LOUMAY

Create your
REFERENCE LIGHTROOM CATALOGUE

This catalogue will contain 20 edited RAW files across different lighting situations, including daylight, night-time, flash, dancefloor, underexposed, overexposed, and noisy images. This will give me a solid reference for understanding your editing style in various conditions.

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE:

1. SELECT 20 EDITED IMAGES IN LIGHTROOM:
    - Open your Lightroom Catalogue.
    - Choose 20 images that you have already edited, covering a variety of lighting situations.
    - Make sure these images include a mix of daylight, nighttime, flash, dancefloor, underexposed, overexposed, and noisy photos.

2. EXPORT AS A NEW CATALOGUE:
    - Select the 20 images you chose.
    - Go to File > Export as Catalogue.

3. NAME THE CATALOGUE:
    - For easy identification, name the catalogue as follows: YourName_Reference_Catalogue.
    - Choose a location on your computer where you can easily find it, such as your Desktop.

4. INCLUDE RAW FILES:
    - In the Export window, make sure Include Smart Previews is checked.
    - DO NOT check the box for "Include Available Previews."
    - **IMPORTANT: Check the box for 'EXPORT NEGATIVE FILES' to ensure I receive the original RAW files with your edits.**

5. SAVE AND COMPRESS:
    - Once Lightroom has finished exporting, locate the folder on your computer.
    - Right-click the folder and select Compress or Zip to create a compressed (zipped) file for easy uploading.

6. SEND YOUR PRESETS:
    - In addition to the catalogue, please export and include the Lightroom presets that you typically use to edit.
    - Export your presets from Lightroom and place them in a separate folder within the zipped file.

7. UPLOAD AND SHARE:
    - Upload the zipped file to our shared Google Drive (or a similar file-sharing service if preferred).
    - Let me know when it's ready for me to download! :)

IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES AT ALL, JUST SHOUT & I WILL MAKE A SCREENRECORD FOR YOU

Create your

TEST LIGHTROOM CATALOGUE

This catalogue will contain 20 different, UNEDITED images with smart previews only (NOT RAW files). This is our test run - I'll edit these images to your style, and send them back for your feedback so we can make sure we're on the same page. The method below will be how we share all future catalogues for editing.

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE:

1. SELECT 20 DIFFERENT UNEDITED IMAGES IN LIGHTROOM:
   - Open your Lightroom Catalogue.
   - Select 20 unedited images across various scenarios. This can include different lighting situations, but they should be images you haven't edited yet.

2. EXPORT AS A NEW CATALOGUE:
   - With the 20 images selected, go to File > Export as Catalogue.

3. NAME THE CATALOGUE:
   - Name this catalogue as follows: YourName_Test_Catalogue.
   - Save it to a location on your computer where you can easily locate it, like your Desktop.

4. INCLUDE ONLY SMART PREVIEWS:
   - In the Export window, check the box for Include Smart Previews - we only need these.
   - DO NOT check the box for "Include Available Previews" or "Export Negative Files'.

5. SAVE AND COMPRESS:
   - After the export is complete, find the catalogue folder on your computer.
   - Right-click the folder and select Compress or Zip to create a zipped file.

6. UPLOAD AND SHARE:
   - Upload the zipped file to Google Drive (or another file-sharing service if preferred).
   - Let me know that the files are ready for me to download.

These guides should make the setup process easy and ensure I have everything needed to get started with your edits. Once I've reviewed your reference files and completed the test edits, we'll touch base to chat through any tweaks and thoughts. Let me know if you have any questions!

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