



# *Lyric Masks*

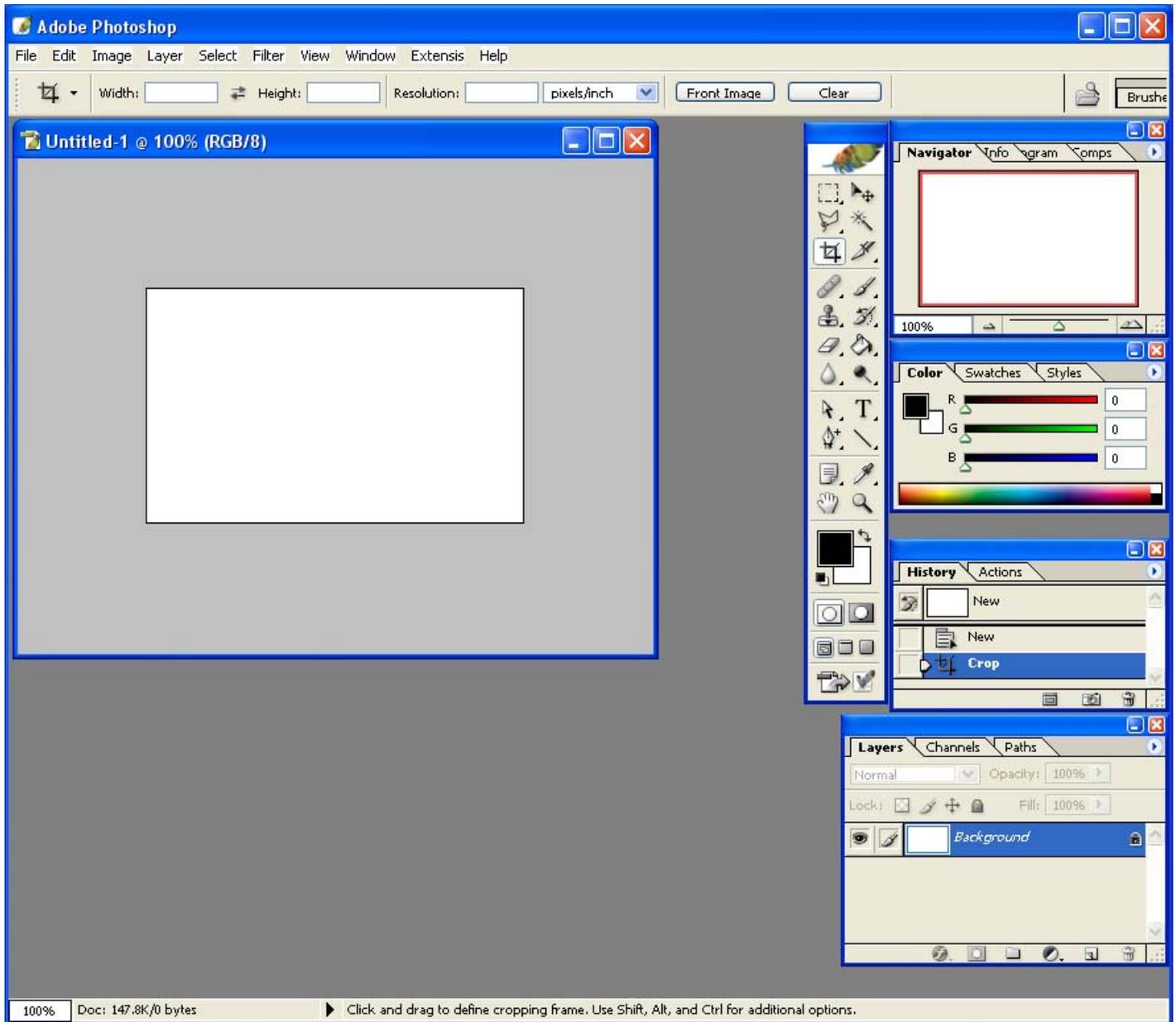
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