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INTRODUCTION

Ron Carter ranks among the giants of jazz. His bass playing is known by all jazz musicians and fans because of his very personal sound - you can always recognize Ron Carter after hearing just a few notes. In addition to his stellar bass playing, Ron has made his mark as a jazz composer of considerable prowess, displaying a knack for writing clever, memorable tunes that have been performed and recorded by Miles Davis, Jim Hall, Herbie Hancock, Joe Henderson and many others.

Ron Carter was a mainstay of the New York jazz scene in the late fifties and early sixties, working with players such as Chico Hamilton, Eric Dolphy, Thelonius Monk, Bobby Timmons, and Art Farmer. In 1963, Ron joined the second great Miles Davis Quintet - a band which turned the jazz world upside down with their innovative approach to group improvisation. Ron's first recording with Miles was Seven Steps To Heaven, which was followed by a string of live recordings - My Funny Valentine, Four & More, and Miles in Tokyo - before the next studio recording, E.S.P.

E.S.P. was the first studio album to feature the full quintet, and Miles made use of the compositional skills of the band members, recording pieces by Herbie Hancock, Wayne Shorter, and three compositions by Ron Carter: Eighty-One, Mood, and R.J..

Ron Carter left Miles in 1968 and continued his freelance career, playing, composing, and working with practically everyone in the jazz business. In 1972, he began leading his own groups and making numerous recordings as a leader. Throughout the '70s, he recorded often for the CTI record label with players like Wes Montgomery, Herbie Mann, George Benson, Antonio Carlos Jobim, Freddie Hubbard, and many others. He developed the cello-like "piccolo bass" and often played as the lead solo instrument accompanied by a rhythm section. To this date, he has recorded well over 30 projects as a leader and over two thousand as a sideman.

As a composer, Ron Carter won a Grammy in 1998 for Call Sheet Blues, from the movie Round Midnight. He has written and arranged music for many films, including A Gathering of Old Men, The Passion of Beatrice, and Blind Faith. Many of his original compositions are published in his book The Music of Ron Carter.

You'll get hooked on the melody and changes to Blues for D.P. This is one of those blues progressions that has just enough twists to make the blowing really fun and challenging. Check out the triplet figure in measures 10 and 11 for a trademark Ron Carter "turn-the-beat-around" melody.

Bomdia is a groovy, latin-esque tune with an AAB form. The rhythm section plays the hits all in all of the key spots, so keeping your place in the form is easy - just listen! **Eight** is a great workout over the modal changes of *So What* (Miles Davis) or *Impressions* (John Coltrane). The rhythm section has a great lock, and Ron plays some of his slick rhythmic embellishments to sometimes push, sometimes open up the groove.

Eighty-One premiered on the famous Miles Davis *E.S.P.* session in 1965. This long-meter, straight eighth-note blues was one of the first jazz-rock grooves, foreshadowing the fusion music of the late '60s and '70s. **First Trip** is a medium swinger with a lot of dominant chords moving in various cycles and half-step root movements, somewhat reminiscent of a Thelonius Monk-style tune. This one is definitely a trip to blow on!

Don't be fooled by the first chord in **For Toddlers Only**. This inventive 32-bar bop tune starts on the IV chord: the Eb^a in the key of Bb. **Little Waltz** comes from Ron's album, Piccolo. The poignant harmony and easy 3/4 groove invite the soloist to go for a pleasant ride through the changes.

Ron Carter is pictured on the cover of **Mr. Bow Tie** in - what else - a jaunty bow-tie with an equally playful grin. The tune Mr. Bow Tie is an elegant samba that is informed by Ron's work with all of the greats in the Latin-jazz world.

Loose Change is set up by Ron's persistent double-stop bass lines. Be sure to count out the last four measures of the bridge in order to repeat back to the top! Nearly is a fourteen-measure composition that begins "like" a blues and then takes some surprise turns in measures 9 through 14. This composition comes from Ron's Stardust recording, which is a tribute to another great composer/bassist, Oscar Pettiford.

As its title implies, **Quiet Times** is a song of reflection. With patience, concentration and attention to the harmonic details, this is a beautifully rewarding ballad to play. **R.J.** is another classic Ron Carter composition from the Miles Davies *E.S.P.* album. The rhythm section plays the built-in hook every time in the B section of the tune. This allows the soloist to really free things up, while still having this great rhythm section marking off the form.

