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**NEW  
FEATURE**

## SAMYANG 85mm f/1.4 AS IF UMC

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I was an early adopter of the then little-known manual focus Samyang lenses towards the end of 2010. Investing in the company's original non-chipped 85mm f/1.4 lens I used it with my Nikon D90, though the lack of a green dot focus confirmation in the viewfinder saw me swap to an AF Nikon 85mm f/1.4. With the arrival of the updated Samyang 85mm, with a electronic circuit to confirm focus, I've gone back to the Samyang as I can shoot wide-open and get not just acceptable but very sharp results.

The lens has a great weighty feel to it, with a solid, firm focus ring and satisfying aperture clicks. Not only that, but it can be picked up for around £265 - a bargain when the older non-G Nikon 85mm f/1.4 still costs just under £1,000.

I can also recommend the Samyang 35mm f/1.4 which is similar to the 85mm in terms of performance, as well as the 14mm f/2.8 which is super-sharp.

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**NIKON  
D800**

Matt shot this image while working in the Ukraine, using two Speedlights - one behind for hair/rim light, the other as fill from the front.

NIKON D800,  
Samyang 85mm  
f/1.4, 1/125sec  
@ f/1.4, ISO 160,  
AWB