

Not knowing where you're going makes it hard to get there!

End product requirements:

1. Show list of each chapter's entries with titles and maker's names (Eleven chapters, ten images per chapter)
2. Show 110 images whose original resolution is 1024 x 768
3. Show individual winners
4. Show starting & ending credits
5. Background music! (Must be pleasant, but not intrusive)
6. Playable on Macs, Windows computers, & Televisions

Attack Plan

1. Photoshop
 - a. Make template in PS, sized to 1280 x 960 (4:3 ratio) for pix that shows title (bold italic) and maker (bold)
 - b. Make template in PS, sized to 1280 x 960 (4:3 ratio) for lists
 - c. Put each image into a copy of the template
 - d. Make a list image for each of the eleven chapters, with top three showing placing and total points
 - e. Make special files for individual awards showing award
2. GarageBand
 - a. Decide how long each image should be shown & how long each section should be so all sections fit easily on a standard DVD
 - b. Make the music
3. iMovie
 - a. One project for each section
 - i. Intro
 - ii. Host chapter
 - iii. Competing chapters
 - iv. Individual awards
 - v. Thanks & credits
 - b. Export a movie for each section
4. iDVD
 - a. Choose theme
 - b. Decide how to handle each section
 - c. Bring in the movies
 - d. Save as disk image to make the eleven DVDs
5. Discus
 - a. Design the disk label for printing on each DVD

Problems to Be Overcome

1. The needed PS work is tedious, but easy.
2. The "safe" zone for television is smaller than standard resolutions for personal computers. (Resolved by ignoring this and making things look right on computers)
3. iMovie 08 won't open QuickTime movies! (Why not?) This means that the individual movies must be made in iMovie, not another program such as Photo to Movie.
4. Learn how to use iMovie 08 (Easy but tedious)
5. Learn how to use iDVD 08 (Simple!)
6. Learn how to use GarageBand (This consumed the most time and nearly made the project late)