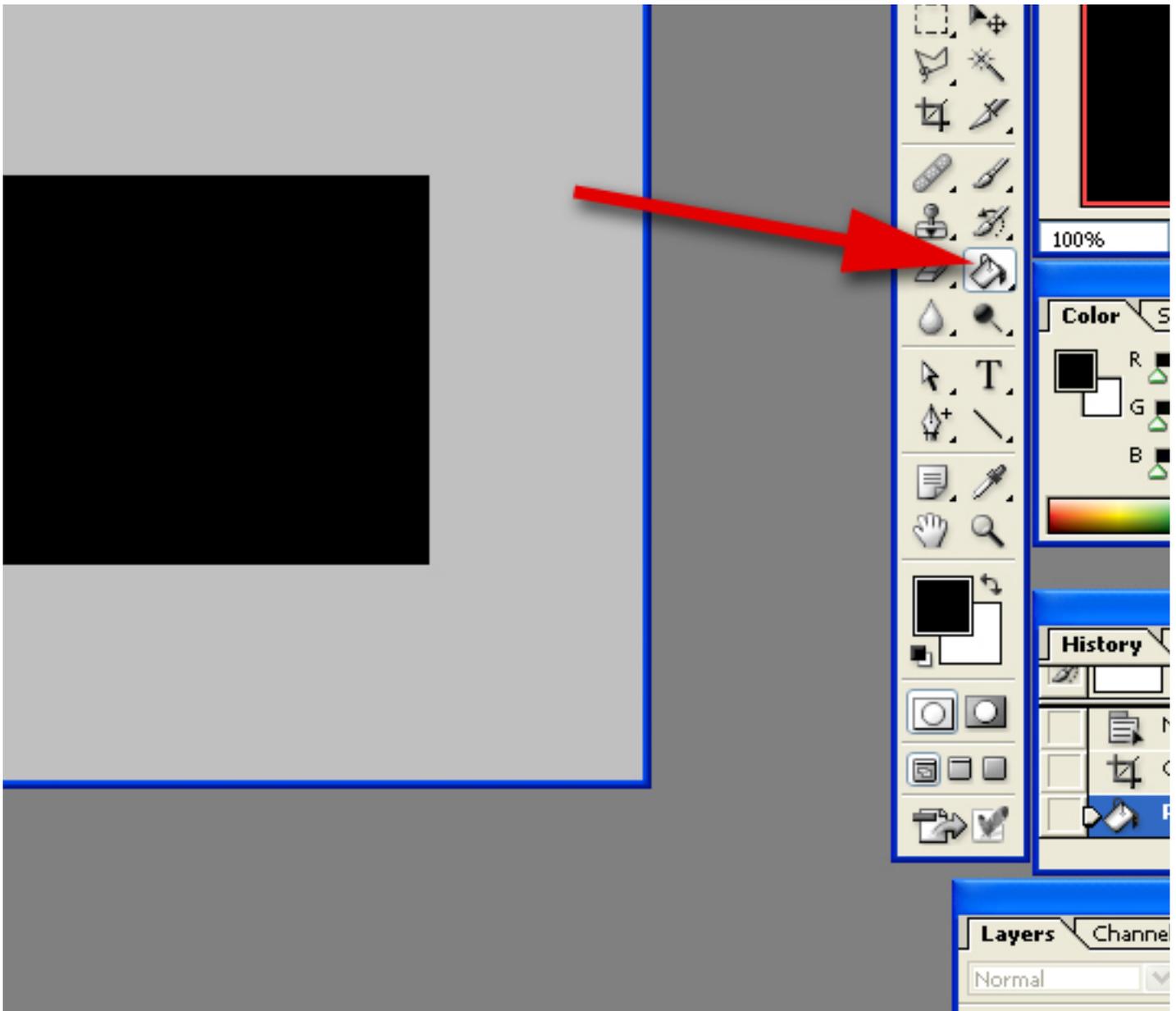
## How to Create a Mask for Lyric in Photoshop

