

# **Nik Collection Basics**

and training resources

# Recommended Nik Collection Workflow

- If desired apply Raw Presharpener using Sharpener Pro3
- Apply noise reduction using Dfine 2\*
- Control color and light using Viveza 2
- Apply filter enhancements using Color Efex Pro 4
- Optionally, convert to B&W using Silver Efex Pro 2
- Apply output sharpening using Sharpener Pro 3

## \*Notes:

- Analog Efex Pro 2 can be used at any point after Dfine 2
- HDR Efex Pro 2 is best used immediately after Dfine 2

# Processing Multiple Photos in Nik Collection Tools

- Select multiple photos from grid or film strip in Lightroom
- Select Photo – Edit in – (Nik tool of your choice)
- Process 1 photo and save result as preset or recipe depending on tool\*
- Toggle between photos using arrows at bottom center of screen below selected photo.
- Select preset or recipe and apply to new photo\*
- Save All to return to Lightroom with changes to all photos

\*Note: Viveza has no preset or recipe functions so each photo must be edited manually

# What Are Control Points?

- U Point technology – developed to quickly create precise selections without using complex masks or tools
- Each Nik tool includes control points adapted to the tool's goals (Dfine – selectively apply noise reduction; Viveza – selective color and light control; etc)
- Each control point creates selection based on color characteristics of object the control point is placed on
- Color characteristics include red, green, blue, hue, saturation, brightness, and location of selected object
- U Point technology creates selection automatically based on similarity of objects and areas to selected object

# Controlling Control Points

- Size – move size slider to increase/decrease area of control
- Add multiple points – create more precise selections
- Group multiple points – affect multiple parts of the image simultaneously
- Adjust control point sliders to modify characteristics in area of control based on tool goals. Sliders vary by tool.

# Training Resources

- Nik Collection website: <https://www.google.com/nikcollection/>
- Nik Collection installation instructions:  
[https://support.google.com/nikcollection/answer/3000910?hl=en&ref\\_topic=3000839](https://support.google.com/nikcollection/answer/3000910?hl=en&ref_topic=3000839)
- Official Nik video tutorials on control points:  
[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=nik+collection+control+points](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=nik+collection+control+points)
- Using control points in Viveza:  
<http://lifeafterphotoshop.com/viveza-control-points/>
- Official Nik video tutorials on Dfine 2:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=acDzG6j-nc0&list=PLp5IYDsQi4gmZgD2fdHHipF5albBgzJRW>
- Ed Gregory on Dfine 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQ6oPcWK-Co>
- Anthony Morganti on Dfine 2:  
<http://www.anthonymorganti.com/2015/11/27/nik-collection-episode-7-define-2/>