

DVD Highlights

Highlights of this issue's free DVD include a complete eBook, sample images from the articles and tests in the magazine and a special offer discount for a full license of the *Helicon Focus* software introduced in our focus stacking article. Our additional free software includes a series of FotoTV.com videos on black and white photography from the early 20th century right up to today.



Black-and-white Photography Videos

Videos: This set of three videos complements this issue's black-and-white workshop in a number of fascinating ways.

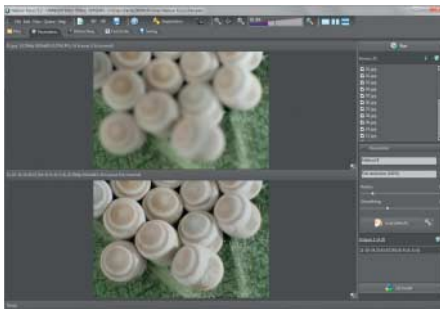
Sometimes pictures tell great stories and sometimes there are stories to tell about great pictures.

In video #1 Graham Howe introduces the fascinating story of E.O. Hoppé, an often neglected photographer who nevertheless achieved worldwide fame at the height of his success in the 1920s. Was he actually the best photographer of the early 20th century? And what happened to his fantastic work? This video provides the answers to these and other fascinating questions.

Our second video describes how a crazy, beer-fuelled idea led to the creation of the largest camera in the world and the correspondingly huge images it captures. Just to give you an idea how crazy the plan was – the camera itself used to be an airplane hangar!

Video #3 gives you a look behind the scenes at the work of Jean-Baptiste Huynh – a photographer who says that digital technology doesn't interest him, but who nevertheless creates highly contemporary monochrome images.

All video material is provided courtesy of FotoTV.com and is part of the site's comprehensive subscriber video library. (jub)



Helicon Focus

Full version: This powerful program creates one completely focused image from several partially focused images by combining the correctly focused areas from each.

As introduced in our article on Macro Focus Stacking, *Helicon Focus* merges multiple images shot with varying planes of focus to produce a single image with increased depth of field. The software is multi-processor-compatible, automatically adjusts and resizes source images and ensures high-quality results through its use of advanced interpolation techniques. It supports a wide range of graphic file formats as well as direct RAW input. The Pro and X64 windows versions of the program also include the Helicon Remote tool, which automates focus and exposure bracketing using a direct tether for all live view DSLRs from Canon and Nikon.

This issue's DVD includes a trial version of the program that you can convert into a fully licensed version (valid until July 1st 2012) by following the link in the Focus Stacking Sample Images section of the DVD. *c't Digital Photography* readers are also entitled to an exclusive US\$40 discount on an upgrade to a one-year license or a 20 percent discount on an unlimited Pro license (offer valid until December 31st 2012). (jub)



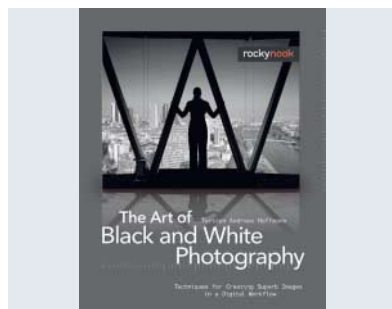
DeblurMyImage

Full version: A great little tool for adding that extra dose of sharpness to nearly perfect photos.

Whether they are painstakingly composed or just simple snapshots, some photos simply aren't sufficiently sharp. This is usually either because the subject moved unexpectedly or because the focus setting used was incorrect. As a result, we decided to include a full version of the small but perfectly formed *DeblurMyImage 1.6* on this issue's free DVD. This tool has just two functions that are both based on the same four algorithms. These are designed to deblur without amplifying image noise, deblur quickly without using much memory, deblur aggressively and to perform stable, moderate deblurring.

The level of detail, the deblurring method and the strength of the effect can be individually set for both the "out of focus correction" and "motion correction" tools, and both functions include live preview functionality to help you test the effect of different settings.

The software provided on our DVD is a full standalone version that normally retails for €14.99 (about US\$20). A *Photoshop* plug-in version of the program is available from www.adptools.com for the same price. (jub)



The Art of Black and White Photography

eBook: In contrast to many similar publications, this book by Torsten Andreas Hoffmann emphasizes the *whys and wherefores* of image composition rather than concentrating on digital image adjustment and enhancement.

The rapid development that digital photography has seen in recent years has spawned many books that describe image processing and digital workflow techniques in detail. Often, the real aim of photography – i.e., to create images that tell stories – gets lost along the way.

In this beautifully illustrated book, Hoffmann gives us an alternative view of the subject of black-and-white photography, dedicating a large part of these 272 pages to describing how to find fascinating photographic subjects and how to compose successful monochrome images around them. He covers various sub-themes, including street and abstract photography, portraiture and architecture, as well as giving us insights into the basic rules of composition, such as the golden ratio and the use of shape.

Additional chapters on choosing the right gear and advanced, *Photoshop*-based digital darkroom technique round out this excellent and thought-provoking work.

The complete current version of the book is included here on DVD. The new, revised print edition is scheduled for release through www.rockynook.com in January 2012. (jub)



Photo Tools

AmoK Exif Sorter 2.56
 AutoStitch 2.2
 CombineZP 1.0
 digiKam 2.2.0
 Enblend/Enfuse 4.0
 EnfuseGUI 2.1
 ExifTool 8.66
 HD View SL 1.2
 Hugin
 Image Composite Editor 1.4.4
 MacPorts
 Panorama Perfect Lite 1.6.2
 PhotoRec 6.12
 Picolay 2011-10-06
 RawTherapee
 Sofortbild 1.2.2
 Xee 2.2

Full Version Software

DeblurMyImage 1.6
 Helicon Focus Pro 5.2.9
 (special edition)

eBook

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Image Processing Tools

FDRTTools Basic 2.4.0
 GIMP
 GIMP Portable 2.6.11
 GREYC's Magic
 Image Converter (G'MIC)
 Inkscape
 Inkscape Portable 0.48.2
 PSPI 1.0.7
 ShiftN 3.6
 SmartCurve 2.2
 StylePix 1.8.6.0
 StylePix Portable 1.8.6.0

Videos

The Work of E. O. Hoppé
 Portrait: Jean-Baptiste Huynh
 The World's Largest Camera

Sample Images

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 Camera Test Sample Images
 Focus Stacking Sample Images