

RUFUS PHILPOT - PHRASING & IMPROVISATION

COURSE WORKBOOK



SCOTT'S
BASS LESSONS





RUFUS PHILPOT - PHRASING & IMPROVISATION LESSON #1

I Can't Get Started (A Section) - Play Around The Melody

8va throughout

Chords: Cmaj7, Am7, Dm7, G7, Em7, Am7(b9)

15 14 17 16 14 15 17 19 17 16 19 21 17 17 14

Chords: D7(b9), G7sus4, Cmaj7, Am7, Dm7, G7, E7, A7, D7, G7sus4

16 15 14 17 16 17 14 14 15 17 17 18 15 17 14 15 14 17

Tips:

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3. Use Longer Notes (not just short notes)



RUFUS PHILPOT - PHRASING & IMPROVISATION LESSON #2

Charlie Parker Lick (Billie's Bounce Solo Opening)

F7

Scale Deg: 1 2 #2 3 4 #4 5 3 4 5 4 3 1 6 5 1

T 3 5 6 7 8 9 10 7 8 10 8 7 8 10 8 8

B

Alternative Fingering

F7

3 0 1 2 3 4 5 2 3 5 3 2 3 5 3 3

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1:12 F Major Triad - Chromatic Approach into Each Chord Tone

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1:55 Example Alternative Fingering (Try different positions)

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2:58 G7 - Chromatic Approach into Each Chord Tone

The image shows a musical exercise for a G7 chord on a bass line. The notation is written on a single staff with a bass clef. The exercise consists of a sequence of notes: G2 (open), G3 (fret 2), A3 (fret 3), B3 (fret 4), C4 (fret 5), D4 (fret 7), E4 (fret 9), F#4 (fret 10), G4 (fret 11), and A4 (fret 12). The notes are grouped into measures, with the final measure containing a whole note G4. The fret numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, and 12 are written below the staff, corresponding to the fretted notes. The exercise is divided into three measures by vertical bar lines.



RUFUS PHILPOT - PHRASING & IMPROVISATION LESSON #4

3:30 Havona Lick

CMA7

12 9 10 12 9 9 12 9 12

6:26 Havona lick down a 4th

CMA7

7 4 5 7 4 4 7 4 7



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0:45 I Can't Get Started Over D Minor

Dm7



RUFUS PHILPOT - PHRASING & IMPROVISATION LESSON #6

2:54 Pat Metheny Lick (Over G Minor)

G_M

T
A
B

17 19 20 17 19 19 17 20 17 17 19 19 17 19 17 20 17 20

3:57 Pat Metheny Lick #2

G_M

T
A
B

12 14 15 12 12 15 14 15 14 15 12 13

5:17 Triads In C Major

A bass line in C major showing triads for C Major, D Minor, E Minor, F Major, G Major, A Minor, B Diminished, and C Major. The notes are written on a single staff with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The triads are: C Major (C4, E4, G4), D Minor (D4, F4, A4), E Minor (E4, G4, B4), F Major (F4, A4, C5), G Major (G4, B4, D5), A Minor (A4, C5, E5), B Diminished (B4, D5, F5), and C Major (C5, E5, G5).

C Major	D Minor	E Minor	F Major	G Major	A Minor	B Dim	C Major
3	2 5	5 8 7	7 10 9 8 7 10	10 9 12	12 15 14	14 17 15	15 14 17

6:12 Metheny Lick Analysis

A bass line in G minor showing the Metheny Lick. The notes are written on a single staff with a bass clef and a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb). The lick is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), Eb5 (quarter), F5 (quarter), G5 (quarter). The lick is analyzed over G minor and Bb major.

Am7 Over G Minor

Bb Major Over Gm

Am7 Over G Minor	Bb Major Over Gm
12	14
14	15
15	12
12	15
14	15
14	15
12	13



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2:20

E Minor Line Over D Minor

Dm7

Fretboard diagram for E Minor Line Over D Minor:

Fret	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
T																				
A																				
B																				

5:08

G Major Line Over D Minor

Dm7

Fretboard diagram for G Major Line Over D Minor:

Fret	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
T																				
A																				
B																				

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Tips:

Book Recommendations:
Charlie Parker Omnibook
John Coltrane Omnibook
Bob Mintzer Transcriptions

Transcribe Complete Solos
Examples: Miles Davis, Cannonball Adderley etc.

Practice Slowly

Hear Ideas, don't just play patterns