

Fireworks



Fireworks looks great in pictures and it really isn't that hard to get fantastic fireworks pictures. But forget all about standing with your camera in our hands. Use a tripod, short focal length, low ISO, long shuttertimer and remember: Protection glasses for yourself - always.

The recipe is:

Use focal length between 20mm and 50mm. You need to catch rackets etc. on a wide part of the night sky.

Place the camera on your tripod. Point the lens to the part of the sky where you expect the fireworks to come. Tripod is needed, you are going to use a loooooong shuttertime.

Chose Manuel on your camera. Use shuttertime between 5 and 10 seconds (to catch the rocket in flight and the explosion). Fix ISO at 100 or 200 (to avoid noise). Choose aperture f/8 (to secure best sharpness).

Use manuel focus, and set the lens just prior to "infinity" – the small figure of 8 laying down. Autofocus will not works properly since you are focusing in a dark/black night sky.

Take pictures all the time.

See my Danish books about Photo: HDR photography, The book about holyday photography and the book about iPhone photography – www.hdrfoto.dk