

## Smoke Effect

(Tutorial from a video by Nick Saporito)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KvGTWmkGx7Q&feature=youtu.be>

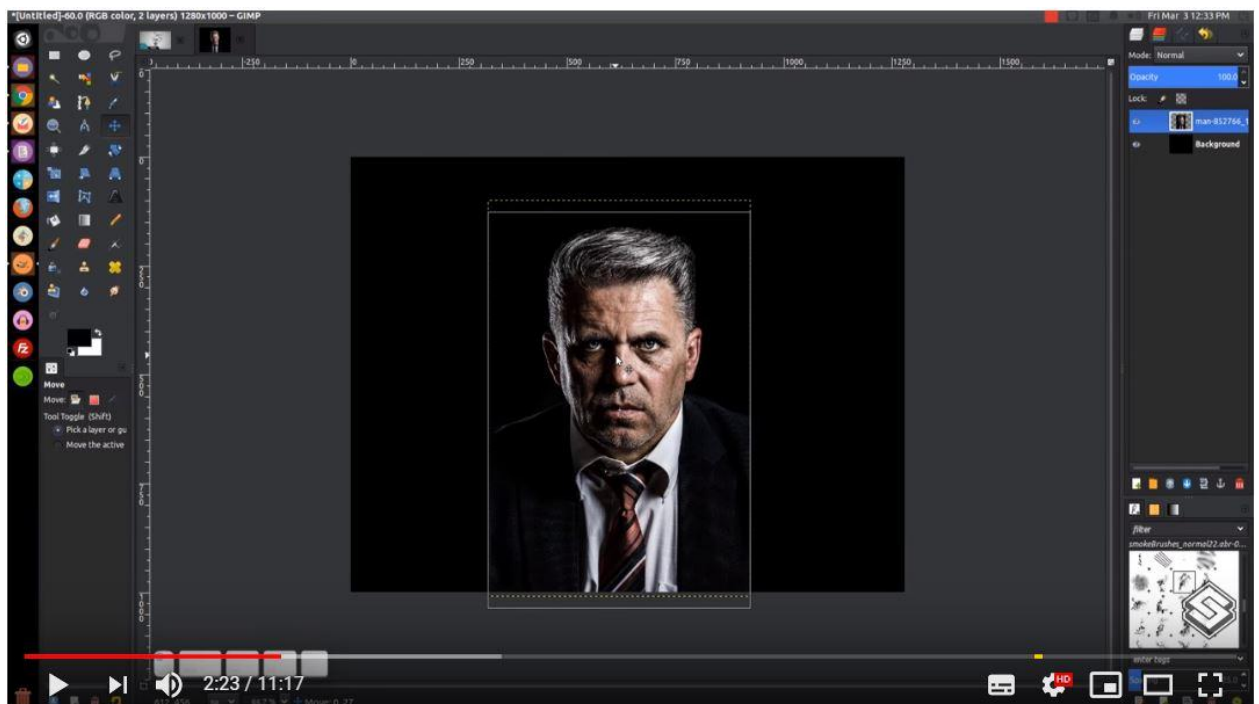
Pack of smoke brushes here: Smoke Brushes: <http://xresch.deviantart.com/art/22-N...>



Create a new image 1280 x 1000 in white as background layer

Fill the canvas with black.

Look for a portrait photo and adapt the photo to the canvas size (605 x 910 is alright).



Set the portrait photo on a new layer and on the black background layer. Set the photo in the centre but not high because smoke brushes must have enough space on upper part of the head. Selected this layer

