

JD
MONOTONE
TUTORIAL

Loading and Using Actions

Loading Actions:

PHOTOSHOP:

Save your actions in your actions folder or any folder in which you group your actions. Please make sure you back up your actions on a separate hard drive.

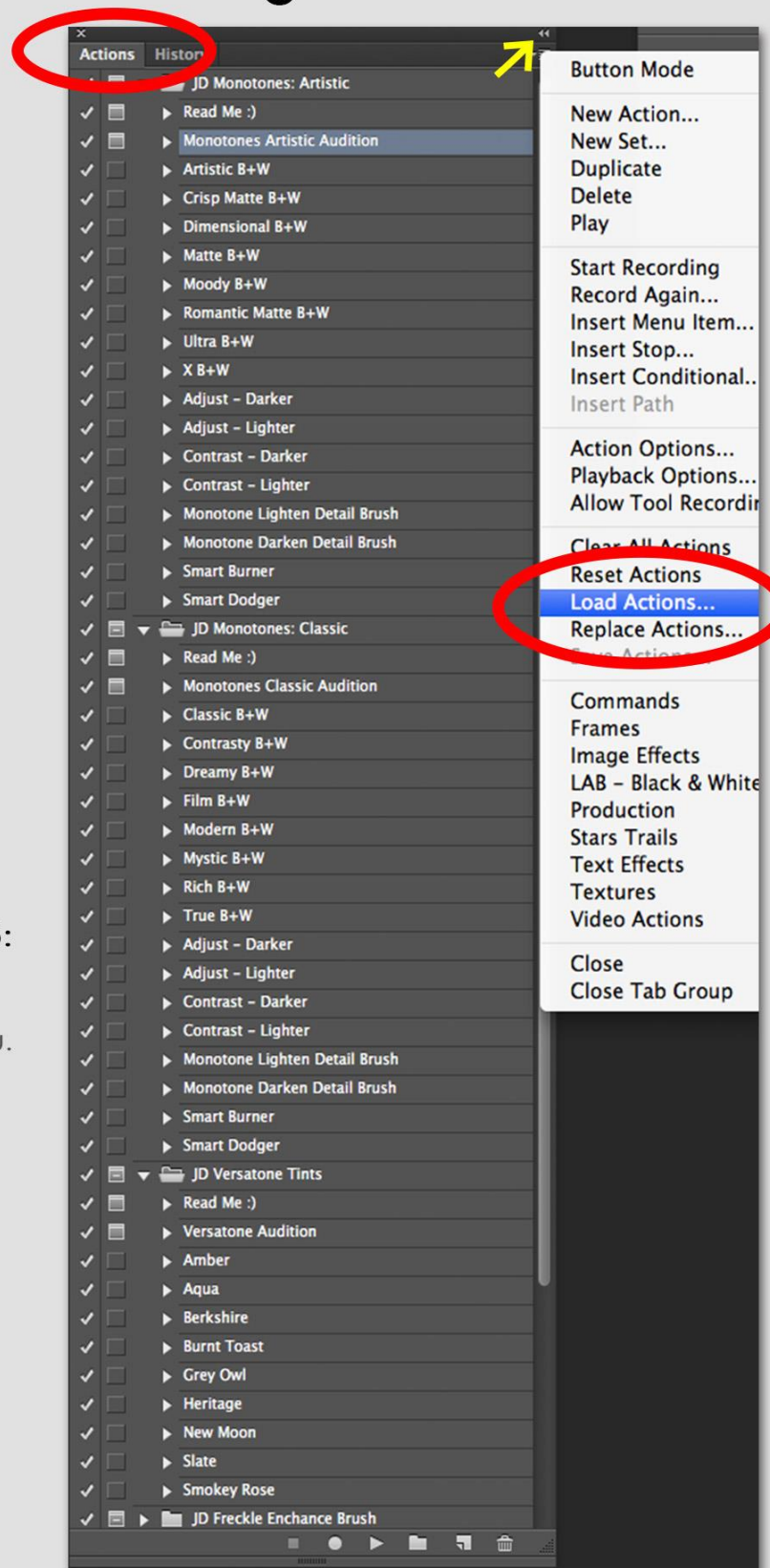
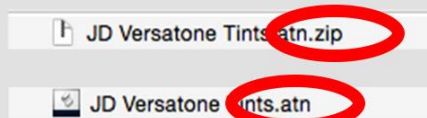
To load the actions, simply go to your actions palette, click on the little arrow on the far right of the menu bar, and then select "Load Actions" from the drop down menu that appears.

PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS USERS:

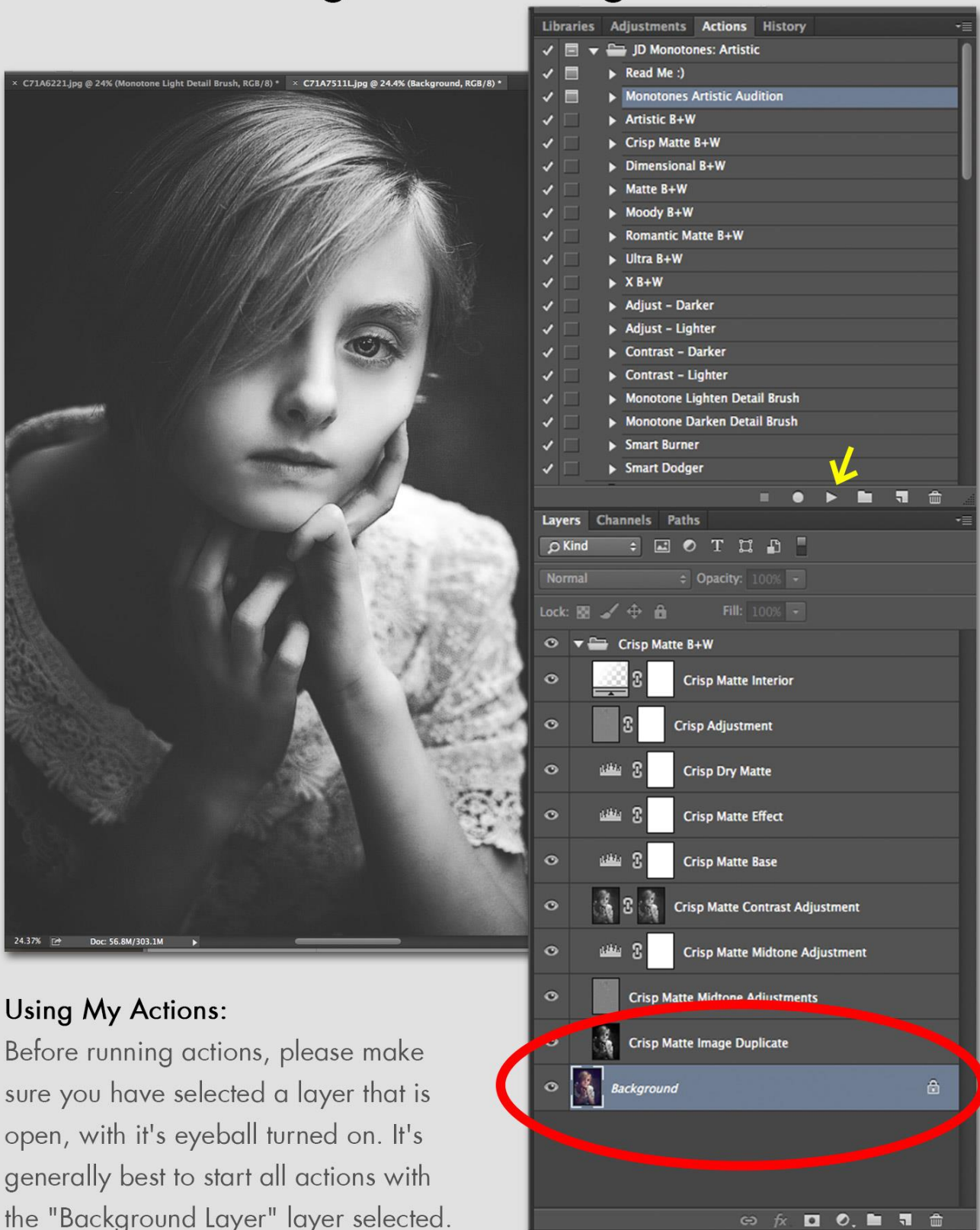
Please see PSE instructions at the very end of this tutorial. Thank you.