Third Plane is a floating, straight eighth-note groove which literally lifts the soloist (in this case to the B∆ in measures 9 through 12). The cleverly simple form and turnaround in the last four measures makes this one of those songs that plays itself.

Some of these Ron Carter compositions are jazz classics, and some are not quite as well known. They are all, however, great vehicles for improvising. Ron Carter and his working rhythm section of Stephen Scott, Peter Bernstein and Payton Crossley make this an inspiring and groovy Play-A-Long set.

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11. Quiet Times Third Plane, Herbie Hancock, Tony Williams, Ron Carter (Fantasy/Milestone, 1977)

R. J. E.S.P. Miles Davis (Columbia/Sony, 1965)

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INTRODUCTION TO THE SCALE SYLLABUS

Each chord/scale symbol (C7, C-, C Δ +4, etc.) represents a series of tones which the improvisor can use when improvising or soloing. These series of tones have traditionally been called scales. The scales listed here are the ones I most often hear musicians play. I have listed the Scale Syllabus in the key of C Concert so you can have a frame of reference and can compare the similarities and differences between the various chords/scales.

This SCALE SYLLABUS is intended to give the improvisor a variety of scale choices which may be used over any chord - major, minor, dominant 7th, half-diminished, diminished and suspended 4. Western music, especially jazz and pop, uses major, dominant 7th, Dorian minor and Blues scales and chords more than any other. Scales and chords used less often are the half-diminished, diminished and suspended 4. If we agree on these five chord/ scale families as being the most predominant, then we can set up categories and list substitute scales beneath each heading ... see the *Scale Syllabus* page. You should also check out *Volume 26 "The Scale Syllabus"* for more help with scales.

Each category begins with the scale most closely resembling the chord/scale symbol given to the left. The scales are arranged according to the degree of dissonance they produce in relation to the basic chord/scale sound. Scales near the top of each category will sound mild or consonant. Scale choices further down the list will become increasingly tense or dissonant. Each player is urged to start with the scales at the top and with practice and experimentation gradually work his way down the list to the more dissonant or tension-producing scales. You should work with a new scale sound on your instrument until your ears and fingers become comfortable with all the tones in the scale. Also try singing the scale with your voice. Improvise with your voice over the scale you are learning and then reproduce on your instrument what your voice has created.

Music is made of tension and release. Scale tones produce either tension or relaxation. The improvisor's ability to control the amount and frequency of tension and release will, in large measure, determine whether he is successful in communicating to the listener. Remember - you, the player, are also a listener! Read Volume 1 JAZZ: How To Play And Improvise for a more detailed explanation of tension and release in melodic development.

Any of the various practice procedures and patterns listed in **Volumes 1**, **2**, **3**, **21**, **24** or **84** can be applied to any of the scale choices listed in this Scale Syllabus. Needless to say, any scale you want to learn should be transposed and practiced in all twelve keys. The column on whole and half step construction I have listed for each scale on the syllabus should prove helpful when transposing a scale to any of the twelve keys.

For additional information on scale substitution, I recommend Scales for Jazz Improvisation by Dan Haerle, Jazz Improvisation by David Baker, Patterns for Jazz (Treble-Clef or Bass Clef) and Complete Method for Jazz Improvisation by Jerry Coker, and Repository of Scales & Melodic Patterns by Yusef Lateef. These books are available from your favorite music source or visit www.jazzbooks.com for more information.

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THE SCALE SYLLABUS

LEGEND: H = Half Step, W = Whole Step.; Δ = Major 7th; + or # = raise H; b or - = lower H; Ø = Half-diminished; -3 = 3H (Minor Third)