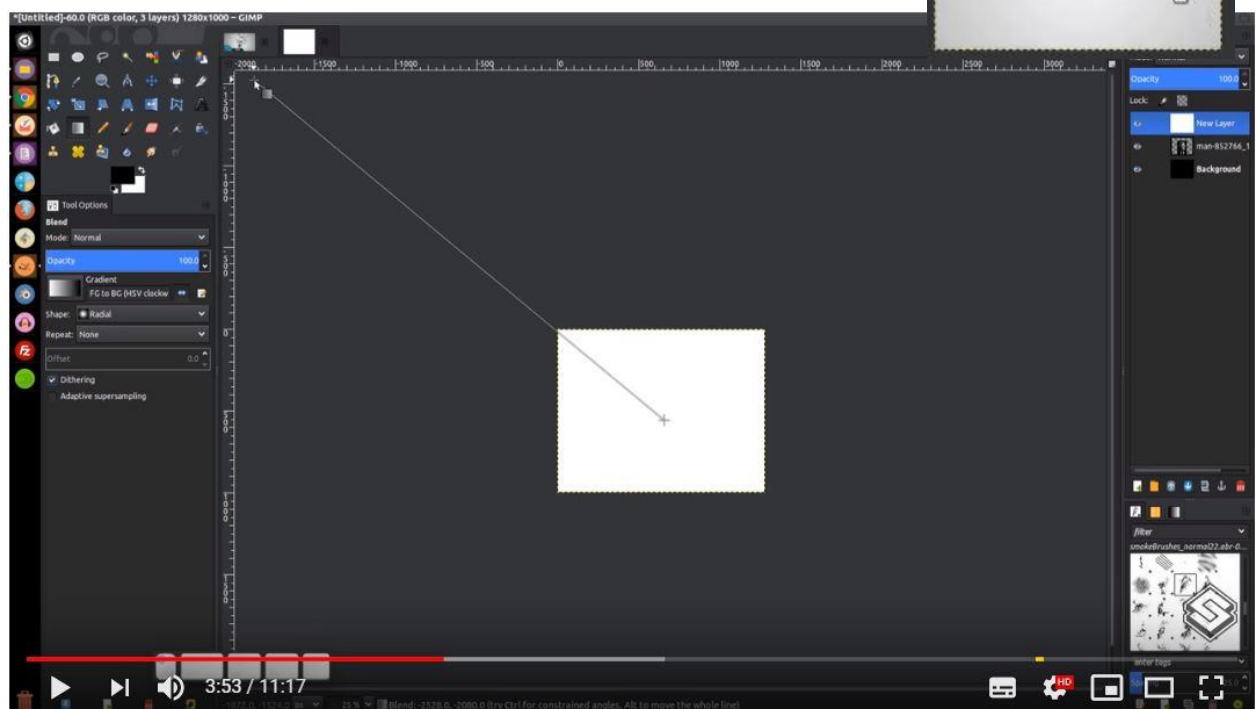
Go to Colour – Desaturate – Luminosity option. OK

Now create a new layer in white on portrait layer.

Set as foreground colour in black and white as background colour to apply a gradient in radial shape.

Reduce the zoom of the canvas before applying the gradient about 25%.

To get this:



Now, we must reduce the opacity of the gradient layer at 90 %. You will see a bit the image set below.

Set the zoom at normal size. Add a layer mask to the gradient layer in white.