ZIP FILES:

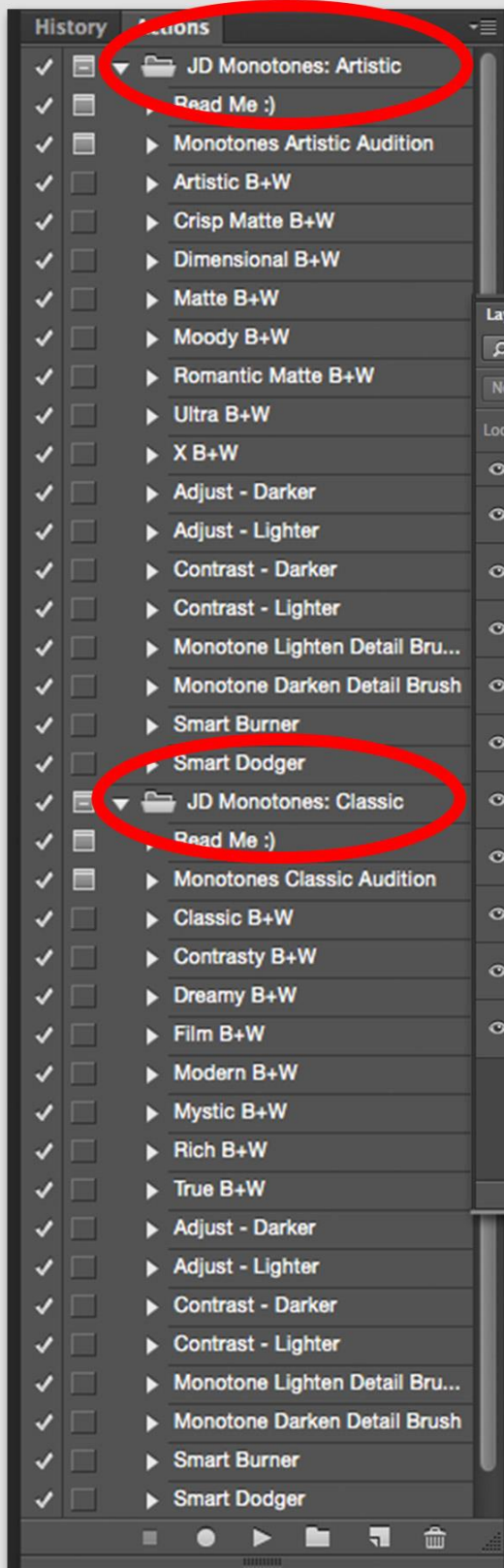
Please unzip your .zip folder before following the installation instructions. The actions to load are in a .atn file.



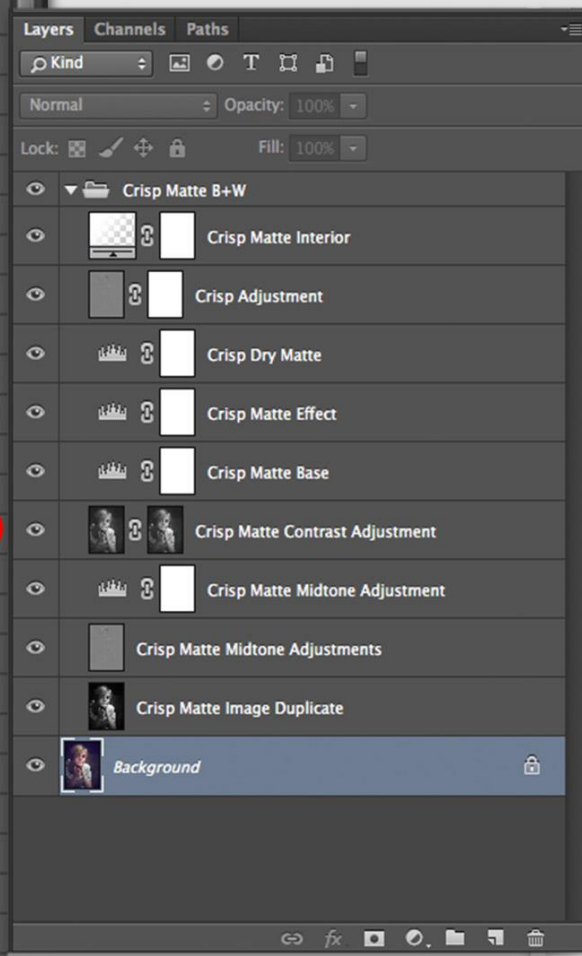
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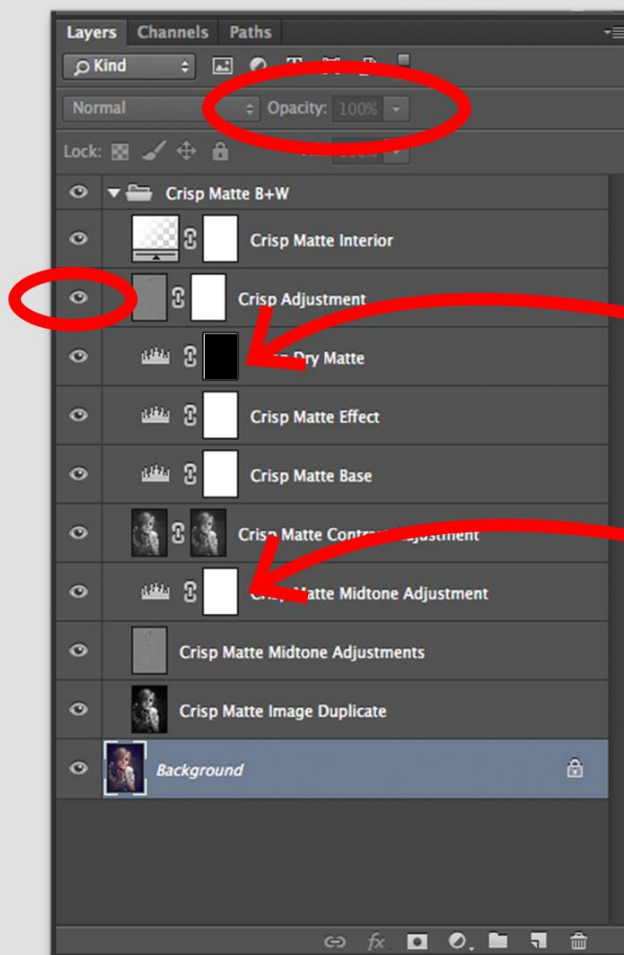
All the actions in the JD Monotone Artistic and Classic sets are fully customizable and stack-able, meaning you may run multiple actions to achieve a desired result without flattening or altering your original file.



