

A Tribute to
CHARLEY
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« *In honor of my studies with*
CHARLEY WILCOXON »



FOREWORD

I had the good fortune to study with *Charley Wilcoxon* as a young high school student.

His marvelous concept and teaching method were certainly instrumental in the course that my life later took. He was an extraordinary person with that certain *personal touch* that he gave to each of his students, and he was always there to support, advise and help.

The books that he wrote were and are milestones in the world of drumming! It is for this reason that I have written *A Tribute to Charley*, taking his influence to a new plateau and imagining how he would have written his books today.

There are 50 *Rudimental Solos*, not only in the typical 2/4, and 6/8 time signatures, but also in the *Odd Meter Signatures*. Some of the solos I wrote are with a jazz feel.

Tempo markings, dynamics, and sticking are indicated in every solo, but if you find another tempo on a particular solo that suits you better, please use it! In any case, a slower tempo, sometimes in the beginning, is always a good idea. However, you must use the indicated sticking as it is an important aspect of the rudiments.

The execution is, of course, the same as that demanded by *Charley* and described in his books. Those who are in the dark here should definitely buy these publications. They are classics that should not be missing in any drummer's library!

At the end of the book, I have illustrated possible ways and ideas to implement the solos on the drumset. These are just a few small examples that are meant to trigger your imagination as to how you can orchestrate these solos in your own way on the set. I have also indicated Bass Drum and HiHat accompaniments, but again, feel free to try out your own ideas.

I hope you will enjoy playing these solos, as much as I have had enjoyed writing them.

All the best for your continuing success down the never ending *Road of Drumming*!

Sincerely,

Ich hatte das Glück, als junger Highschool-Schüler bei *Charley Wilcoxon* Unterricht zu haben.

Sein hervorragendes Konzept und seine Lehrmethoden waren sicherlich wegweisend für die Richtung, die mein Leben später nahm. Er war ein außergewöhnlicher Mensch mit dem gewissen *persönlichen Touch*, den er jedem seiner Schüler gab, und er war immer da, um zu unterstützen, zu beraten und zu helfen.

Die Bücher, die er schrieb, waren und sind Meilensteine in der Welt des Trommelns!

A Tribute to Charley habe ich geschrieben, um seinen Einfluss auf eine neue Ebene zu heben und mir vorzustellen, wie er seine Bücher heute geschrieben hätte.

Es enthält 50 *Rudimental Solos*, nicht nur in den gebräuchlichen 2/4- und 6/8-Taktarten, sondern auch in *ungeraden Taktarten*. Einige der Solos habe ich mit einem *Jazz-Feeling* geschrieben.

Tempomarkierungen, Dynamik und Sticking sind in jedem Solo angegeben, aber wenn du bei einem bestimmten Stück ein anderes Tempo findest, das dir besser gefällt, kannst du es verwenden! Am Anfang ist ein langsames Tempo auf jeden Fall eine gute Idee. Du musst allerdings immer das angegebene Sticking verwenden, da dies ein wesentlicher Bestandteil der Rudiments ist.

Die Ausführung entspricht selbstverständlich der, die *Charley* gefordert und in seinen Büchern erklärt hat. Wer hier im Unklaren ist, sollte sich unbedingt diese Veröffentlichungen kaufen. Es sind Klassiker, die in keiner Schlagzeugerbibliothek fehlen dürfen!

Am Ende des Buches habe ich Möglichkeiten und Ideen aufgezeigt, wie man die Solos auf dem Drumset umsetzen kann. Dies sind nur ein paar kleine Beispiele, die deine Fantasie anregen sollen. Ich habe auch Bassdrum- und HiHat-Begleitungen angegeben, aber auch hier kannst du gerne deine eigenen Ideen ausprobieren.

Ich hoffe, du wirst mit diesen Solos genauso viel Spaß beim Spielen haben, wie ich ihn beim Schreiben hatte.

Alles Gute und viel Erfolg für deinen weiteren Weg auf der nie endenden *Road of Drumming*!