In Photoshop, click on File-New to start a new image. Make the image the size that you need and click OK. A new image will appear similar to the one in this diagram. Click on the Default Foreground and Background colors (small black and white tabs in the tools menu) so that Black is the foreground color.



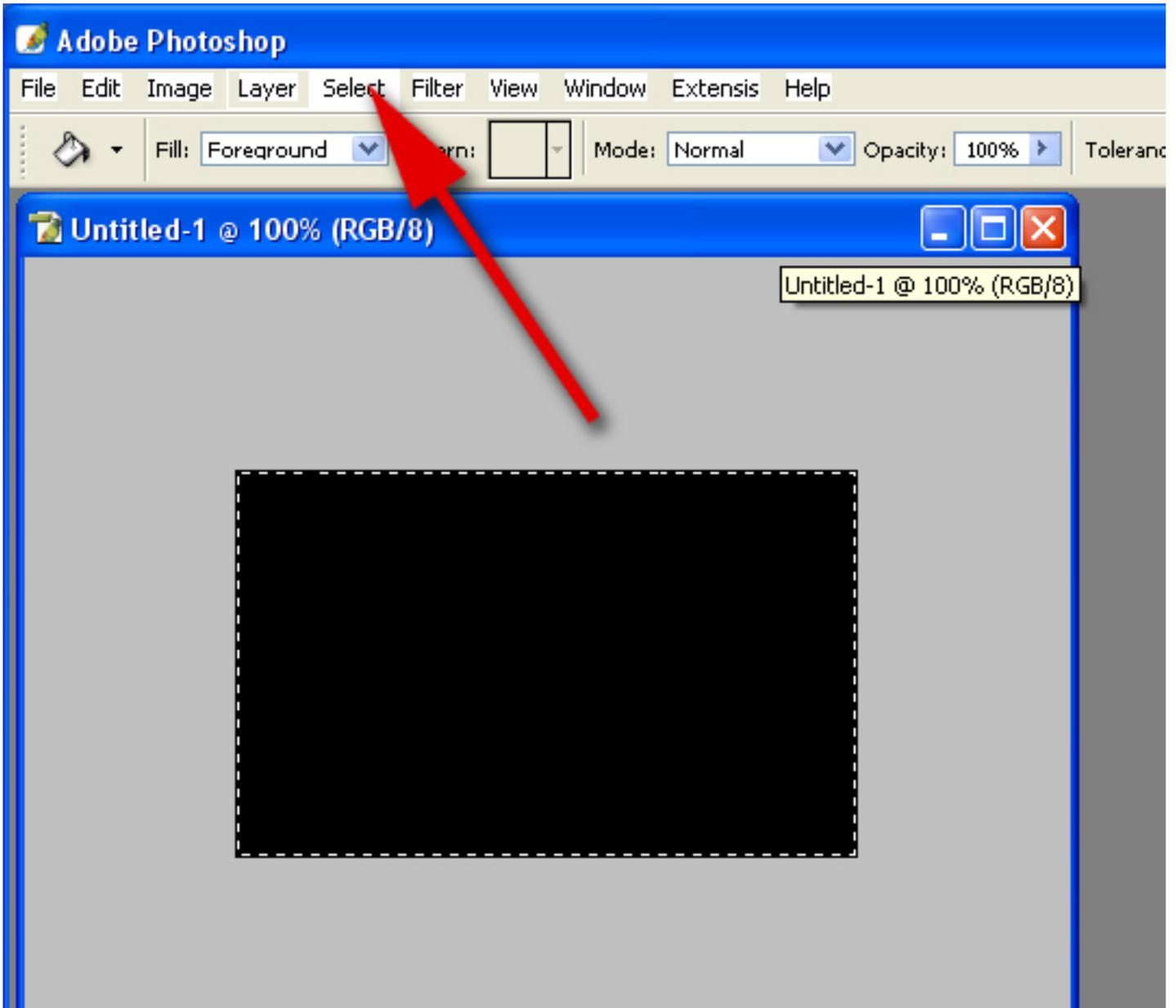
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Click on the Paint Bucket tool so the white image turns black.



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Click on the Select tool button and select All from the list or press Control + A to select the whole image. A marquee will appear around the edge of the image.