The black and white conversion action set folders ARE NOT TRANSPARENT. To view each set's folder in the audition, you must view them from the bottom up as I demonstrate in the video.

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To merge effects of one action set with another, simply make sure to put the one you'd like on lower opacity ABOVE the "base" action folder which will need to remain 100% opacity to retain the full black and white effect. You are welcome to play with layer effects inside the individual action folders in different orders (Yes! How layers are stacked may affect their appearance), opacity (simply slide the opacity slider right or left), turning individual layers on or off by clicking or unclicking the eyeball next to their name in the layer, and by painting into a layer's mask with the opposite color.



For example, a layer with a black mask requires that you paint into it with a white brush to selectively view the layer's effect. A layer with a white mask requires you to paint into it with a black brush to selectively lessen the layer's effect.

Trouble Shooting

Things To Check If You Are Encountering Errors:

- 1) Make sure that before hitting the "play" button on an actions folder you have selected an active (eyeball open) layer. If that doesn't solve the issue, select your "Background" layer and then press "play" on the actions palette.
- 2) You will encounter an error message if you do not select your lowest "Background" layer labeled "Background". If it says "Layer 0" you will receive an error message but the action will likely still work. Simply rename your base layer "Background" to avoid this issue.
- 3) Smart object layers can create issues. If you are running actions on top of a smart layer and getting error messages, please rasterize the smart object layer in Layers - Rasterize - Smart Object.
- 4) If you are suddenly encountering errors that you didn't experience before, please re-install your actions. Do NOT rename or edit the actions in any way or they will not perform properly.
- 5) If actions are running slow, please make sure you have enough hard drive space and RAM allocated to Photoshop or Elements.
- 6) All my actions, overlays, and textures are fully editable so that you can lower opacity, turn layers them on or off, and make any other fine-tuning adjustments. Depending upon your original image, some adjustments may be necessary to ensure that your work looks good. My actions, overlays and textures are simply tools, the user is the decision maker and is responsible for the final product.

