

IMPROV IDEA #1: Playing with Different Dynamics

IMPROVISATION ("Improv" for short) is an important part of Jazz/Rock music. Improv is a technique which invites you to use your imagination to add some of your feelings and thoughts to a piece of music, just as you did with FEELINGS.

There are many different ways to change a piece of music. Let's start our improv by using **DYNAMICS** (loud and soft).

CHANGING THE MOOD

Play **FORTE** (loud) the first time.

Play **PIANO** (soft) the second time.

Improvise your own DYNAMICS the last time.

Moderato

ACOUSTIC JAMMING:

(Student plays 8va)

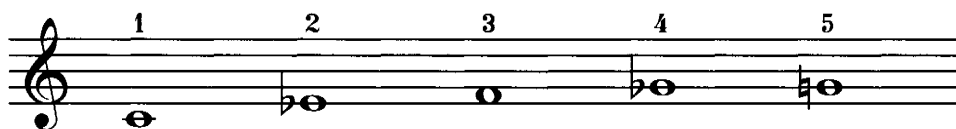
ELECTRONIC JAMMING:

REGISTER: Synth Ensemble

RHYTHM: Rock or Jazz

IMPROV IDEA #3: Creating New Melodies with the C Blues Scale

STEP 1: Review the 5-finger Blues Scale.



STEP 2: Create a *motif* (idea) from C Blues Scale tones.



Create an *ending* to the motif.

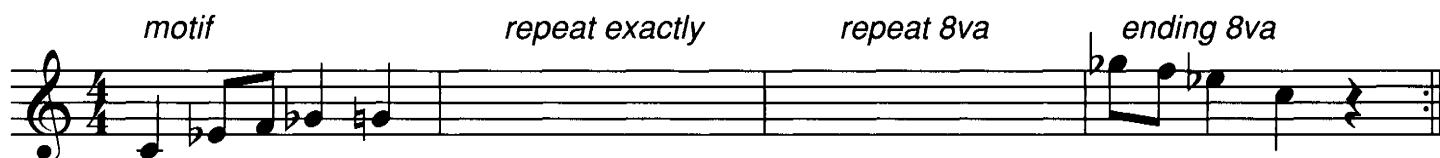


STEP 3: Use *repetition* to compose and improvise music.

EXAMPLE



IMPROVISE



STEP 4: Create variety by playing the following 4 measures at least 3 times (in either Jazz or Rock style), as follows:

1st time: Improvise using exact repetition in measures 2 and 3.

2nd time: Improvise using 8va in measures 2, 3 and 4.

3rd time on: Improvise varying exact repetition and playing 8va.

The ending may be played either 8va or as written.



ACOUSTIC JAMMING: Play an octave lower. Play with steps 3 and 4.

Change the accompaniment to coincide with the student's eighth-note style.



ELECTRONIC JAMMING:

REGISTER: Cosmic **RHYTHM:** Rock or Jazz

Play with steps 3 & 4.

Improv Performance #5

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What to play in Add-on Improv: *Blue Notes/Blues Scales, Repetition, Retrograde, 8va.*

How to play throughout the piece: Vary the Dynamics and select either Rock or Jazz eighth notes.

Moderately

5

9

Fine

13 **Add-on Improv** *blue note* *blues scale* (See "what to play" above.)

repeat several times, then D.C. al Fine

ACOUSTIC JAMMING: Play an octave lower.

5

9 *Fine* 13

repeat several times, then D.C. al Fine

ELECTRONIC JAMMING:

REGISTER: Jazz Guitar RHYTHM: Rock/Jazz/Salsa