Jeremy Blake's
Digital Art & Archives

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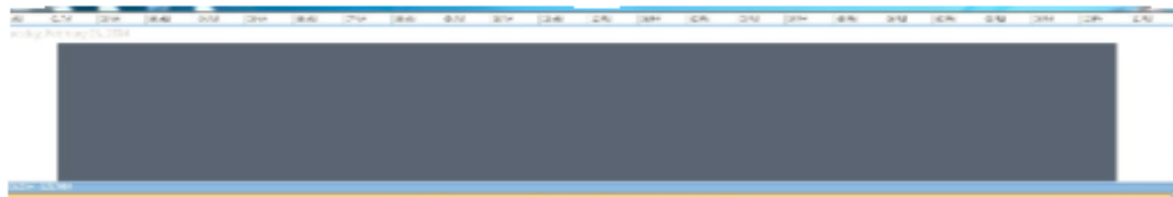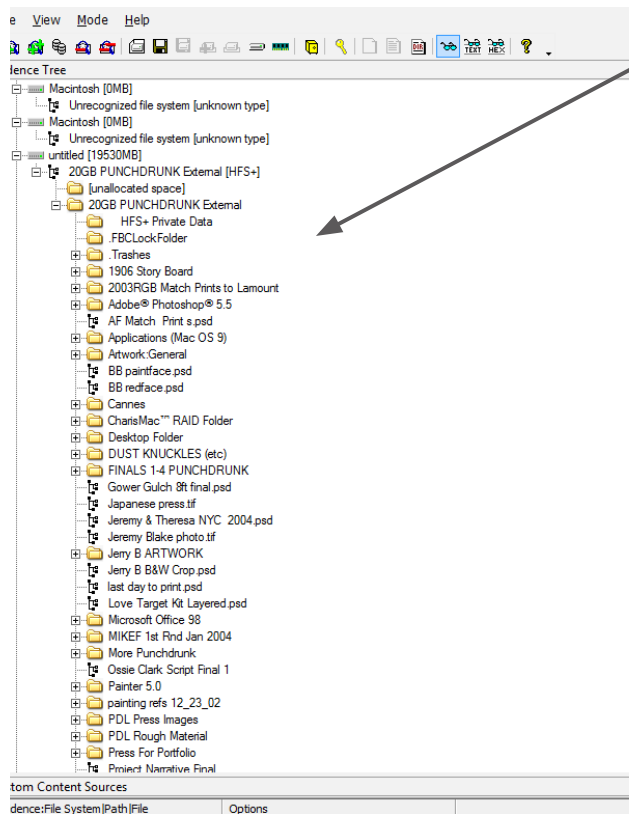CurateGear, January 7, 2014

Jeremy Blake (1971-2007)

Acquisition Workflow

Visualization of 1st set of Blake born-digital material with all dates modified. The grey rectangle represents the modified access date. That is, all the files show the same date rather than a span of years.

Visualization of 2nd set of Blake born-digital material with intact date span, as represented by the many gray lines across almost a decade.

The Blake papers consist of...

- Source materials (primarily image files)
- Photography archives
- Working files
- Email archives
- Completed works

The Photoshop PSD

" If there are two different ways of doing something, PSD will do both, in different places. It will then make up three more ways no sane human would think of, and do those too. PSD makes inconsistency an art form.
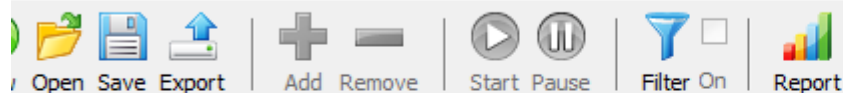
Were it within my power, I would gather every single copy of those specs, and launch them on a spaceship directly into the sun."

