Effective Etudes For Jazz, Volume 2 by Mike Carubia and Jeff Jarvis



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Introduction

Our daily environment normally exposes us to a wide variety of non-jazz music, which explains why developing musicians render less convincing performances of swing jazz music than when playing rock or Latin styles. Many musical styles require players to perceive rhythms exactly as they appear, whereas the attack, duration, and rhythmic placement of the notes against the pulse vary from player to player when performing swing style jazz. *Effective Etudes For Jazz, Volume 2* is designed to develop and improve jazz conception, particularly in the swing idiom. Once familiar with the various interpretations, your preferences will emerge, thus defining your own unique style.

Dictionaries define an etude as a musical work composed for the development of a specific point of technique, but also performed because of its artistic merit. *Effective Etudes For Jazz, Volume 2* not only bears out that definition, but it provides well-written material for a broad variety of applications:

• *Effective Etudes For Jazz, Volume 2* provides ideal material for jazz honors band auditions. Students can be evaluated for both concept and improvisation (chord symbols are provided) using the etudes and the corresponding accompaniment recordings (free MP3's at kendormusic.com). Guitarists, pianists, and bassists can also practice or be evaluated on their comping skills using the play-along recordings.

• *Effective Etudes For Jazz, Volume 2* provides performance worthy music for jazz solo competitions, evaluation festivals, and recitals - most of which allow the use of recordings in lieu of an accompanist.

• *Effective Etudes For Jazz, Volume 2* is a collection of etudes based on the chord changes to popular standards. Players will learn to interpret and improvise over the chord progressions of songs that jazz musicians should know.

• *Effective Etudes For Jazz, Volume* 2 accompaniment recordings (free MP3's at kendormusic.com) allow students to perform the original melody (not included) of the standard tunes on which the etudes are based.

• *Effective Etudes For Jazz, Volume 2* is perfect for group lessons since any combination of solo instruments can perform etudes simultaneously with or without the accompaniment recordings.

• *Effective Etudes For Jazz, Volume 2* allows players to perform nearly any combination of the above uses with the accompaniment MP3's. For instance, the user can play the etude for a chorus, then improvise during the next chorus, and so on. The possibilities are endless.

How To Use This Book

The etudes are presented sequentially, progressing from accessible to challenging.

For best results...

- Use a metronome when learning the etudes.
- Set the speed to a realistic tempo to minimize frustration, even if it's slower than the suggested metronome marking.

• Learn the articulations and nuances concurrently with the actual notes.

Learning the notes first and attempting to apply musicality later can prove ineffective, as the memory is likely to be imprinted with a bland, lifeless interpretation. *Effective Etudes For Jazz, Volume 2* assists in the quest to assimilate the jazz language by providing frequent articulations on the more accessible etudes. In the intermediate and advanced etudes, obvious articulations have been purposely omitted so as to minimize visual distraction for musicians able to interpret the style without assistance.

Next...

- Listen to the recordings (free MP3's at kendormusic.com) to hear how the professional solo artist and rhythm section perform the etude.
- Compare their interpretation with yours. Play along with the recording, matching the soloist's rendering of each etude.

• Now practice with the MP3's containing the rhythm section accompaniment without the soloist, applying what you've heard to your performance.

Swing Articulation

As you listen to the etudes played by the professional jazz musicians on the MP3 recordings (kendormusic.com), notice the connected legato treatment of the swing eighth note figures and lines.

Novice jazz players often try too hard to swing. This is especially true at faster tempos where the triplet subdivisions of the swing eighth note dissolve into a "straight eighth note feel." You may wonder - How can music swing if the eighth notes are interpreted in a straight manner? This is accomplished through strategic placement of accents. But which notes receive extra emphasis when playing in the swing style? Here are some helpful tips:

- Accent the top note of each ascending line.
- Accent the top note when there's an interval leap.
- Accent anticipations into the next measure, such as an eighth note tied over the bar line.
- Accent the third note of eighth note triplets. When playing a stand-alone triplet, accent the first and third notes.

• Notes that appear before accented notes of longer value should be under-emphasized, giving the impression of more energy and weight to the accented note.

• Never precede a long note with a short one in the swing idiom.

The contour of the line is also used to arrive at good phrasing. In addition to connecting the swing eighths and strategically placing accents on upper notes, crescendo while ascending and decrescendo during the descent. This will "shape" the phrases, thus adding musicality to your performance.

Improvising

Learning to play etudes in the jazz style will improve your jazz conception and help you learn to improvise. These etudes have been composed using the same jazz language used during improvised solos. Maximize the benefits of this collection by performing the etudes verbatim and improvising your own ideas over the chord progressions that appear above the staves. To get started, make slight changes to the original melody by adding grace notes, scoops, bends and other ornaments. This is called melodic embellishment, a stepping stone to creating your own ad lib solos. You can also incorporate some of the written figures from the etudes into your improvised solos. Another device is to make references to the melody of another song during ad lib solos. This crowd-pleasing technique is known as "quoting," a common practice of experienced improvisers.

Whether interpreting notated jazz music or improvising, imitation and assimilation are vital components of the learning process. Improvisation is essentially composition, except the player has less time to arrive at good ideas. Since composing and improvising are close relatives, similar devices are used to navigate chord progressions. These commonly-used sequences and patterns, also known as licks and clichés, appear frequently in *Effective Etudes For Jazz, Volume 2* to help you recognize, understand, and use them when improvising. Learning these devices in all keys will speed your mastery of the jazz language.