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Click on the Channels tab (Figure 1)

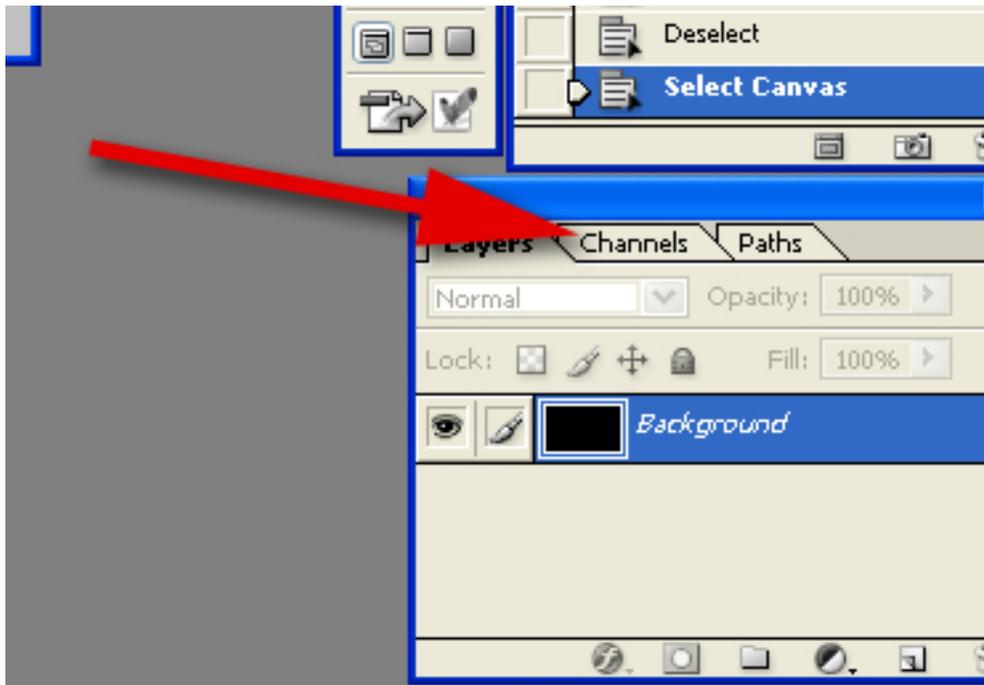


Figure 1

When the channels layers change, click on the Save Selection as Channel, button. The White Alpha 1 will appear. (Figure 2)