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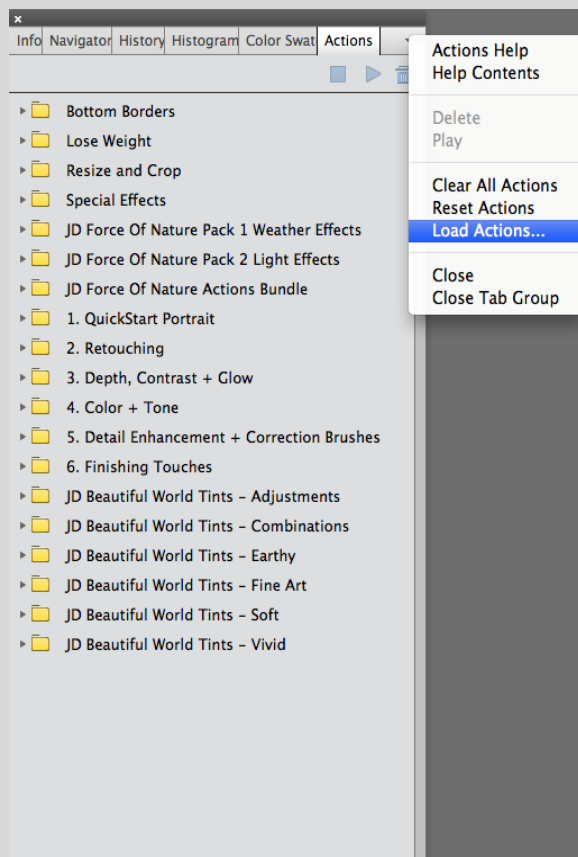
PSE USERS installation instructions

These instructions are meant for PSE 11+ users.

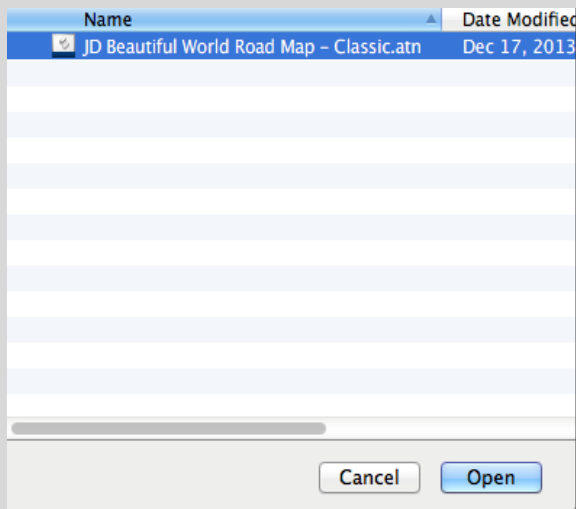
After opening Elements 11, make sure you are in Expert edit mode. To open the actions panel go to the drop down Window menu and select Actions.

Loading the actions into the actions panel:

As shown below, select **load actions...** from the far right pop down menu in the actions panel.

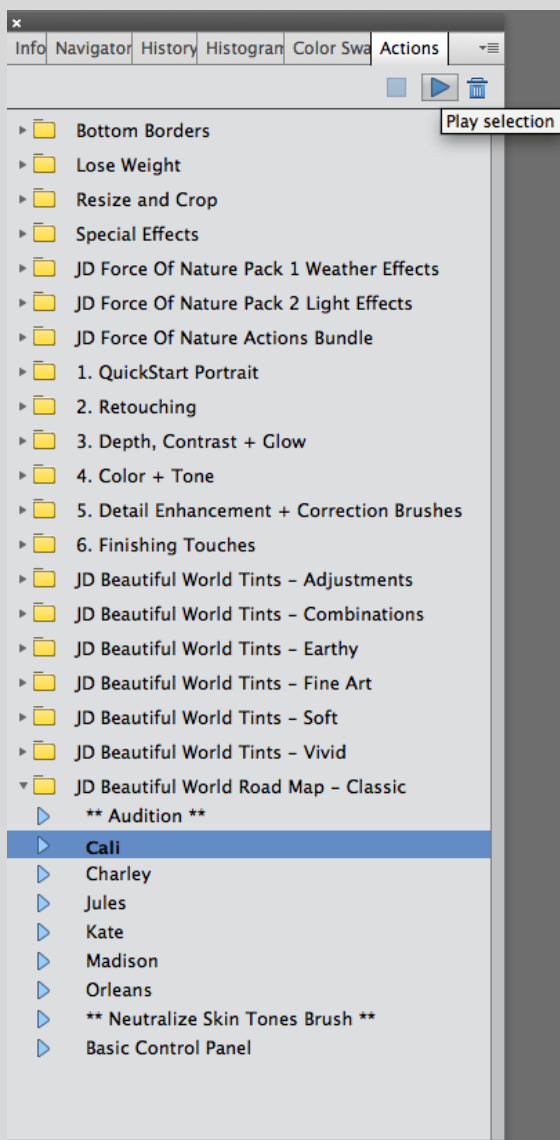


Next, navigate to the included PSE 11 + or Actions Player folder. Locate the .atn file within that folder and click **open**. It is always a good idea to now restart PSE.



Running your new actions:

Click on the desired action to highlight it. Then click on the play button located in the upper right of the actions panel.



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