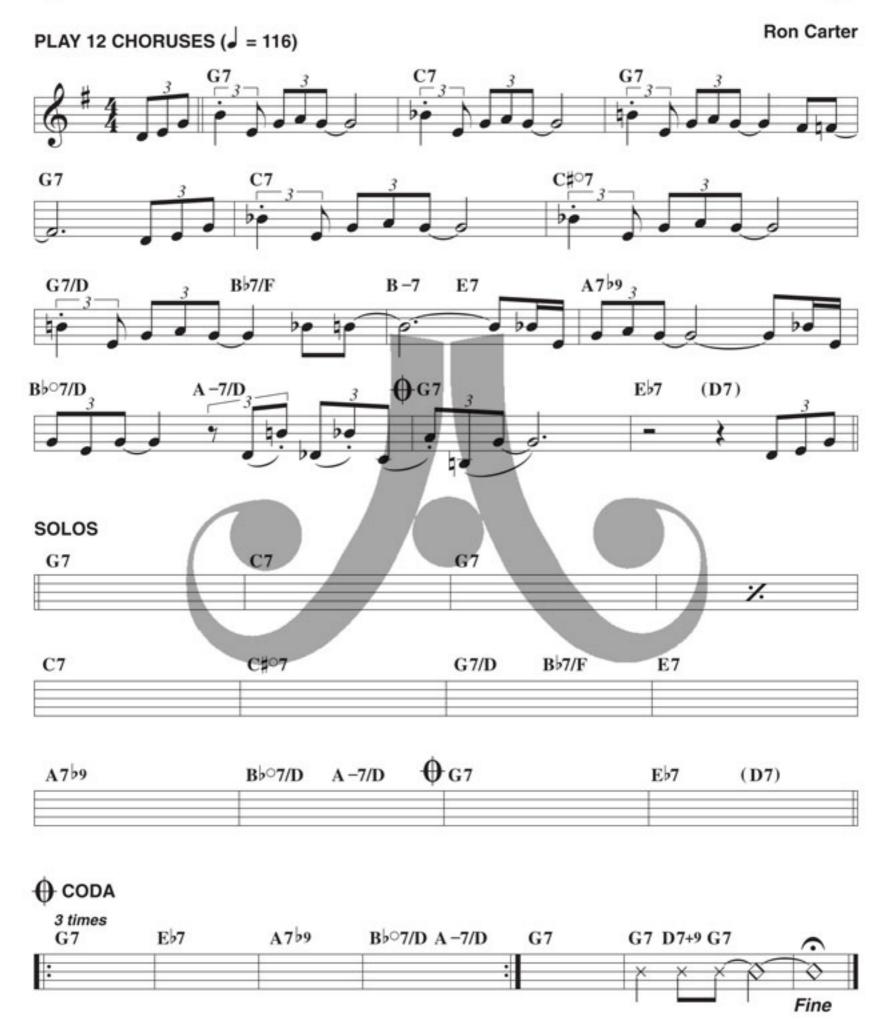
CHORD/SCALE SYMBOL	SCALE NAME	WHOLE & HALF STEP	SCALE IN KEY OF C	BASIC CHORD
		CONSTRUCTION		IN KEY OF C
C	Major	WWHWWWH	CDEFGABC	CEGBD
C7 FIVE BASIC	Dominant 7th (Mixolydian)	WWHWWHW	CDEFGABbC	CEGBbD
C- CATEGORIES	Minor (Dorian)	WHWWWHW	CDEbFGABbC	C Eb G Bb D
CØ	Half Diminished (Locrian)	HWWHWWW	C Db Eb F Gb Ab Bb C	C Eb Gb Bb
Co /	Diminished (8 tone scale)	WHWHWHWH	CDEbFGbAbABC	C Eb Gb A (Bbb)
1. MAJOR SCALE	SCALE NAME	W & H CONSTRUCTION	SCALE IN KEY OF C	BASIC CHORD
CHOICES	SCALL NAME	an construction	JUNE IN RELIGIO	IN KEY OF C
CΔ (Can be written C)	Major (don't emphasize the 4th)	WWHWWWH	CDEFGABC	CEGBD
C	Major Pentatonic	W W -3 W -3	CDEGAC	CEGB
CΔ+4	Lydian (major scale with +4)	WWWHWWH	CDEFGABC	CEGBD
CA	Bebop (Major)	WWHWHHWH	CDEFGG#ABC	CEGBD
CAb6	Harmonic Major	W W H W H -3 H	CDEFGAbBC	CEGBD
CΔ+5, +4	Lydian Augmented	WWWWHWH	CDEF#G#ABC	CEG#BD
C	Augmented	-3 H -3 H -3 H	CD#EGAbBC	CEGBD
Č	6th Mode of Harmonic Minor	-3 H W H W W H	CD# EF# GABC	CEGBD
Č	Diminished (begin with H step)	HWHWHWHW	CDbD#EF#GABbC	CEGBD
C	Blues Scale	-3 W H H -3 W	CEbFFGBbC	CEGBD
2. DOMINANT 7th	SCALE NAME	W & H CONSTRUCTION	SCALE IN KEY OF C	BASIC CHORD
SCALE CHOICES			constraint many property	IN KEY OF C
C7	Dominant 7th	WWHWWHW	CDEFGABbC	CEGBbD
C7	Major Pentatonic	W W -3 W -3	CDEGAC	CEGBbD
C7	Bebop (Dominant)	WWHWWHHH	CDEFGABBBC	CEGBbD
C7b9	Spanish or Jewish scale	H-3HWHWW	C Db E F G Ab Bb C	CEGBb(Db)
C7+4	Lydian Dominant	WWWHWHW	CDEF#GABbC	CEGBDD
C7b6	Hindu	WWHWHWW	CDEFGAbBbC	CEGBbD
C7+ (has #4 & #5)	Whole Tone (6 tone scale)	WWWWWW	CDEF#G#BbC	CEG#BbD
C7b9 (also has #9 & #4)	Diminished (begin with H step)	HWHWHWHW	C Db D# E F# G A Bb C	C E G Bb Db (D#)
C7+9 (also has 59, \$4, \$5)	Diminished Whole Tone	HWHWWWW	C Db D# E F# G# Bb C	C E G# Bb D# (Db)
C7	Blues Scale	-3 W H H -3 W	CEbFFGBbC	CEGBbD(Dt)
DOMINANT 7th SUSPENDED 4th				
C7 sus 4 MAY BE	Dom. 7th scale but don't emphasize the third	WWHWWHW	CDEEGABLC	CFGBbD
C7 sus 4 WRITTEN	Major Pentatonic built on 57	W W -3 W -3	Bb CD F G Bb	CFG Bb D
C7 sus 4 G-/C	Bebop Scale	WWHWWHHH	CDEFGABBBC	CFG Bb D
3. MINOR SCALE CHOICES*	SCALE NAME	W & H CONSTRUCTION	SCALE IN KEY OF C	IN KEY OF C
C- or C-7	Minor (Dorian)	WHWWWHW	CDE FGAB C	C Eb G Bb D
C- or C-7	Pentatonic (Minor Pentatonic)	-3 W W -3 W	CEb FG Bb C	C Eb G Bb D
C- or C-7	Bebop (Minor)	WHHHWWHW	CDESEFGABSC	C Eb G Bb D
C-∆ (maj. 7th)	Melodic Minor (ascending)	WHWWWWH	CDEFGABC	C Eb G B D
C- or C-6 or C-	Bebop Minor No. 2	WHWWHHWH	CDE FGG ABC	C Eb G B D
C- or C-7	Blues Scale	-3 W H H -3 W	CED FF GBb C	C Eb G Bb D
C-∆ (b6 & maj. 7th)	Harmonic Minor	W H W W H -3 H	C D Eb F G Ab B C	C Eb G B D
C- or C-7	Diminished (begin with W step)	WHWHWHWH	CDE FF G ABC	C Eb G B D
C- or C-b9b6	Phrygian	HWWWHWW	C Db Eb F G Ab Bb C	C Eb G Bb
C- or C-b6	Pure or Natural Minor, Aeolian	WHWWHWW	C D Eb F G Ab Bb C	C Eb G Bb D
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4. HALF DIMINISHED	SCALE NAME	W & H CONSTRUCTION	SCALE IN KEY OF C	IN KEY OF C
SCALE CHOICES CØ	Half Diminished (Locrian)	HWWHWWW	C Db Eb F Gb Ab Bb C	C Eb Gb Bb
CØ\$2 (CØ9)	Half Diminished #2 (Locrian #2)		C D Eb F Gb Ab Bb C	C Eb Gb Bb D
CØ (with or without \$2)	Bebop Scale	HWWHHHWW	C Db Eb F Gb G Ab Bb C	
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5. DIMINISHED SCALE	SCALE NAME	W & H CONSTRUCTION	SCALE IN KEY OF C	BASIC CHORD
CHOICES	Diminished (8 tons souls)	WHWHWHWH	CDELECTALARC	IN KEY OF C
Co	Diminished (8 tone scale)	WHWHWHWH	CDEbFGbAbABC	C Eb Gb A

