

OPENING CURTAIN EFFECT

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1. First make a new folder on your desk top, into which put ALL the images that you will require in this tutorial. You will need a set of curtains, a curtain pelmet and an image that you want to see when the curtains are parted. Please see figures No. 1 - 2 - 3, if you would like to use mine.



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 1

2. If Proshow Producer is not open on your desk top, open it now.
3. Navigate to the folder that you have your images in. (Folder List).
4. You will now see them displayed under the folder list.
5. Right click in the first box on the Slide line. From the menu that is presented select Insert Blank slide. You will then be given a blank black slide by default.
6. Now click and drag the image that is to appear when the curtains are parted, onto the second square on the slide line. In my case it is the photo of my daughter.
7. Hold down the ctrl key and now drag two of the curtain images, and one of the pelmet, it is important that you drag the images in the order that I have told you.
8. Now double left click on this second slide, and you will be taken to slide options.
9. From the options on the left select Motion. This will change the screen to Motion effects screen.
10. At the top left of the screen find the down pointing arrow next under the Selected Layer box, left click on the arrow will allow you to see all the layers you have. Select layer 2, which is one of the curtain layers.
11. Under the heading Starting Position enter 50 into the left box next to the word Pan.
12. On the Right under Ending Position enter 85 in the left box next to the Smooth, and 0 in the right box.
13. Once again now go to the top left under Selected Layer. Click on the down pointed arrow, and select the other curtain layer - layer 3.
14. Under Starting position in the top left pan box enter -50, in the right box enter 0.
15. Now under Ending Position enter -85 in the first box next to smooth, and 0 in the right box.

16. In the two pictures you will now see that you have the left picture with curtains closed, and on the right the curtains open. Click on the white arrow in the green button at the bottom left, this will play what you have done.
 17. In the center of the two pictures at the bottom is the word COPY. Left click on this and from the menu select "Copy End to Next Slide (all layers)." Your screen may flicker for a moment, but nothing appears to have happened, until you click DONE at the bottom right.
 18. You are now back in the main work area, and you have now 1. black blank slide 2 and 3 slides that look identical.
 19. Change the time for slide one (the blank slide) to 0. Slide 2 to 6, and slide 3 to 1.
 20. Leave the first and last transition times at 3. But change the middle one to 0.
 21. Now press play and watch your creation.
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There are many ways to produce an opening curtain effect, this has just been one of them. Is it the best way? Try it then ask yourself. It has been designed for the very beginner in using Producer. A fun way to learn quickly, and produce something at the end. I hope you will enjoy using Proshow Producer.

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