

## HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN PHOTOSHOP ACTION

We will create 2 custom actions --one for a Dodge Layer and one for a Burn Layer, using Curves adjustment layers.

Open an image (in this case, the Twins)

Choose the Move tool. Type "D" to set the Color Picker to Default colors--black is foreground.

Go Windows> Actions to open the Actions Palette. At the bottom of the palette, there are 3 buttons that look like Play, Record, and Stop on any recording device. This is a cool thing :)

In the upper right hand corner, click on the triangle to see the Drop Down Menu. Choose New Set. Name it (your name) settings, and click OK. Now click on the triangle again, and choose New Action.

Name it Dodge Curves Layer, give it a function key if you like, such as F2, and click RECORD (notice that it says Record instead of OK).

Now it will record all the steps we do until we click on the STOP button (first button, square shaped at bottom of palette)

Do the steps for making a Lighten layer in the layers palette:

Open the Curves Adjustment Layer box, and click OK. Go command/control "I" to invert the layer mask; now change the blend mode to Screen, and change the layer opacity to 50%. Name this layer LIGHTEN. Then set the Color Picker to White foreground, choose the Brush tool, and set it's opacity to 33%.

Click on the STOP button at bottom of Actions Palette. Your new action should appear in the Actions Palette. If you assigned it a function key, you should be able to "play" the action simply by tapping the function key. Or you can just click on the Play button in the actions palette.

To make an action for the Darken layer, follow the above steps, except for the New Action, call it Burn Curves Layer, give it the next function key, such as F3, choose MULTIPLY blend mode instead of Screen, and name the layer DARKEN.