NOTES: 1) The above chord symbol guide is my system of notation. I feel it best represents the sounds I hear in jazz. Players should be aware that each chord symbol represents a series of tones called a scale. 2) Even though a C7±9 would appear to have only a raised 9th, it also has a \(\beta 9\), +4 and +5. The entire C7+9 scale looks like: Root, \(\beta 9\), +9, 3rd, +4, +5, \(\beta 7\) & root (C, D\(\beta\), D\(\psi\), E, F\(\psi\), G\(\psi\), B\(\beta\), C). My chord symbol C7+9 is therefore an abbreviation, while the complete name of this scale is Diminished Whole Tone (sometimes called Super Locrian or Altered Scale). Similarly, C7\(\beta 9\) also appears to have only one altered tone (\(\beta 9\)) but it actually has three: \(\beta 9\), +9 and +4. The entire scale looks like: Root, \(\beta 9\), +9, 3rd, +4, 5th, 6th, \(\beta 7\) & root (C, D\(\beta\), D\(\psi\), E, F\(\psi\), G, A, B\(\beta\), C). This is called a Diminished scale and my chord symbol abbreviation is C7\(\beta 9\). 3) All scales under the Dominant 7th category are scales that embellish the basic Dominant 7th sound. Some scales provide much more tension than the basic dominant 7th sound and require practice and patience to grasp the essence of their meaning. I encourage you to work with Volume 3 "The 11-V7-1 Progression" since it emphasizes Diminished and Diminished Whole Tone scales and chords. 4) In category #3, MINOR SCALE CHOICES, the PURE MINOR scale choice is not used very often. I have found the order of preference to be Dorian, Bebop, Melodic, Blues, Pentatonic, and then any of the remaining Minor scale choices.



