

Digital Photography Reviews SoundPix!

Adding Sound: A Simple Three-Step Process

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Make your digital stills sing with a new program that can add sound to your images so easily that you'll wonder why no one's thought of it before.

Up until now, viewing and sharing digital still pictures has pretty much been a silent visual experience. But, using SoundPix Plus, you can add the exciting and compelling element of sound to your digital images. Here's a closer look.

The Plus Package

SoundPix Plus (\$39.95 MSRP) is a PC Windows-only program that you can download from the SoundPix Web site, www.soundpix.com. A version to be available from retail stores is also planned. SoundPix Plus supports the JPEG image format that digital cameras produce, and the unique aspect of the SoundPix software is that the added sound is embedded in a JPEG copy of the original image. This new "sound-embedded" JPEG can be shared with others when the sound part is extracted by means of a SoundPix plug-in that works with your Web-browsing software.

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SoundPix has simplified the creation of sound-embedded JPEGs into an easy to use step by step process. Each of three steps is presented as a button on the lower part of the SoundPix Plus graphical user interface, or GUI.

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Did I like using SoundPix Plus? You bet I did! Never before has sound enhancement of digital still images become so simple and fun to use. If you have a digicam with a sound annotation feature, you're going to love SoundPix Plus. Even if you don't, you can still add voice commentary or music once the images are in your computer. And, sharing these sound-enhanced images is a snap with the built-in Send e-Mail tool. I predict that the "good old days" of enjoying digital still images in silence is coming to a rapid and deserved end.