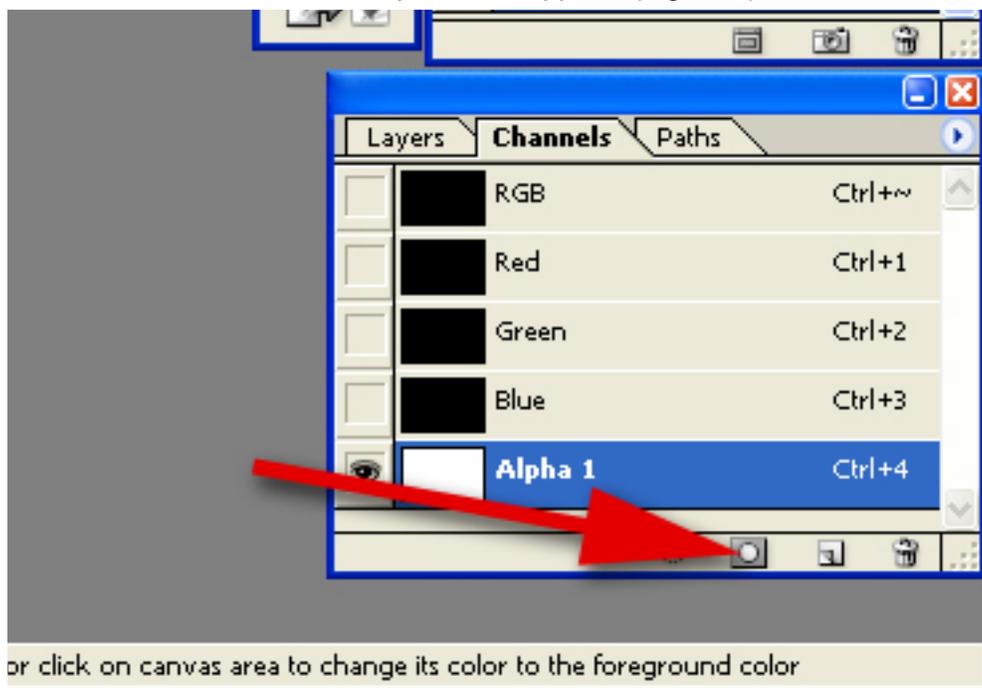
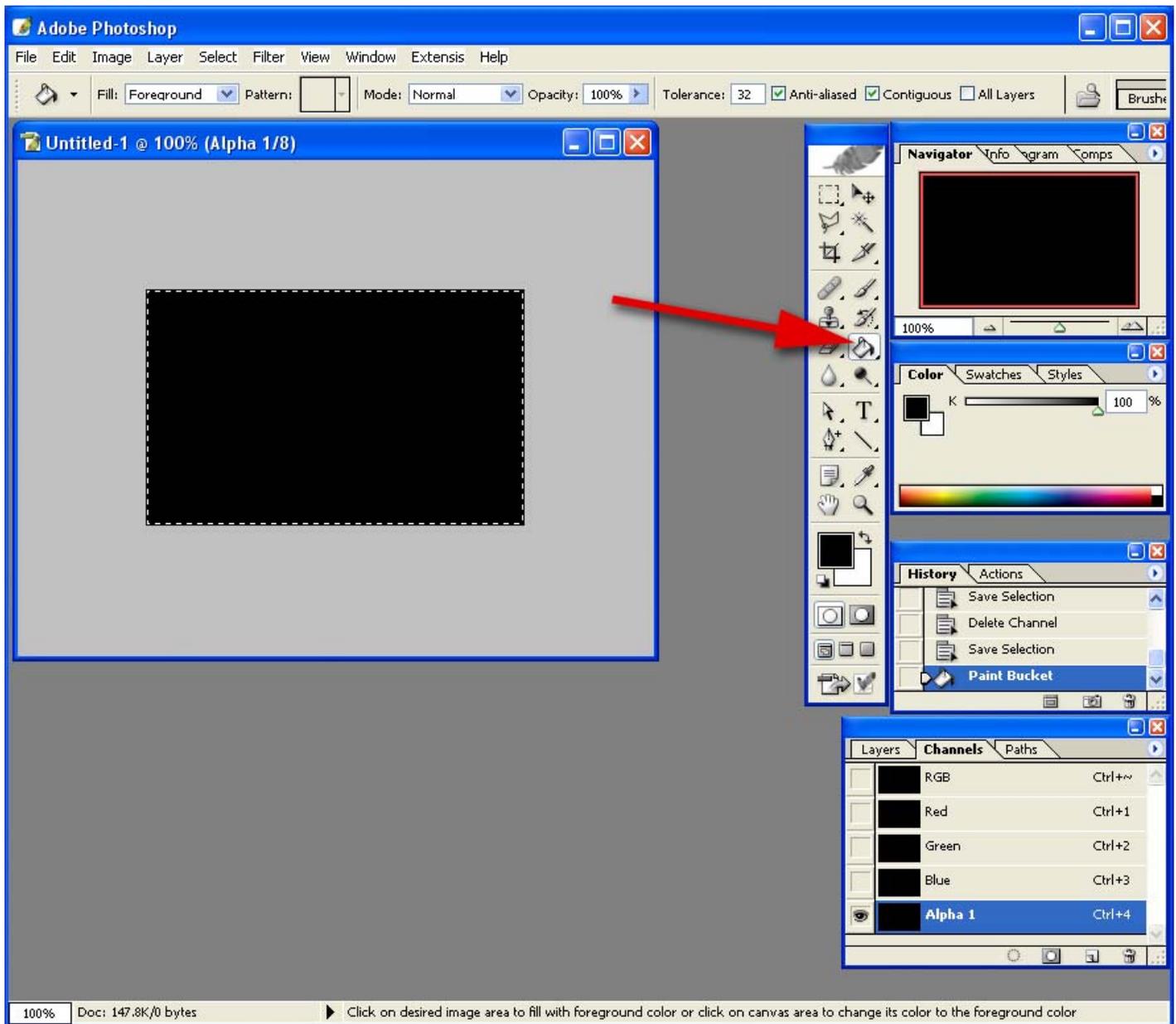