1. Blues For D.P.

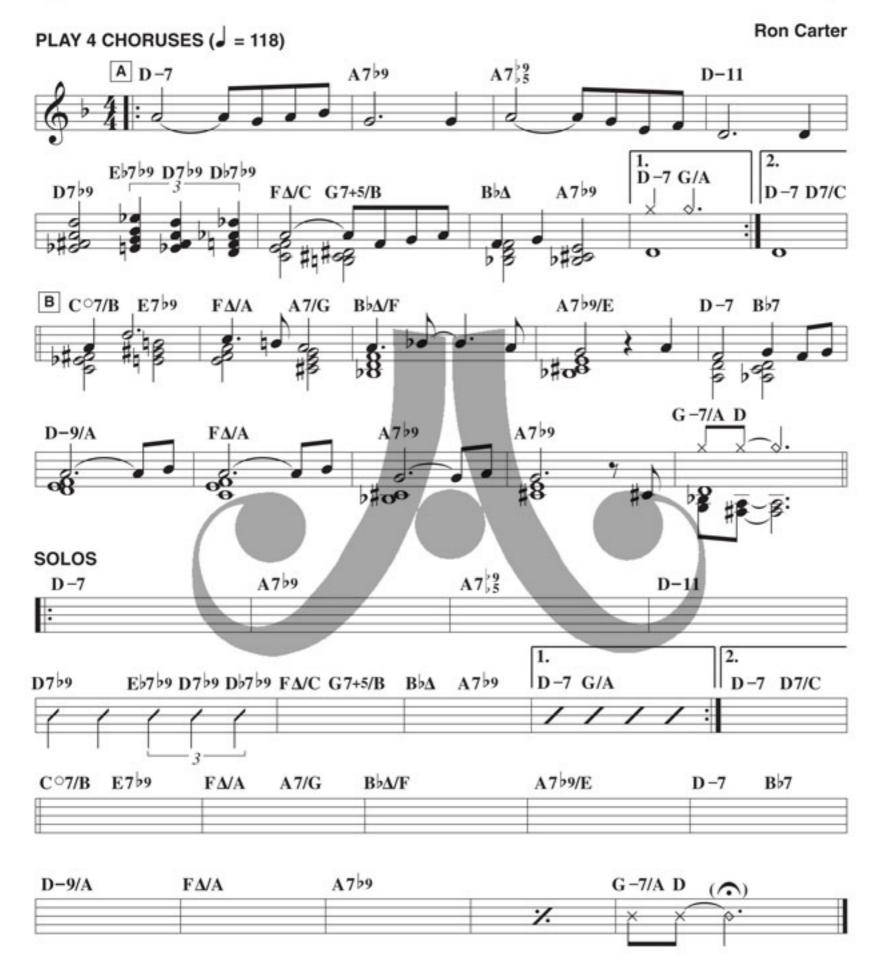






2. Bomdia







3. Eight







4. Eighty-One



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