Neon photo app imparts a holiday spirit to your images

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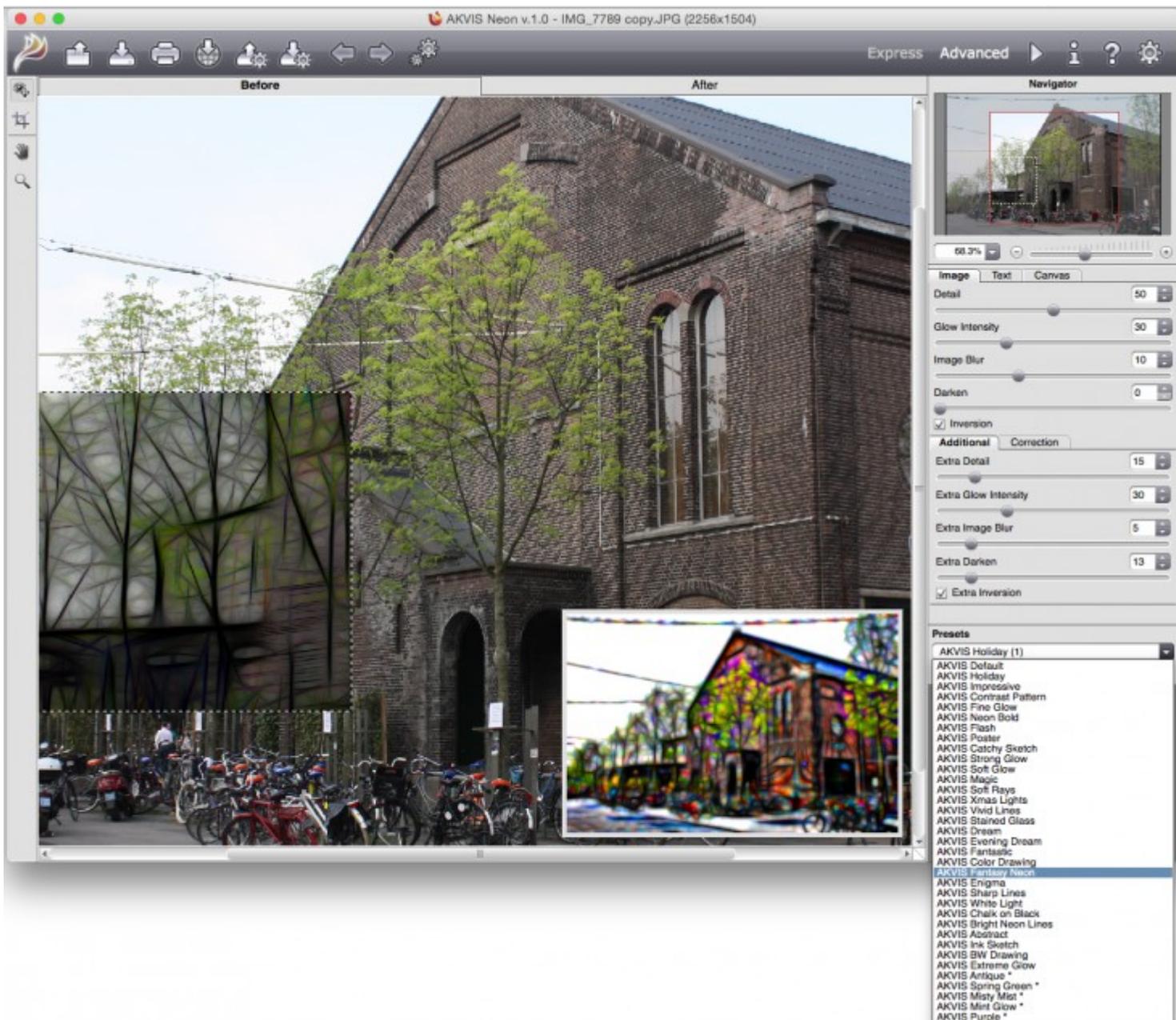*2 days ago*
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Just in time for holiday festivities comes the new AKVIS Neon, a special effects software package that makes your images glow.
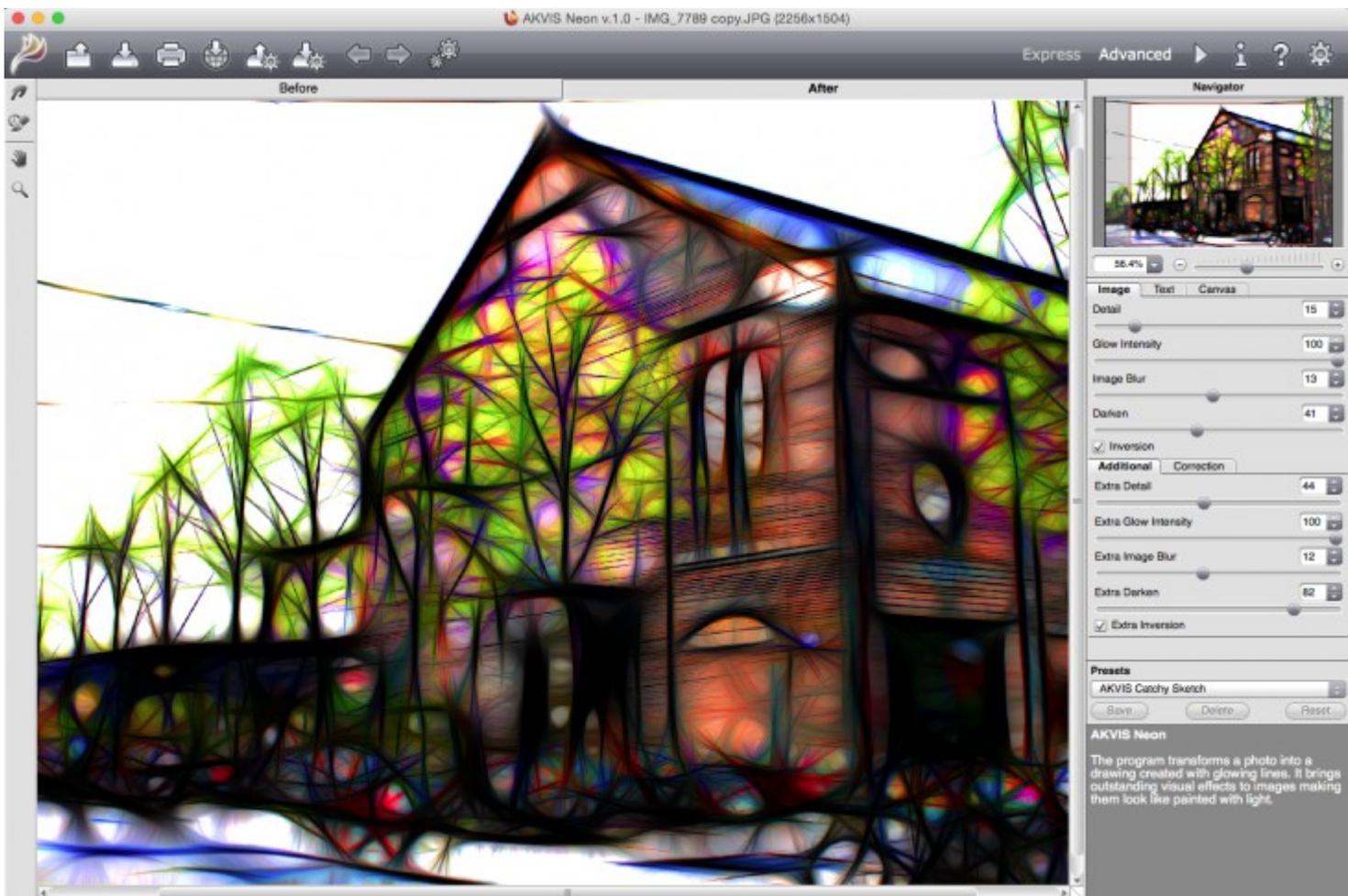
AKVIS Neon lets you create striking glowing line effects that transform photos into shining drawings with painterly attributes for a festive look — great for holiday cards, invitations or family newsletters. You can create eye-catching luminous backgrounds, abstract paintings, illustrations for photo books, posters, flyers and more.

The software is highly customizable, letting you create a glowing image or a dramatic landscape or portrait, or simply outline edges to make a picture more personal and expressive.

Easy to <u>learn and use</u>, Neon has a built-in collection of presets that will get you up to speed quickly on what you can do with the program so you can branch off with your own unique effects.

If you've used any other AKVIS art program, the interface will be immediately familiar. Image slider bars let you adjust the effects with a real time preview that alters photo detail, glow intensity, image blur, and darkening, in addition to allowing corrections for brightness, contrast and saturation.

An additional panel lets you pile on more of the same effect. Inversion checkboxes add an otherworldly look to the image that may make the image unrecognizable from the original. Panels for text and background canvas texture are also available.

The new product is available as a standalone program and as a plugin filter for Adobe Photoshop and other image editors, for Windows and Mac OS X. It runs on Windows XP, Vista, Win7, Win 8 and on Mac OS X 10.6 or later.

A basic home license costs $39, but the AKVIS website has more information on various other licenses available. The software is available for download as a free trial for 10 days.