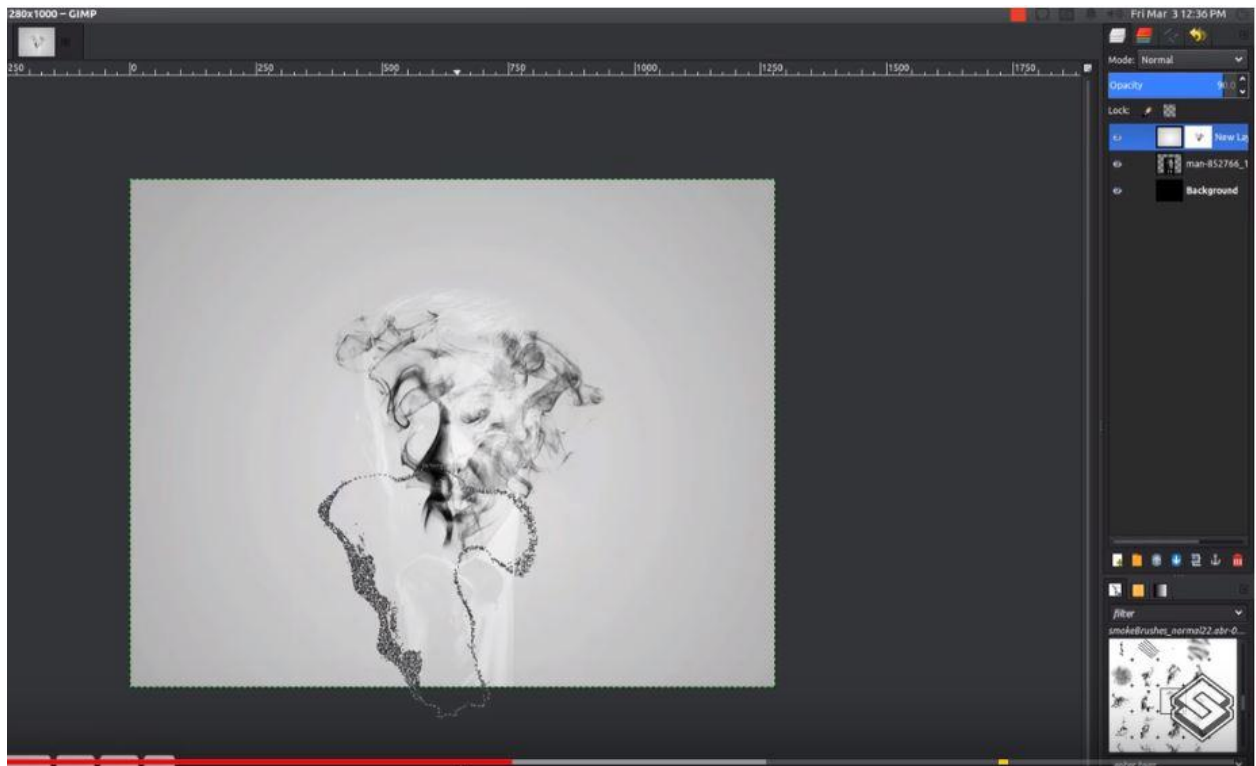


Take the first smoke brush at about 500 size black foreground.

