

# Final Cut Pro Project Start

## START

- 1) Turn DVCAM deck on. Make sure the DVCAM input is set to "Input DV".
- 1b) If using an external firewire hard drive, connect cable and turn on.
- 2) Open Final Cut Pro.
- 3) If opening Final Cut Pro for the first time, the "Choose Setup" window appears. Click the OK button.
- 4) Go to the "File" menu and choose "Save Project As..."
- 5) Name your project in the "Save As" dialogue box.
- 6) In the "Where" pop-up menu, choose "Desktop".
- 7) Click the "Save" button.

## SETTING SCRATCH DISK PREFERENCES

- 7) Go to the "Final Cut Pro" menu, and choose "System Settings".
- 8) The "Scratch Disks" tab opens at the top of the "System Settings" window
- 9) Click the top "Set" button located to the right of the blue check boxes.
- 10) In the "Choose a Folder" window, click on the hard drive icon called "SCRATCH ##" or your external firewire drive, located in the left hand column.
- 11) Click the "New Folder" button in the lower left corner.
- 12) Name your folder using some form of your name, but don't use your Athena name.
- 13) Click the "Create" button.
- 14) With your new folder highlighted, click the "Choose" button.
- 15) Back in the "System Settings" window, click the "Set" button next to "Waveform Cache:"
- 16) In the "Choose a Folder" window, click on the pop-up menu at the top middle of the window and choose the folder that you created in step 12.
- 17) Repeat steps 15 and 16 for the "Thumbnail Cache: Set" and "Autosave Vault Set" buttons.
- 18) Set the "Minimum Allowable Free Space On Scratch Disks:" dialogue box to 5000MB.
- 19) Click "OK" at the bottom right of the "System Settings" window.

## LOGGING AND CAPTURING

- 1) Go to the "File" menu and choose "Log and Capture".
- 2) Put your tape into the DVCam deck.
- 3) In the "Reel:" dialogue box near the top right of the "Log and Capture" window, type in a name for your tape
- 4) Control your tape with the VCR buttons at the bottom of the "Log and Capture" window.
- 5) Preview your footage to decide which parts you want to capture.
- 6) Rewind to approximately 5 seconds before the footage you want to capture.
- 7) In the Logging tab on the right side of the Log and Capture window, fill in the "Description:" field with an appropriate title.
- 8) While your footage is playing, click the "Now" button at the lower right of the "Log and Capture" window to start capturing your footage from the tape to the computers hard drive.
- 9) To stop capturing, press the "escape" key located at the upper left corner of your computer keyboard.
- 10) A new clip will appear in the browser window

## TIPS

- Try to create clips that are between 15 seconds and 3 minutes.
- Try to give your clips names that indicate the content of the clip.
- Renaming a clip after you digitize it can create media management problems.