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2925 x 1650, RGB,
3x 8-bit channels
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DROID v6.1.5

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Photoshop 5.5 Macintosh

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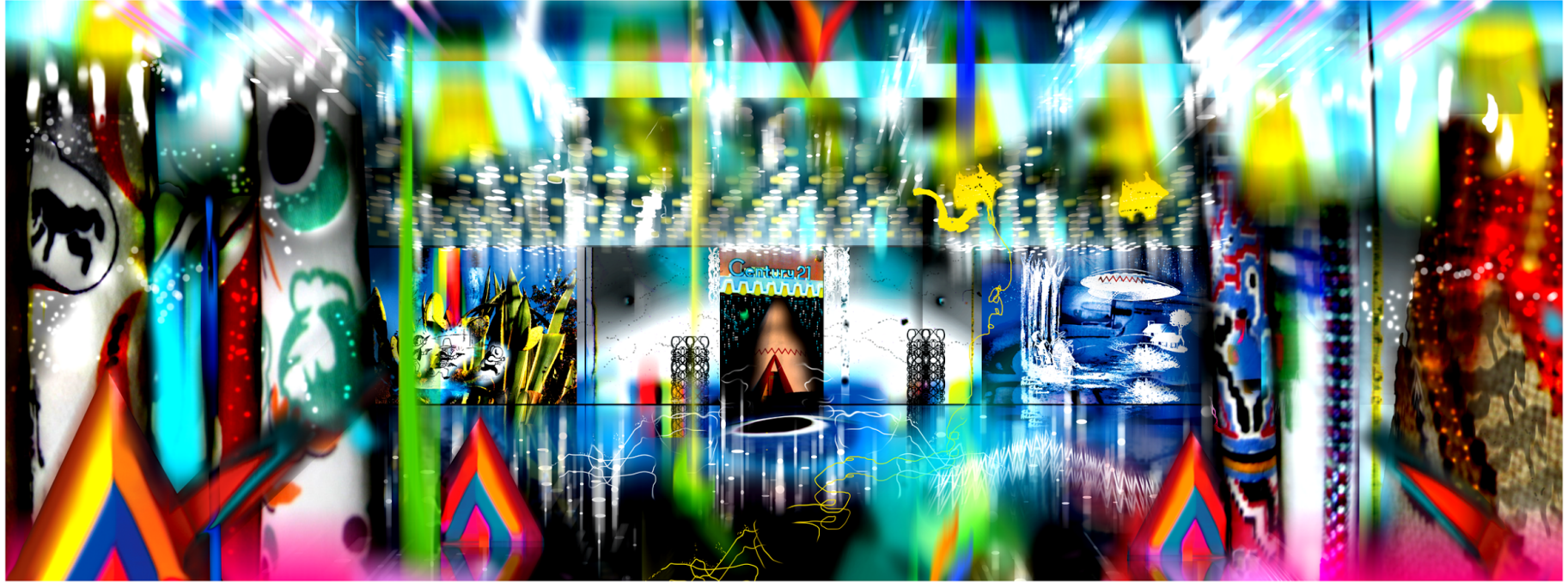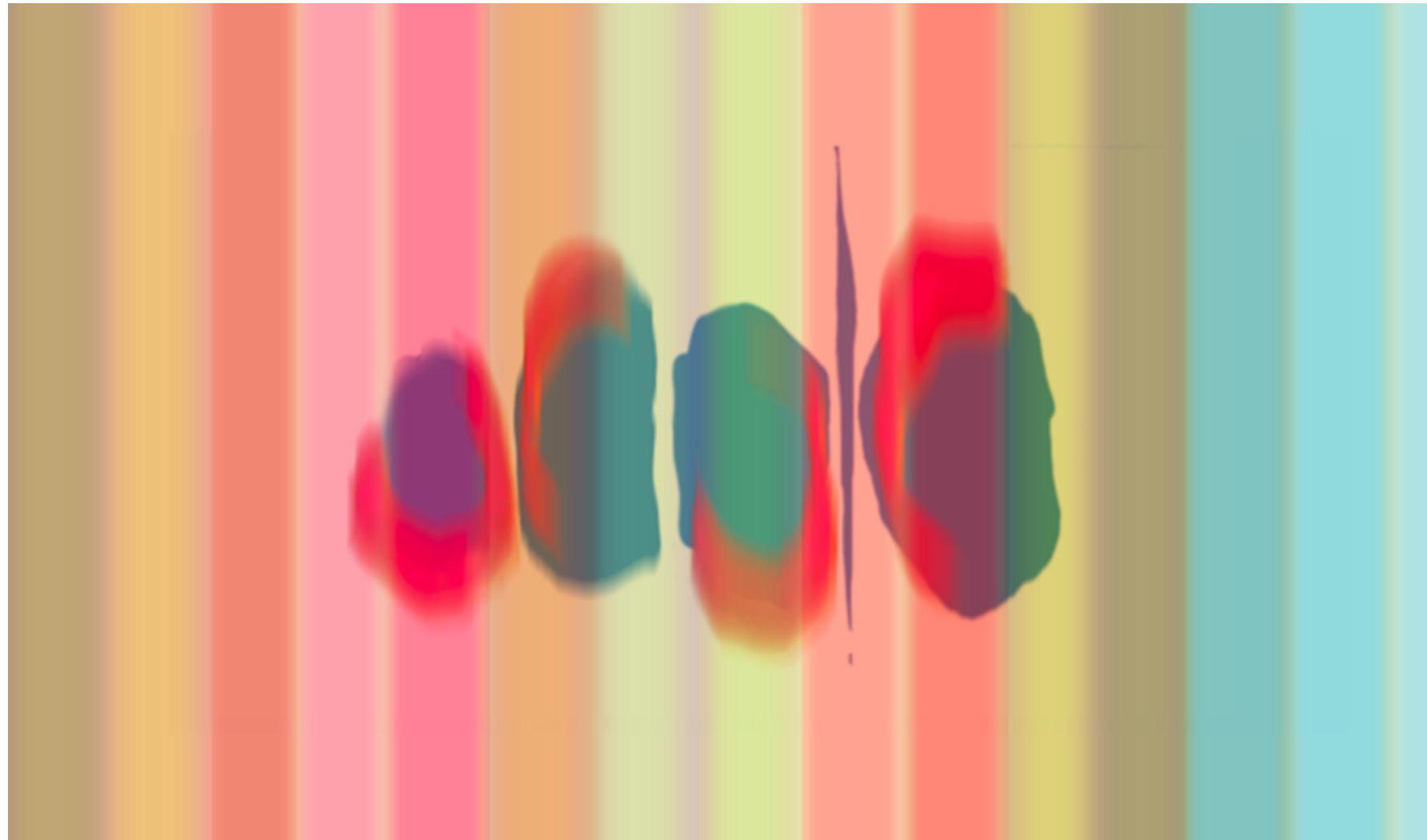
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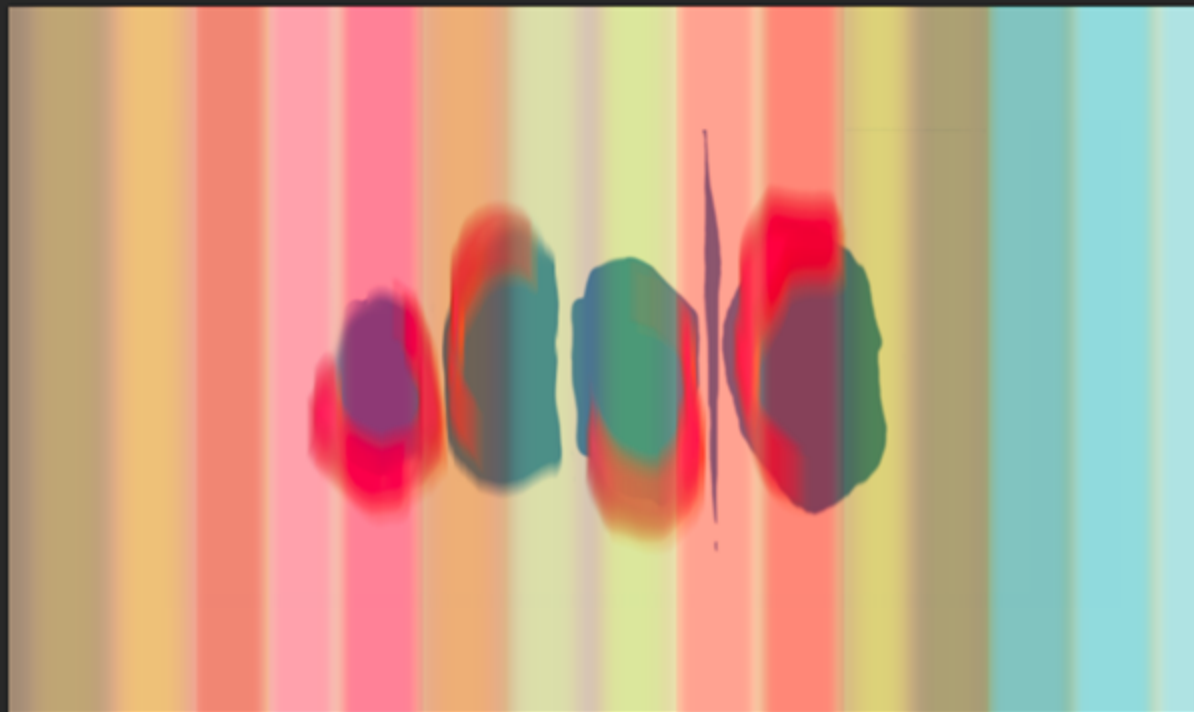
Essentials

