your movie. You can save it for computer playback, email, or webstreaming.

It's All Automatic!

That's because muvee autoProducer 3 does all the work for you. The results will be a professional video production complete with custom transition effects, fades, and synchronized music. Best of all, you can preview the whole shebang right in the main interface window! You can rearrange and undo things until you are satisfied prior to saving. muvee autoProducer 3 is going to be sizzling hot, hot, hot for 2004! By the way

autoProducer has won several industry awards and voted “Best of 2003” by PC Magazine.

Pricing and Requirements:

muvee autoProducer 3 is \$49.95. If you have autoProducer 2 the upgrade price is \$29.95. If you own the later autoProducer “DVD Edition” the upgrade price is only \$19.95. For all the details and product tour, please visit www.muvee.com. Reviewed on Alienware Area 51 computer.

System Requirements:

- 550 MHZ Pentium III, AMD K-6, or equivalent processor with MMX support
- 128 MB RAM
- 16 MB video RAM

Operating systems supported are Win 98 SE, Win ME, Windows 2000, Win XP.

Note: muvee autoProducer requires Microsoft DirectX 9.0 or later to be installed.