Figure 2

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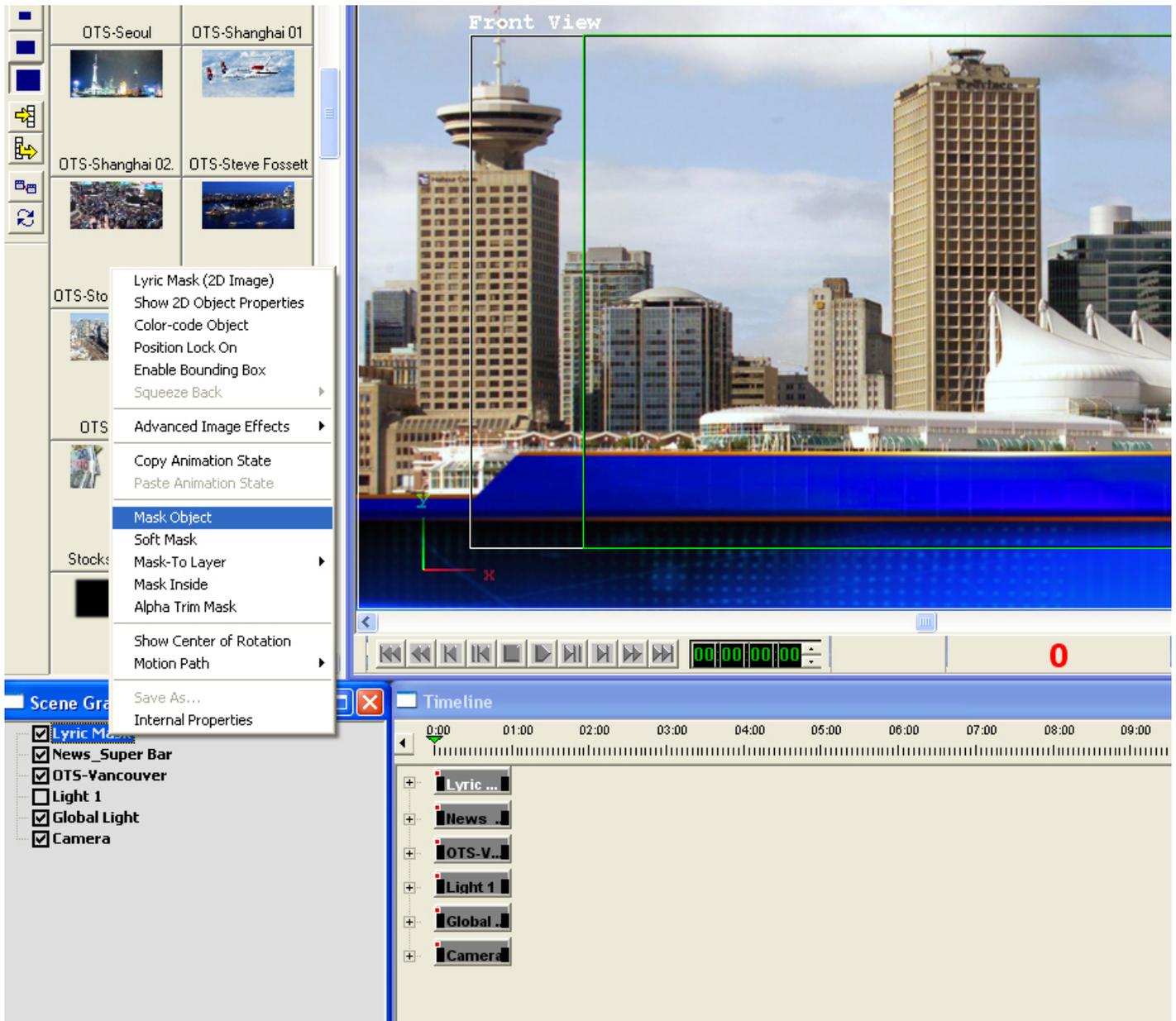
Click on the Paint Bucket tool and make the Alpha 1 black.



Then click File Save As. Type in a file name like Lyric Mask. Change the file format to targa and click save. When prompted select 32 bit and click OK.

