Private Magazine 3

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Welcome to the Private Magazine 3, just one of many full length movies, photo discs, and interactive adventures available from New Machine Publishing.

Please glance over these paragraphs, and if you have any questions call us!

INSTALLATION:

PROGRAM

Private Magazine 3 requires Apple's QuickTime for Windows, which is included on the disc.

To install, run the **INSTALL.EXE** program on the CD-ROM. The installation is noninvasive and consists only of creating a program group and icons in the Program Manager which point to the CD-ROM drive applications.

Simply click on the Private Magazine 3 icon in the New Machine Publishing program group to start. Allow 5-30 seconds to load depending on your system- keep your eye on the drive light.

OPERATION

The Right arrow button is the chapter advance button.
To go back to a previous chapter hit the Left arrow button.
The chapter currently playing is indicated in the little display window to the left of the Left button.

The middle button with the speaker diagram is the mute button. Use it to toggle the sound on and off.

The movie controllers at the base of the movie screen are used to pause, skip ahead, loop, resize, step through individual movie frames, control the movie sound volume, fast-forward, or "super-slow-mo"!

To hide the movie controls while viewing, just click on the "flipped- down panel" below the controls, indicated by a blue triangle below the fast-forward button. You may also click anywhere on the active movie screen.

The red "!" button is the panic button. Hit it to hide and minimize the program's window. Double-Click on the program's icon in the lower left side of the screen to restore the window.

The round Up arrow button is the Eject button. Use it to end the movie and quit the program.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:

To view the movie you should have a 386 or better CPU with 8-bit (256 color) or better graphics, a sound card, Microsoft Windows 3.1 and DOS 5.0, and a mouse. Your PC should have at least 4MB of RAM, and a CD-ROM drive.

Systems with only 4MB RAM probably require a permanent swapfile of at least 9996K to obtain satisfactory response time. This can be accomplished with Control Panel|386|Virtual Memory. The virtual memory manager may claim that Windows will not use any swapfile space beyond what is recommended. This is not always true. As a general rule, you can experiment with swapfiles from twice to three times the amount of real RAM. If you start to experience obviously extended periods of hard disk access bogging down the system ("thrashing"), the swapfile should be made smaller. 32-bit disk access speeds things up a little.

For viewing digital video a 16-bit (32,000) color video adapter is recommended. An 8-bit display also looks good. These QuickTime for Windows movies have been optimized for 8- and 16-bit video.

TIPS
Be sure Windows is using a display driver that will provide 256 colors (or higher). This product is not designed for 16-color displays (e.g., the standard Windows VGA driver). If your colors look like kindergarten, run Windows Setup to install the display driver provided by your video card manufacturer that supports 256 colors.

Certain high-resolution video cards may require updated driver software for correct operation of QuickTime for Windows. Please contact your video board manufacturer to see if newer driver software is available.

Operation will be a little faster, the video window will be physically largest, and best results are expected, if you use 640x480 resolution rather than anything higher. If you operate Private Magazine 3 in 1024x768 resolution, you may find that the "small fonts" driver works better than the "large fonts" driver (or, less frequently, vice versa, depending who wrote the drivers).

If you have problems reading any of your CD-ROMs check the CD-ROM for any scratches or finger prints. Use a soft cloth to wipe from the center to the edge. CD-ROMs are more vulnerable to damage than audio CDs, so always place them in the jewel box or CD caddies whenever possible.

Video play is improved by caching from the CD-ROM drive. The DOS 6.2 version of Smart Drive includes a CD cache which works well. To use it, start smartdrv.exe from your autoexec.bat *and* include the following line in your config.sys file:
device=c:\dos\smartdrv.exe /double_buffer
Consult your DOS manual for more information.

Private Magazine 3 uses a lot of Windows memory and resources. As it is with almost any Windows application, not all of these are completely restorable to the system during and following execution. Performance is best when Private Magazine 3 is the first and only program running after starting Windows.

Color conflicts can be caused by your wallpaper. If the program loads up in the wrong colors, simply quit, set the wallpaper to [none] in Windows|Control-Panel|Desktop and run again.

HARDWARE NOTES
ATI's "Crystal Fonts" mode is not supported. Change the Video driver to a lower resolution.

Should you have a problem with a Sony CD-ROM drive (such as the CDU-31A which ships with many Gateway multimedia systems) which uses the SLCD.SYS driver, you should get an update from them if you have any version prior to 1.71A. Our photo discs (non-video products) work fine with the old drivers.

If memory managers such as QEMM or 386 MAX are used and the program does not work, sometimes the creation of a system boot disk which loads only the necessary devices, all loaded low, will fix the problem.

If you have a **Packard Bell** System with a Headland Technology Video Card, your system's video may look displaced or elongated. This is because the Headland Technology drivers are incompatible with QuickTime. One of two things can be done:
   1) Call Microsoft and get the Microsoft 640X480 256 color driver and hope you have the 1MB video card on your system. If you have the 512k card then this option will not help you.
   2) Get a new video card. The Headland Technology card, while compatible with some video, is not compatible with all. Cards proven compatible such as the Trident, Diamond or Cirrus video cards are rather affordable, and provide compatible drivers on included diskettes.

The ATI Mach 64 video card also has a problem with Quicktime.
If you have a Mach 64 video card and experience a General Protection Fault in module GDI.EXE then you must get the new updated drivers from ATI for your video card. The people at ATI are more than happy to give them out.
ATI Tech Support (905) 882-2626

The Trident 9400 series video cards are also known to have problems with Quicktime.
If you have a Trident 9400 video card and experience a General Protection Fault in module CXITLV.DRV then you must get the new updated drivers from Microsoft for your video card. The super VGA drivers from Microsoft are in a self-extracting ZIP'ed file called SVGA.EXE found on the Microsoft BBS in the Windows section.
Microsoft BBS (206) 936-6735

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