Libraries | Adjustments | Styles | **Layers** | Channels | Paths

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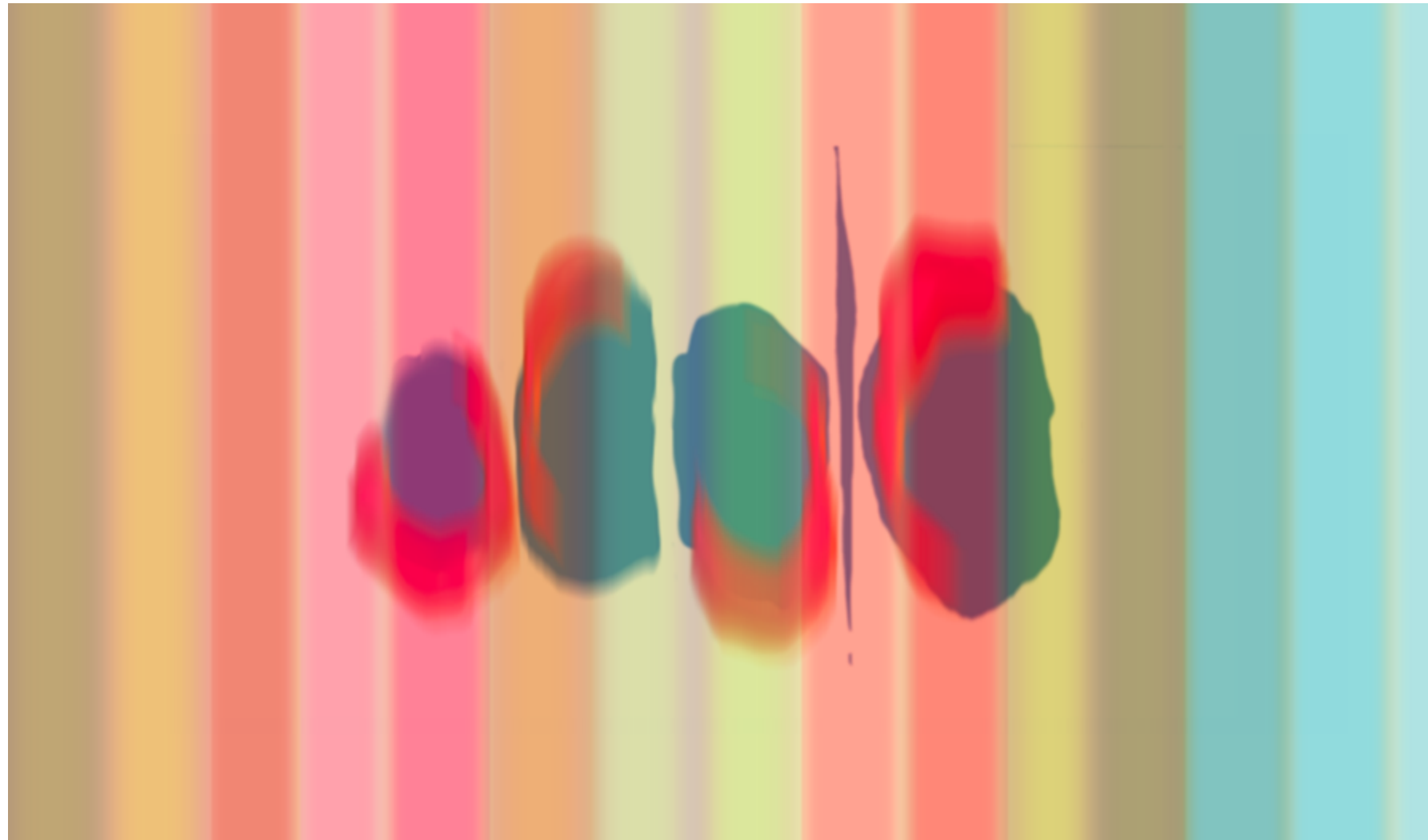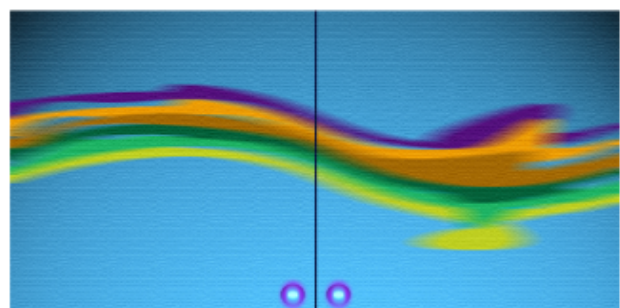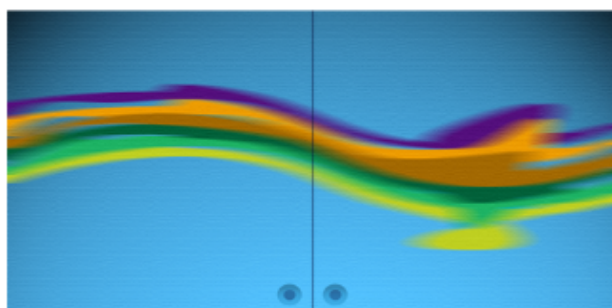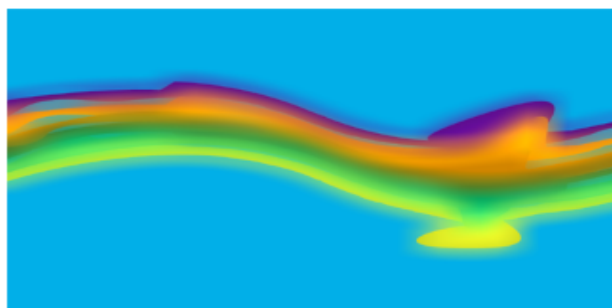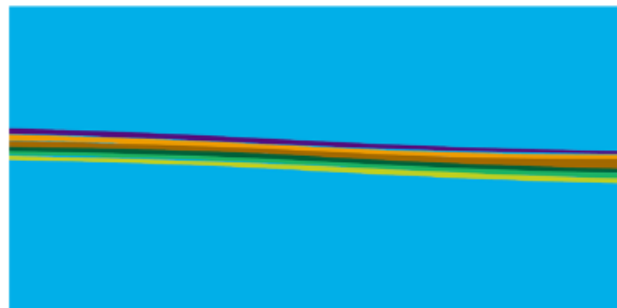|		
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storyboards

Liquid Villa 2

130 secs. begin
14 sec. fade into
'stone walls' & pulsing
'rods'

2 mins. 24 secs.
Stone wall and rods.
reveal complete.

