

Add Contrast

Description:

Add texture and punch to your picture by adding Contrast.

Keys to Success:

- Keep an eye on your Histogram as you make these changes. Watch as the pixels get pushed out to the sides of the Histogram. Make sure you don't create a dynamic range problem.
- Keep your global changes on the mild to moderate side; you can get more aggressive with local changes though.
- Use Curves Adjustment Layers in Photoshop and steepen the slope of the curve where there are the most pixels.

Upon Completion of this Assignment:

I refer to contrast as the “miracle drug” for your pictures, because it generally makes everything look better. You can use it to cure the flatness inherent in RAW files, add punch to your pictures, add texture, etc. It even sharpens your pictures.