Dein

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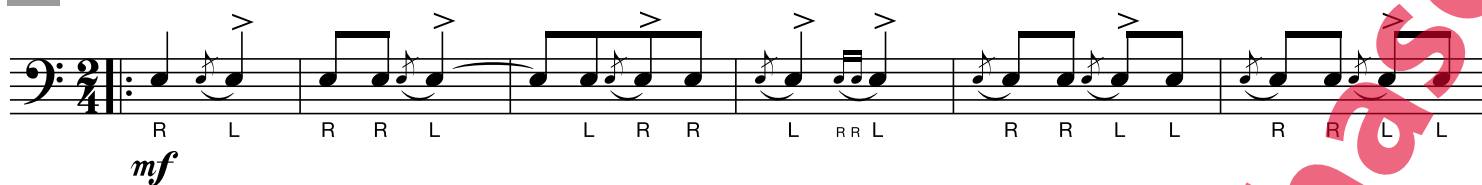
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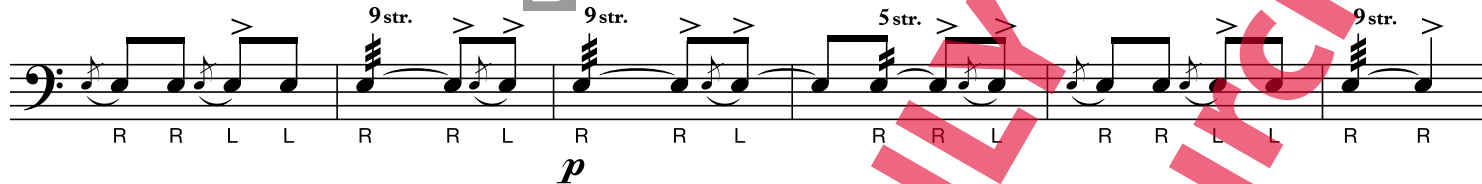
SOLO No. 1

♩ = 106

A



B



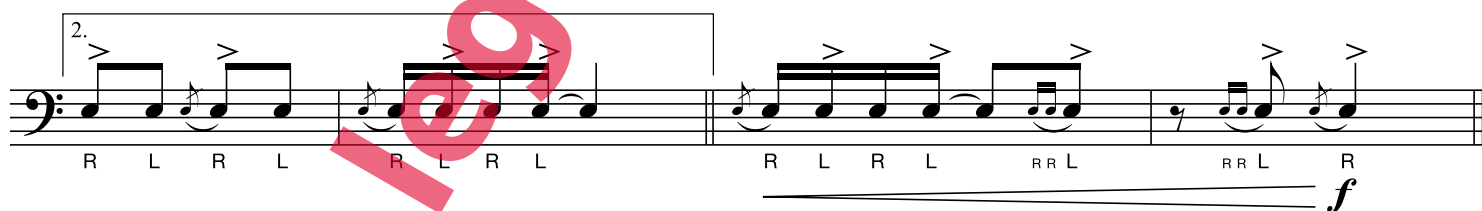
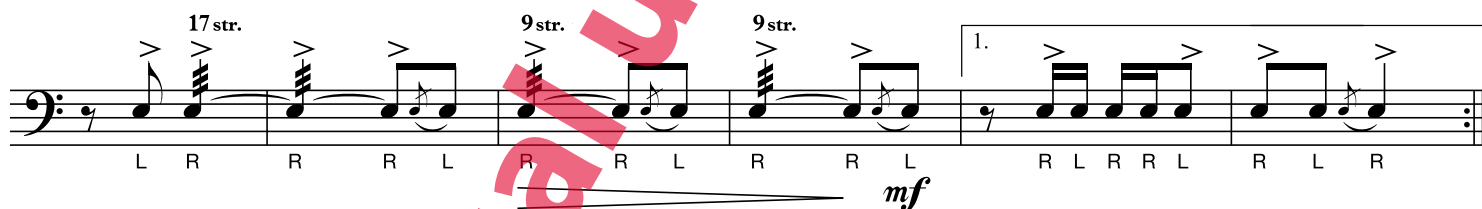
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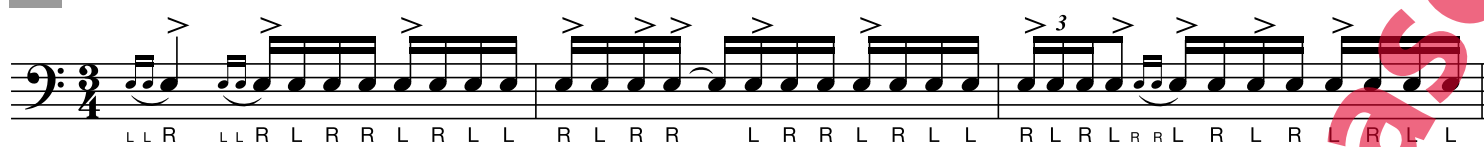
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SOLO No. 50 | Changing Meter IV

♩ = 90

A



f
(♩ = ♩)



