

# Digital Diva

## Layer Mask Keystrokes

Layer masks are one of the most versatile and useful things Photoshop has to offer, they can be accessed by clicking on the layer mask icon, third from the left at the bottom of the layers panel. It's the square with the circle inside.

I will write the keystrokes for **PC/Mac**

To add a layer mask just click on the icon at the bottom of the layers panel. The mask will be white.

**Alt/Opt+click** adds a mask filled with black.

**Alt/Opt+backspace/delete** fills mask with foreground color

**Ctrl/Cmnd+backspace/delete** fills mask with background color

**Alt/Opt click** on mask shows mask, **Alt/Opt click** again to show image

**Shft click** disables mask, **Shft click** again to enable

**Alt/Opt drag** to copy contents of one mask to another.

**Ctrl/Cmnd+i** to invert mask.

Be sure you have the **mask active** and **not** the **image thumbnail** when using these keystrokes. Also remember when painting on or filling a mask - **black conceals and white reveals**.