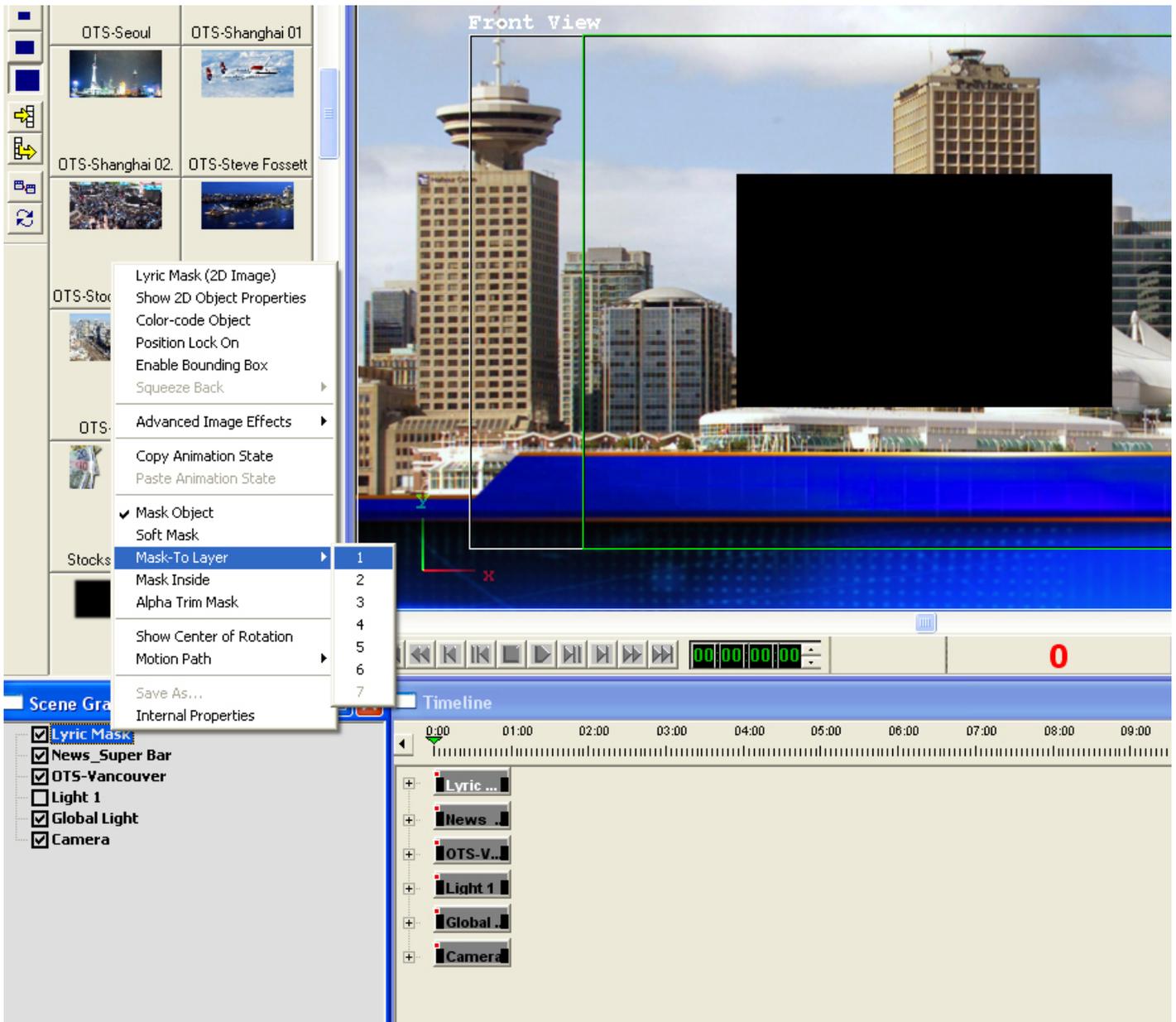
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In Lyric add 2 images to the canvas and then add the Lyric Mask. Make sure it is the top layer of the scene graph. Hilite the Lyric Mask in the scene graph with the mouse and right click. Select Mask Object.