B

f



C

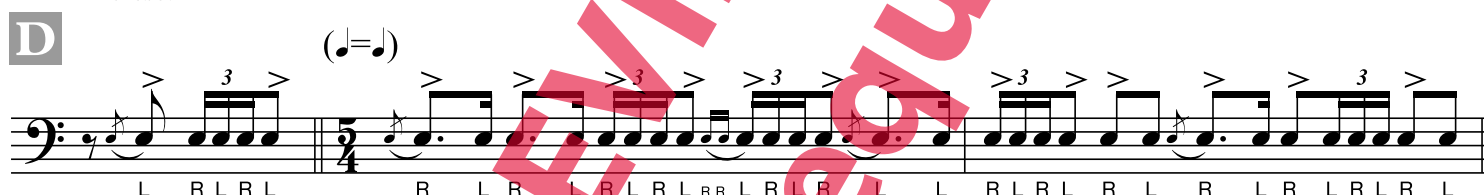
(♩ = ♩)



(♩ = ♩)



cresc.



D

(♩ = ♩)



cresc.

f

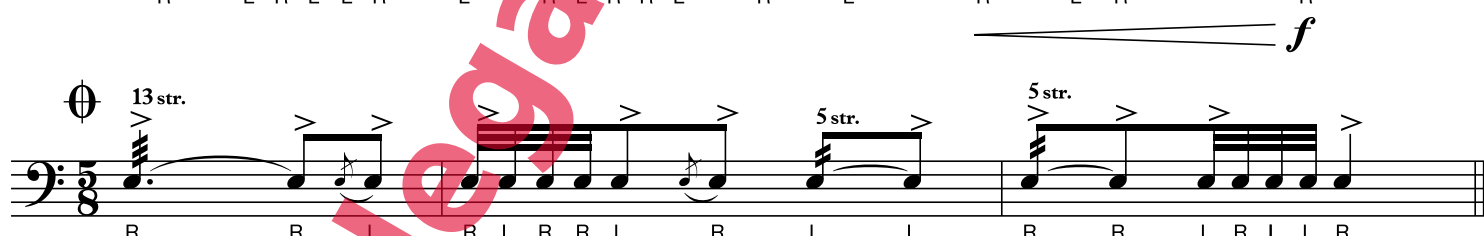


(♩ = ♩)

f

mf

D.S. al. Φ con rep.



Φ 13 str.

5 str.

5 str.

ff

Example 13

49 SOLO No. 44 - B bars 3-8 in $\frac{2}{4}$

$\text{♩} = 86$

f

C

sub. p *cresc. - - - -*

Example 14

52 SOLO No. 47 | Changing Meter I - B bars 1-4 in $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{5}{4}$

$\text{♩} = 84$

B ($\text{♩} = \text{♩}$)

C ($\text{♩} = \text{♩}$)

f *p*

Example 15

53 SOLO No. 48 | Changing Meter II - bars 1-4 in D in $\frac{2}{4}$ and bars 1-2 in E in $\frac{5}{8}$

$\text{♩} = 86$

D ($\text{♩} = \text{♩}$)

E ($\text{♩} = \text{♩}$)

p *pp* *mf*

Example 16

55 SOLO No. 50 | Changing Meter IV - B bars 1-4 in $\frac{4}{4}$

$\text{♩} = 90$

B

C ($\text{♩} = \text{♩}$)

f *p* *pp*

Example 13 shows two staves of music in 2/4 time. The first staff begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic and features a series of eighth and sixteenth notes with accents. The second staff continues the pattern, including a triplet of eighth notes marked with an accent and a 'RC' (Right Chord) marking.

Example 14 consists of two staves. The first staff is in 3/4 time, starting with a forte (*f*) dynamic and featuring a triplet of eighth notes. The second staff is in 5/4 time, starting with a piano (*p*) dynamic and featuring a 5-measure rest (5 str.) and a crescendo leading to a piano (*p*) dynamic.

Example 15 consists of two staves. The first staff is in 2/4 time, starting with a piano (*p*) dynamic and featuring a 5-measure rest (5 str.) and a 13-measure rest (13 str.). The second staff is in 5/8 time, starting with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and featuring a crescendo leading to a piano (*p*) dynamic.

Example 16 consists of two staves. The first staff is in 4/4 time, starting with a forte (*f*) dynamic and featuring a 5-measure rest (5 str.). The second staff is in 7/8 time, starting with a piano (*p*) dynamic and featuring a 9-measure rest (9 str.) and a 13-measure rest (13 str.).