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A World Premier Written for the Renaissance Broadway Series



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Remember Me Always: High School Yearbook 1977, was written by Artistic Director Michael Thomas to premiere during the Broadway series at the Renaissance. Michael Thomas returns to the Mansfield area, where he got his start over 30 years ago. He divides his time between his projects at the Renaissance and his work as a screenwriter, television writer, playwright, actor and musical director in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and London. With over 35 major motion pictures to his credit, as well as countless television shows, including the Emmy-winning *30 Rock*, Michael is also director of the Renaissance

Young Playwright's Unit, writer/director of *Sentimental Journey: Voices of World War II*, *Remember Me Always: High School Yearbook 1977*, *Freedom Road: The Underground Railroad Project* and *The Unforaetable Marvelenes*.

Keeping Memories Alive

Keeping memories can be tricky. Parts can be lost, days run into each other and details get blurred. But there are a few ways to help keep a good memory of our lives.

1. Keep a journal: Every couple of days or so, jot down some notes on what you did, things that happened and anything worth remembering.
2. Take lots of pictures: With digital cameras, it's easy to snap away.
3. Souvenirs: Hang on to postcards, vacation trinkets and even hotel room keys – just make sure to label everything so you know where it came from.
4. Tell stories: The best way to preserve memories is to pass them on.

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How to Restore Old Photographs


We all have old photos sitting around the house that we would love to spruce up and keep safe. And while expensive programs like Adobe Photoshop or Microsoft Picture It can do wonders for your old photos, there are other options as well. If you have a computer, then you most likely have a generic "Paint" program. With even a generic Paint program, we can erase scratches, white spots, watermarks and even coffee stains.

This photo (from hypergurl.com) is nearly 30 years old and was touched up with ease.




Step 1


Open your image in Paint Shop.

Select the Magnifying Tool  and zoom in by left clicking on the image at a trouble spot, zoom in as far as you can. You will use this Magnifying Tool a lot while touching up your images. Zoom in and out often to check the progress of your work.

Step 2

Click the Eye-Drop Tool  and click an area near the trouble spot. Select a spot that is the same color that the trouble spot should be. The closer you get to the correct color, the better the correction will look.

Step 3

Click the Pencil Tool  and click on damaged areas. This will re-color that area with the same color that the eye-drop tool selected.

Step 4

Repeat this process as many times as needed to correct all areas. Select a new color with the eye-drop tool as often as needed. When you're finished, zoom back out and see a newly restored picture. Make sure to save often, especially with pictures that need lots of work.