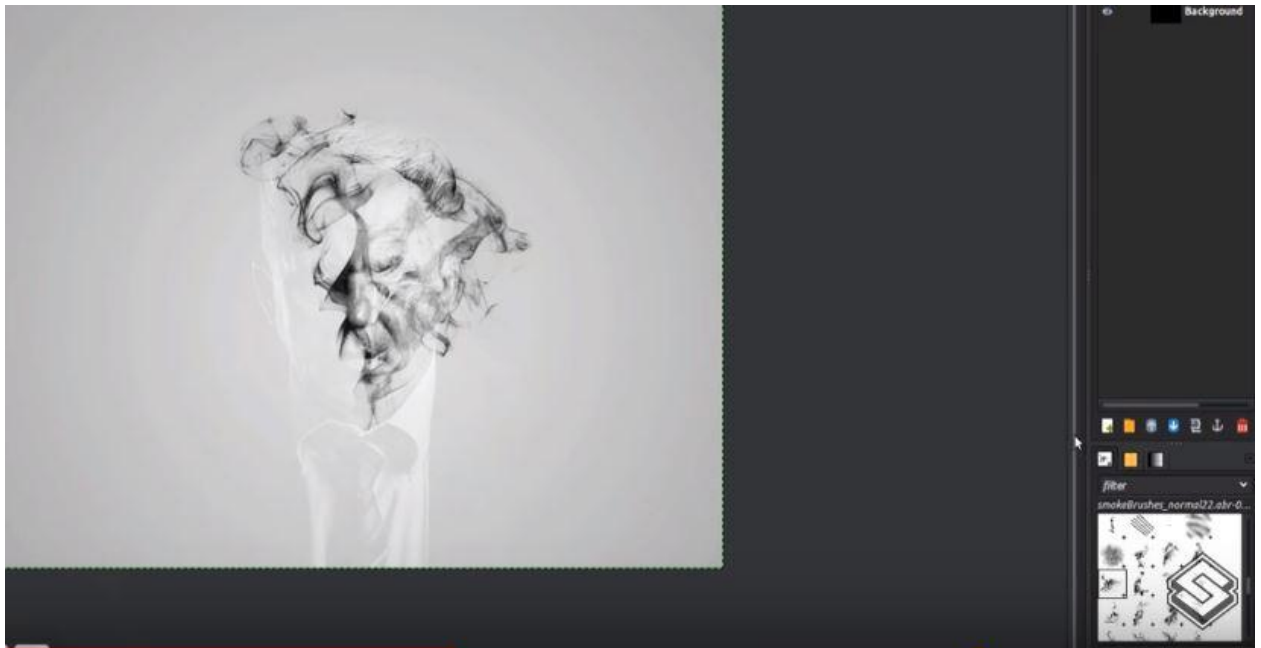


Apply a stroke on the right side of the face

Apply a second stroke with another brush



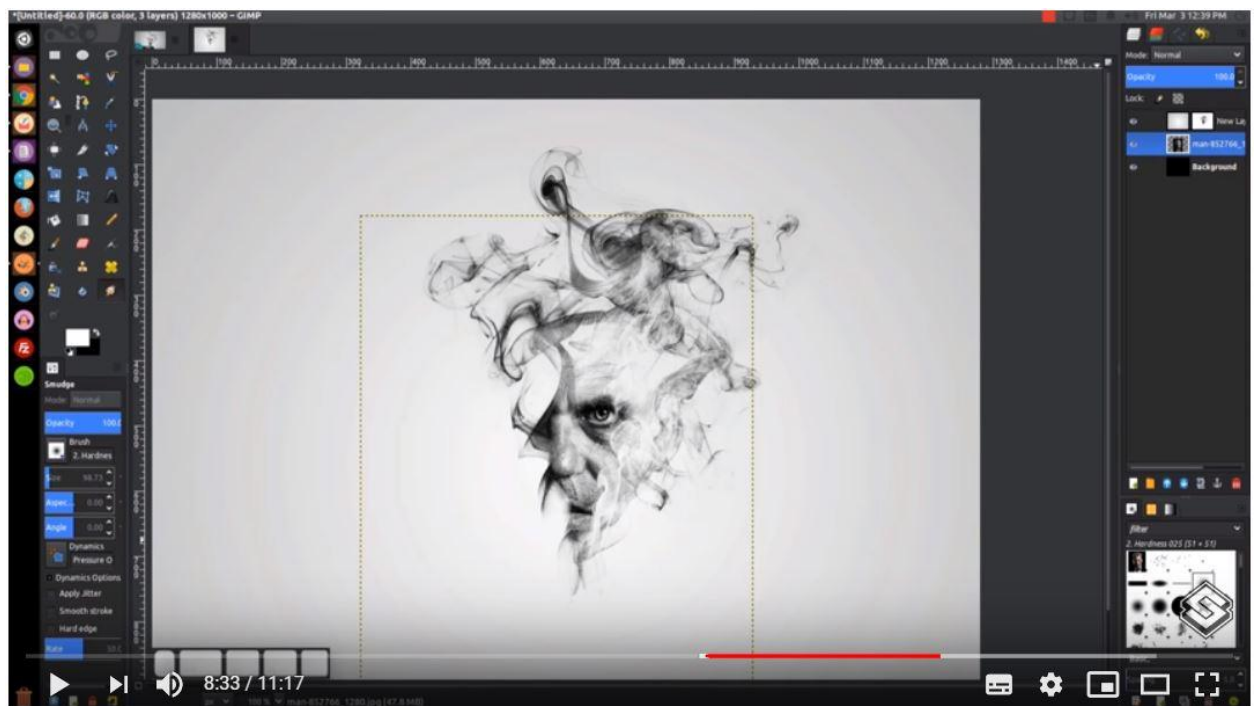
Take a different smoke brush to apply more strokes



Apply it on the top of the head.

Done this set the opacity of the layer at 100% opacity.

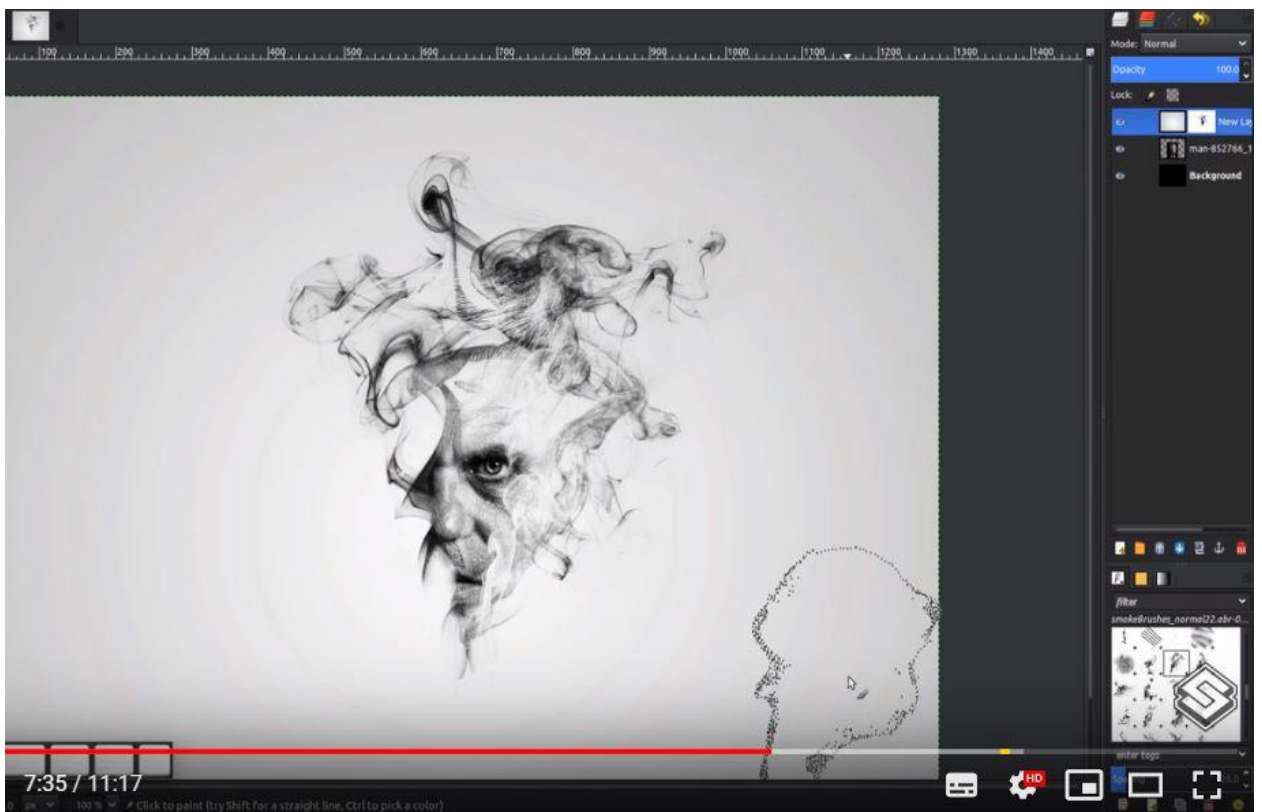
Take the 025 hardness at 130 / 95 size and apply soft strokes on right eye and mouth to reveal more of the face.