Preservation Migration

-Bit level, as-is preservation

-Migration to TIFF 6.0

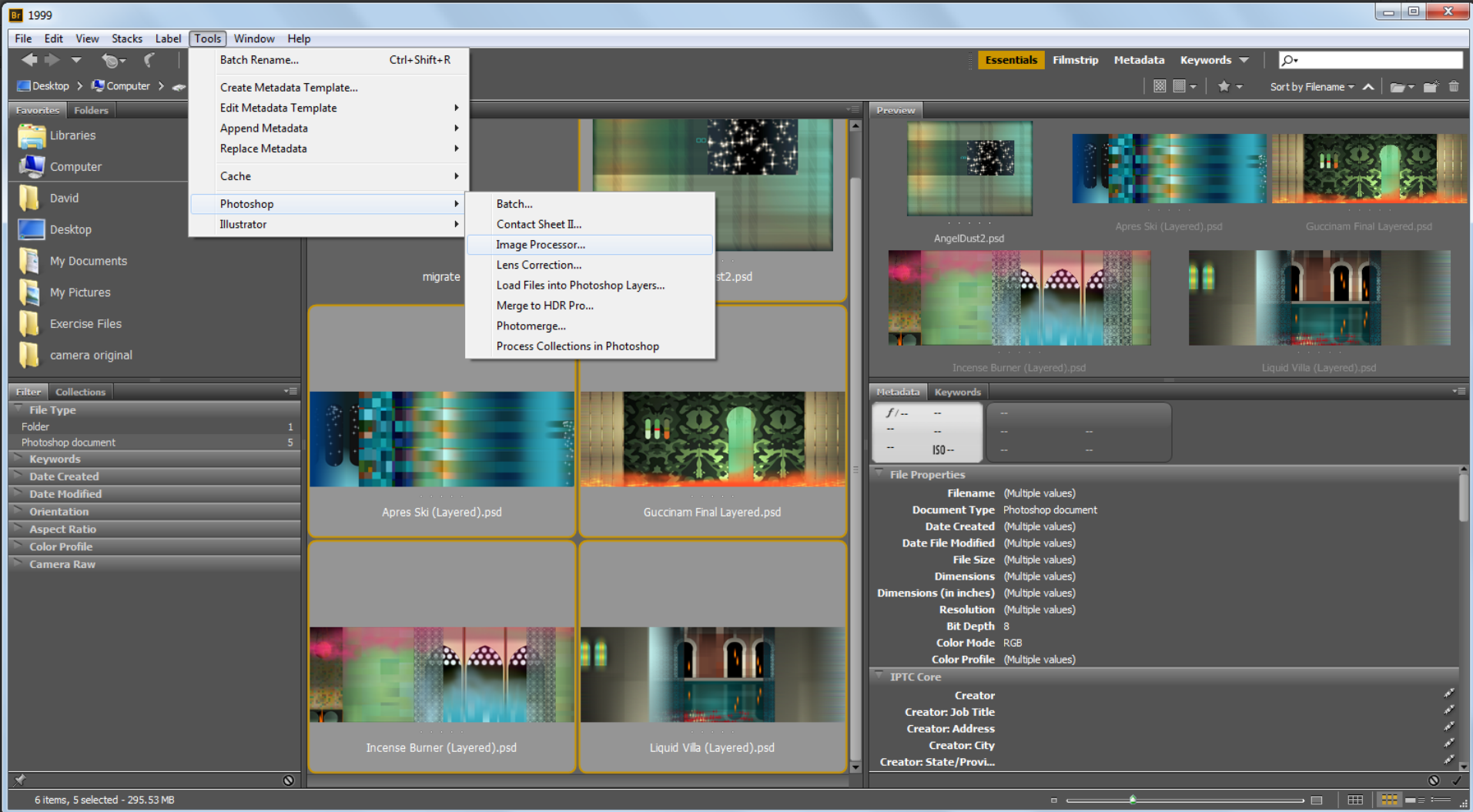-Migration to contemporary PSD file

PSD Vs TIFF

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Demonstration of Tools