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Aris Entertainment's Media Clips (TM) Series

Aris Entertainment's Media Clips series provides you with quality entertainment and content at affordable prices. The finest artists provide their best work for you to use in your multimedia presentations without royalties.

The Best of Media Clips (TM)

The pick of the pics! 50 photos and sounds selected from these hot-selling **Media Clips** CDs:

Island Designs (Vintage Aloha & Batik Designs), Full Bloom, Business Backgrounds, Jets & Props, Majestic Places, Money, Money, Money!, World View, and **Wild Places**. Photos are available in the following PC file formats:

- * 640 x 480 24-bit .TIFF
- * 640 x 480 8-bit .BMP
- * 320 x 240 8-bit .BMP
- * 640 x 480 8-bit .PCX

Sounds are available in the .WAV format.

Limited-Use Rights

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Troubleshooting Tips

The on-screen pictures are poor in quality

I get a message saying my sound card isn't responding

Sounds break up

The on-screen pictures are poor in quality

Windows is probably in 16-color mode. All on-screen images were meant to be displayed in 256 colors. Try the following:

- * See the documentation that came with your video card to make sure it is capable of displaying 256 colors at 640 x 480 pixels. Your card must have a minimum of 512k video RAM to do so.
- * When you're sure that your card has the above capabilities, run the **Windows Setup** program and load the appropriate 256-color driver. If none of the listed drivers are compatible with your video card, you will need to provide an OEM disk that contains the driver. Such a disk probably came with your video card. If it didn't, try getting one from the card's manufacturer, the place where you bought it, or **Aris Entertainment's MPC Wizard (TM) CD**.

I get a message saying my sound card isn't responding

1) You may not have an **MPC**-Compatible sound card installed in your computer. Try the following:

- * Check to see whether your audio card's documentation states that it is **MPC**-compatible and supports waveform audio (.WAV) playback. A few such cards are:
 1. Sound Blaster (TM) and Sound Blaster Pro (TM)
 2. Media Vision's Pro Audio Spectrum (TM) series and ThunderBoard (TM)
 3. Ad Lib (TM) and Ad Lib Gold (TM)
 4. ATI's Stereo F/X (TM)
 5. Cards that are fully compatible with any of the above.

2) You may not have the correct sound driver installed. Try the following:

- * When you're sure that you have a compatible sound card, check your documentation for the name of the appropriate waveform sound driver. (Note that this driver is different from one you may have installed for your non-Windows programs.) Then check to see whether the driver is installed by running the Windows program called **Control Panel** (not to be confused with this program's Control Panel). When **Control Panel** is running, double-click the **Drivers** icon. If your driver is listed, then it's installed. To check the driver's settings, select it, then click the **Setup** button.

If your driver is not installed, click the **New** button to add it. You will need to provide a disk that contains the driver if none of the listed drivers are compatible with your sound card. Such a disk probably came with the card. If it didn't, try getting one from the card's manufacturer, the place where you bought it, or **Aris Entertainment's MPC Wizard (TM) CD**.

3) You may have other waveform sound programs running that are conflicting with **The Best of Media Clips**. If this is the case, try the following:

- * Exit the other program(s). You can load them again when you're finished using **The Best of Media Clips**.

4) There may be a conflict between **The Best of Media Clips** and MS-DOS 4.x. If you are running under MS-DOS 4.0, try the following:

- * Upgrade to MS-DOS 5.0 or greater.

5) Microsoft makes available a driver called SPEAKER.DRV that plays back Windows system sounds through the PC's internal speaker without extra sound hardware. As of this writing, SPEAKER.DRV will NOT work with **The Best of Media Clips**.

Sounds break up

1) Your CD-ROM drive's data transfer rate may not be compatible with the Windows multimedia standard. Try the following:

- * Check to see whether your CD-ROM drive's documentation states that it is **MPC**-compatible. An **MPC**-compatible drive must have a data-transfer rate of 150 kilobytes per second or greater.

2) The amount of buffer memory that Windows allots for playing waveform audio may be insufficient. Try the following:

- * Run the Windows program called **Control Panel** (not to be confused with this program's Control Panel), then double-click the **Drivers** icon. Select the **[MCI] Sound** driver, then click the **Setup** button. Change the buffering time to 9 seconds.

3) The buffer for your CD-ROM drive may be insufficient. Try the following:

- * When loading the file MSCDEX.EXE, increase its /M parameter to between 12 and 20. MSCDEX.EXE is probably loaded from your AUTOEXEC.BAT, so go into the latter with a text editor (like Notepad) and make the change.



Slide Show

Click this button to see a continuously-looping slide show of all 50 pictures displayed one after another, beginning with the next one. A dialog box asks you whether you want to view the small (typically 320 x 240 pixel) pictures, or the large (typically 640 x 480 pixel) ones. Choose the size by clicking the appropriate button. Accompanying each picture is the sound clip that goes with it. You can stop the slide show at any time by clicking anywhere on the screen or pressing the **Esc** key.



Picture Information

Click this button to see a description of the picture you're viewing. Click the button again to dismiss the description.



Save a File

Click this button to save the picture you're viewing--or the sound clip that accompanies it--to another drive. A dialog box asks you to choose the file type that you want. Choose **Small 8-bit .BMP** to save a 320 x 240 x 256-color picture in the standard Windows .BMP format. Choose **Large 8-bit .BMP** to save a 640 x 480 x 256-color picture in the same format. Choose **8-bit .PCX** to save a 640 x 480 x 256-color picture in the standard DOS .PCX format. Choose **24-bit .TIF** to save a 640 x 480 true-color copy of the picture.

A save dialog box appears. Enter the name and destination directory for the file, or accept the default. Then click the **OK** button to save the file.

 **Help**

Click this button to bring up on-line **Help** (the document you're now reading). To learn how to use **Help**, click the **Help** menu and choose **How to Use Help**.



First Picture

Click this button to view the first picture in the series and hear the sound clip that accompanies it.



Previous Picture

Click this button to view the previous picture in the series and hear the sound clip that accompanies it.



Picture Picker

Click this button to see one screen containing thumbnail images of all 50 pictures on the **The Best of Media Clips** disc. Click on any image to view the regular (320 x 240) picture and hear the sound clip that accompanies it. If you decide not to pick a picture, click **Return** to go back to the **Control Panel**.



Next Picture

Click this button to view the next picture in the series and hear the sound clip that accompanies it.



Last Picture

Click this button to view the last picture in the series and hear the sound clip that accompanies it.



Play Sound

Click this button to repeat the sound clip that accompanies the picture you're viewing. Whenever a sound clip is playing, this button stays depressed.



Find Text

Click this button to search the picture descriptions for a character, word, phrase, or part of a word. After clicking this button, a dialog box appears. Type in the text you want to search for.

The question mark and asterisk are "wild cards." A question mark substitutes for any single character. For example, if you enter the text

m?n

valid matches might be

men, man, women, harmony, win, won, calm night (because the space counts as one character), etc.

An asterisk substitutes for zero or more characters. For example, if you enter the text

m*n

valid matches might be any of those for **m?n** above, plus any of the following:

moon, home for the night, insomnia, etc.

When the search is completed, the names of all the pictures whose descriptions match the search text appear at the top left of the screen. Click a picture name to see the picture, read its description, and hear the sound clip that accompanies it.



Show Large Picture

Click this button to see a 640 x 480 pixel image of the picture you're viewing, as well as hear the sound clip that accompanies it. Click anywhere on the screen to dismiss the image and return to the regular-size picture.



Exit Program

Click this button to exit **The Best of Media Clips**.