To get more smoke effect, go to smoke brushes again and take 21 brush at 530 size and set foreground colour in white.

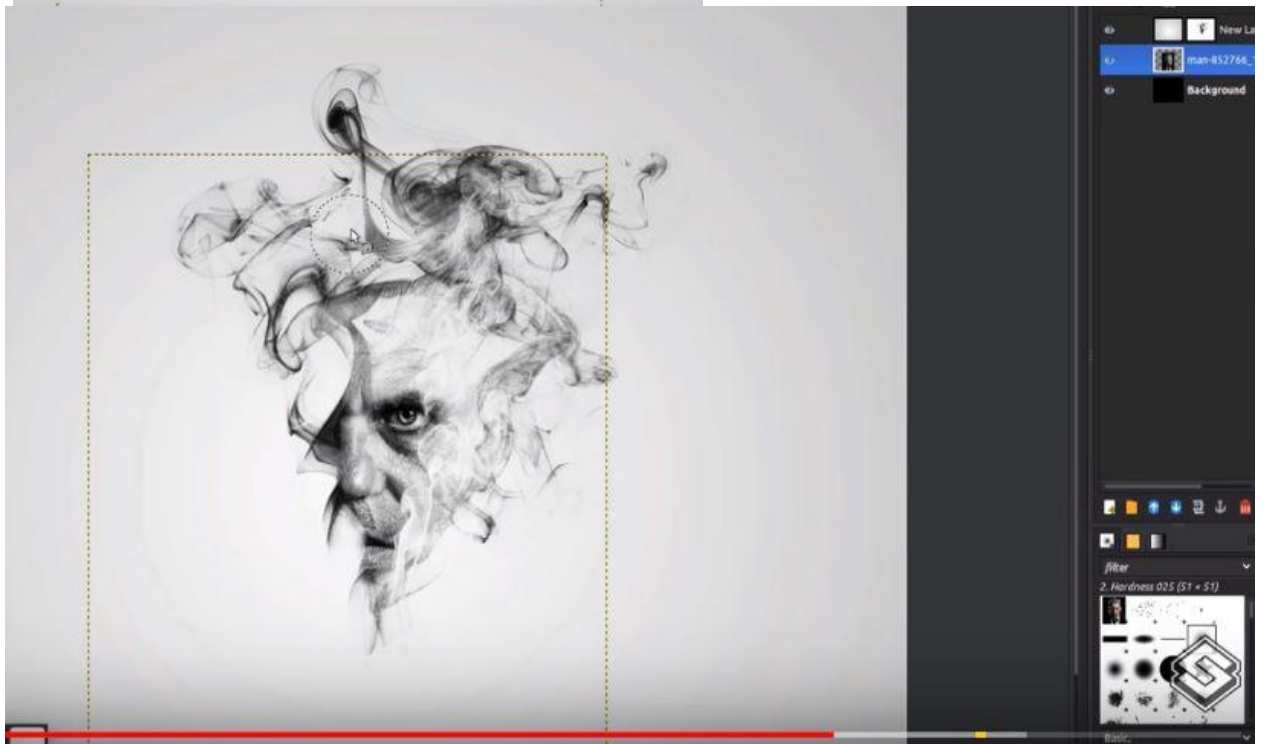


Take another brush and apply to get the effect



Now, it's the moment to take softer some parts of the strokes. So select the portrait layer and take smug tool with 025 brush at 95% size and apply on the sharp strokes.





Take the smoke brush 22 and apply at 294 size on the mask layer



Apply more strokes.

Final result

My excuses if any mistake as English isn't my native language.

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