

JAZZ PLATE: LESSON TEN

(Eb)

REVIEW OF CHORDS/SCALES
AUGMENTED AND DIMINISHED CHORDS
APPROACH TONES
3 LEVEL APPROACH TO IMPROVISATIONS
10 CONSIDERATIONS IN BUILDING SOLOS
IMPROVISATION TUNES

REVIEW OF CHORDS
(CONCERT PITCH)

TENSIONS

13 (6)
11 (4)
9 (2)

ALTERED TENSIONS

b 13
b # 11
b # 9

BUILDING CHORD SCALES: OCTAVE

• CHORD TONES • ALTERED TENSIONS • SURROUNDING HARMONY

VOICING

G⁷/B

WARM-UP: CHORD SCALES (6:35)

TEMPO TARGETS: 104/120/144/160/176/208

AUGMENTED CHORDS (AUG/+)

(CONCERT PITCH)

Ex 1 WHOLE TONE SCALES (9:40)

DIMINISHED 7TH CHORDS (DIM7/07)

(CONCERT PITCH)

(SECONDARY DOMINANT FUNCTION)

G^7 [$E_b^{7(b9)}$] A_b^{maj7}

(CHROMATIC FUNCTION)

$F^{\#7}$ G^7 $E^7/G^{\#}$

DIMINISHED SCALES: (TWO INTERCHANGEABLE PATTERNS AVAILABLE)

PATTERN 1
(WHOLETONE ABOVE CHORD NOTES)

PATTERN 2
(SEMITONE ABOVE CHORD NOTES)

Ex 2 DIMINISHED CHORD SCALES (14:40)

*USING PATTERN 1 (WHOLETONE ABOVE CHORD NOTES)

GROUP 1

$G^7 B_b^7$ $D_b^7 E^7$

$T \quad ST$

GROUP 2

$G^{\#7} B^7$ $D^7 F^7$

$T \quad ST$

$T \quad ST$

GROUP 3

$A^7 C^7$ $E_b^7 F^{\#7}$

$T \quad ST$

$T \quad ST$

APPROACH TONES

EXAMPLE TAKEN FROM DIMINISHED SCALE PATTERN 1

G⁰⁷

DESCENDING: APPROACHING TARGET FROM ABOVE BY A WHOLE-TONE

ASCENDING: APPROACHING TARGET FROM BELOW BY A SEMITONE

SINGLE APPROACH: CHROMATIC FROM BELOW AND DIATONIC ABOVE (WHOLE-TONE EXCEPT TO 3RD*)

TARGET NOTES: 3 5 ROOT ROOT 5 3 ROOT

DOUBLE APPROACH SURROUND (DIATONIC FROM ABOVE AND CHROMATIC FROM BELOW)

ROOT 3RD 5TH ROOT ROOT 3RD ROOT

Ex 3 (18:50)

DOUBLE APPROACH SURROUND (DIATONIC ABOVE/CHROMATIC BELOW)

G C F
5TH ST ABOVE 5TH 3RD 5TH 3RD
TONE ABOVE ST ABOVE (ROOT OF PREVIOUS BAR)

Bb Eb Ab
5TH 3RD 5TH 3RD

Dbb F# B
5TH 3RD 5TH 3RD

E A D
5TH 3RD 5TH 3RD

4

TRIPLE CHROMATIC APPROACH: SURROUND (2 CHROMATIC FROM ABOVE AND ONE CHROMATIC FROM BELOW)

AS ABOVE WITH DIATONIC ADJUSTMENT FOR MAJOR 3RD/MAJOR 7TH (1 ABOVE AND 2 BELOW)

MIX AND MATCH

Ex 4 (22:50)

TRIPLE CHROMATIC APPROACH: 5TH AND ROOTS (2 ABOVE/1 BELOW) MAJOR 3RD (1 ABOVE/2 BELOW)

THREE LEVEL APPROACH TO IMPROVISATION

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1. PENTATONIC

2. CHORD TONES

TARGET CHORD TONES

PASSING AND AUXILIARY

APPROACH

3. CHORD SCALES

MIX AND MATCH

DOUBLE TIME FEEL

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- TEN CONSIDERATIONS IN BUILDING YOUR IMPROVISED SOLO
1. ANALYSE CHORDS (KEY, CHORD FUNCTIONS, CHORD SCALES)
 2. FORM AND PHRASE STRUCTURES
 3. RHYTHMIC MOTION (ACTIVE/PASSIVE)
 4. STYLE OF THE MUSIC AND TEMPO
 5. MELODIC IDEAS (MOTIFS AND SEQUENCES)
 6. HARMONIC/MELODIC RELATIONSHIP (TENSION AND RELEASE)
 7. DYNAMICS (LIGHT AND SHADE)
 8. ARTICULATIONS (INFLECTIONS)
 9. LISTEN AND INTERACT WITH THE RHYTHM SECTION
 10. BUILD A STORY (INTRODUCE CHARACTERS, DEVELOPE YOUR IDEAS, BUILD CLIMAX AND RESOLVE)

IMPROVISATION:

FROM LESSON 5: BASIC BLUES PROGRESSION (I7, IV7, V7)

D7

I7 G7

IV7 A7 G7 I7

V7 IV7 I7

1. BLUES (PART 2) WITH ADDITIONAL CHORDS

DEMO: (34:30)

YOU PLAY 4X: (35:05)

G TONALITY

D7 G7 D7 Am7 D7

I7 IV7 I7 SEC II-7 V7

E HARM MINOR TONALITY

G7 G#7 D7/A F#7 B7

I7 # IV DIM 7 I7 SEC II-7 V7

D TONALITY

E^m7 A7

II-7 V7

D TONALITY

B7(b13) E^m7 A7

SEC V7 II-7 V7 TURN AROUND

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2. IT DON'T MEAN A THING BY DUKE ELLINGTON
 DEMO: (40:00)
 YOU PLAY 4X: (40:50)

1.

1.
 Em Em/D# Em/D A7/C# C7 (F#7) B7 Em
 I- I- /MAJ7 I- /MIN7 IV 7/3 LYDIAN b7 TT SUB V7 V7 I-
 E MINOR (G MAJOR)

2.

1.
 A7 A#7 G6/B B+7
 IV 7 LYDIAN b7 # IV DIM 7 DIMINISHED SCALE III MAJ 6 /3 V+7 WHOLE-TONE

2.

2.
 A7 D7 G G
 IV 7 MIXOLYDIAN (SEC V7) b VII 7 SDM MIXOLYDIAN (V7) III MAJ RELATIVE / MAJ (G MAJOR)
 C MAJOR TONALITY

3.

3.
 Dm7 G7 Cmaj7 G
 SEC II-7 V7 b VI MAJ 7 LYDIAN (IV MAJ 7)
 D MAJOR TONALITY

4.

4.
 Em7 A7 D7 G
 SEC II-7 V7 b VII 7 SDM LYDIAN 7 (V7 OF MAJOR KEY) V7 HAR MIN 5TH

5.

5.
 Em Em/D# Em/D A7/C# C7 B7 Em
 I- I- /MAJ7 I- /MIN7 IV 7/3 LYDIAN b7 TT SUB V7 V7 I-
 E MINOR (G MAJOR)

6.1.

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 A7 A#7 G6/B B+7
 # IV DIM 7 DIMINISHED SCALE III MAJ 6 /3 (B+7) V+7 WHOLE-TONE

7.2.

7.2.
 IV 7 LYDIAN b7 # IV DIM 7 DIMINISHED SCALE III MAJ 6 /3 V+7 WHOLE-TONE

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