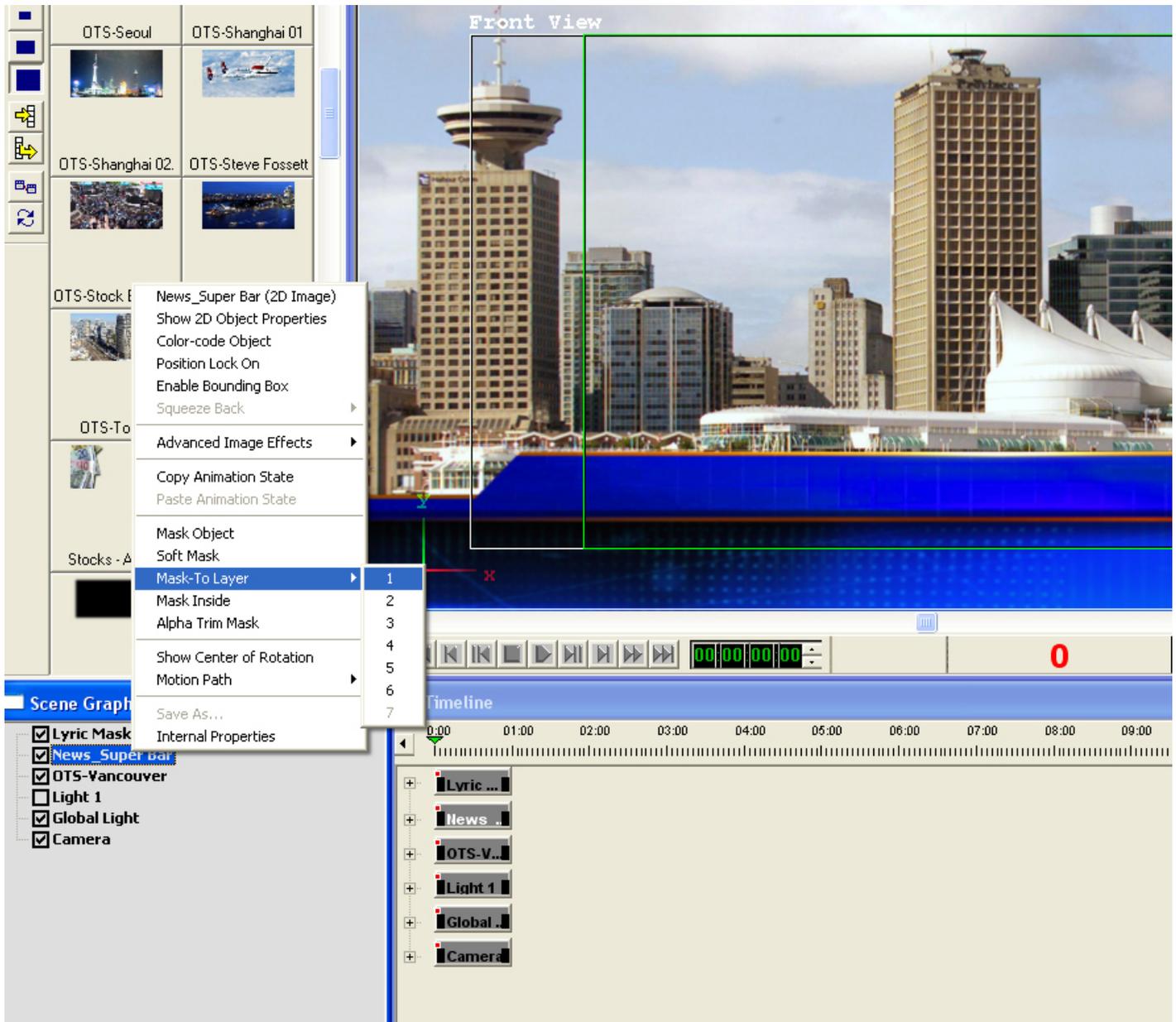
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Right click on the Lyric Mask in the scene graph again and select Mask to Layer. Check any layer from 1 to 6.



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Now select the layer in the scene graph that you want the mask to cover up. In this example the News Super Bar has been selected. With it hilited in the Scene Graph, right click and select Mask to Layer. Select the same layer that was assigned to the Lyric Mask. In this example Layer 1 was selected in both cases.



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Now when you move the Lyric Mask around the canvas it masks out only the New Super Bar. The mask can be made bigger using the XYZ properties in Lyric and can also be animated to reveal images. The picture below the News Bar (OTS-Vancouver) is not affected by the mask because it was not assigned a mask layer.