Conclusion

Effective Etudes For Jazz, Volume 2 covers many theoretical, visual, and aural aspects of learning to interpret and improvise jazz music. But don't stop here! There is an ocean of great jazz recordings that will inspire you to even greater heights of proficiency and understanding. Take advantage of every opportunity to listen to performances by accomplished jazz artists - known or unknown, recorded or live. This never-ending educational process will contribute to your success as a musician and your enjoyment of jazz. We wish you every success in both endeavors.

Sunny Side Up by Mike Carubia















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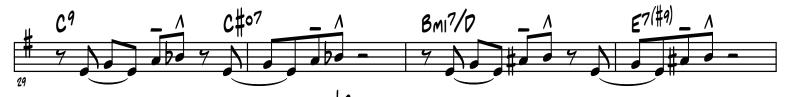


































The Days Of Winding Hoses

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Bird Lady

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Bossa Azule

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Sun-Like

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Did You Meet Her?

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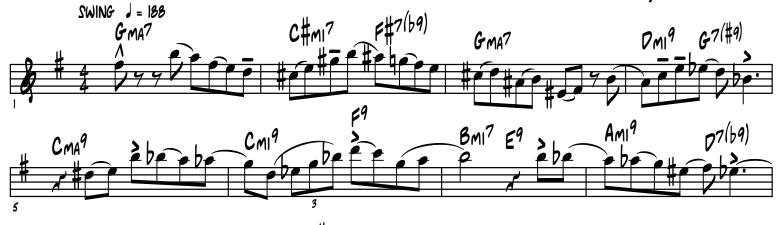






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Appendix excerpted from The Jazz Educator's Handbook by Jeff Jarvis & Doug Beach (published by Kendor)

Since many directors are using *Effective Etudes For Jazz, Volume* 2 with entire ensembles, here is a helpful set of exercises that can be used to warm up the ensemble while acclimating students to swing figures and improving their mastery of scales (including modal scales) and key signatures - skills that transcend the jazz idiom. Please feel free to duplicate these pages for your students.

For major scales, play a 6/9 chord which corresponds with the key signature.

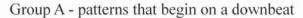


For dominant scales, play a dominant 7th chord which corresponds with the key signature.



For minor scales, play a minor 7th chord which corresponds with the key signature.

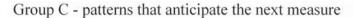














About the Composers



Mike Carubia

Mike received his Bachelor of Arts from C.W. Post College (Long Island NY) and his Masters degree in Theory and Composition from the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida. In addition, he did post graduate work at the Eastman Arrangers Workshop in 1970. He studied arranging privately with both Manny Albam and Ray Starling.

Mike has been a professional musician since age 15 and has been involved in all aspects of the music business. He taught at East Meadow High School (NY) for 8 years, then spent 3 years as Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut. Mike taught theory and was the jazz ensemble director at Ward Melville High School (NY) from 1990 to 2005. As a performer, Mike has played on six national telethons, recorded over 60 CD's of industrial and sports library music, numerous commercials, 6 jazz albums and several pop and contemporary recordings. He has performed with Tony Bennett, Vic Damone, Englebert Humperdinck, Sammy Davis

Jr., Jerry Vale, Lena Horne, Maxine Sullivan, and Frank Sinatra Jr.. Mr. Carubia played five years with the Gerry Mulligan Concert Jazz Band, completing a five week world tour and a two week jazz cruise in the 1980's. His credits as a substitute trumpet player on Broadway numbers 25 different shows including *Sugar Babies, Les Miserables, 42nd Street, Starlight Express, Sweet Charity, The Wiz, Fosse, Chicago* and *Saturday Night Fever*. Mike was a regular substitute for the Village Vanguard Orchestra from 1982 until 2004 and is still active playing in the New York city scene.

As a composer and arranger Mike has written and recorded over 175 original pieces of music for Omni Music, a music source for television and radio. He has also published over 150 jazz ensemble arrangements or compositions plus 4 books on jazz improvisation.

Mike played five years of professional baseball in the Baltimore Orioles and the Los Angeles Angels minor league systems. He made the major league roster as a pitcher for the Angels in 1963, but an arm injury forced retirement from the sport.

Jeff Jarvis

Jeff Jarvis has distinguished himself as a trumpeter, composer, jazz educator, and music publisher. He serves as Director of Jazz Studies at the Bob Cole Conservatory at California State University Long Beach and is an owner of Kendor Music, Inc., the first educational music publisher to provide jazz charts written especially for student musicians. He frequently appears as an honors jazz band conductor, trumpet soloist, clinician and lecturer. Jeff served as Vice-President of the International Association For Jazz Education and is the Music Director Emeritus of the Central New York Jazz Orchestra.



His solo recordings as a jazz trumpeter and composer have placed high on national air play charts and have won him critical acclaim. Jeff's early career as a studio trumpeter encompasses over 100 recordings for such names as Lou Rawls, Michael Jackson, Melba Moore, The O'Jays and many more. Live performance credits include Dizzy Gillespie, Louie Bellson, Joe Williams, Benny Golson, Jon Hendricks, Jimmy Heath, Joe Lovano, Henry Mancini, Slide Hampton, Kevin Mahogany, Grady Tate, Eddie Daniels, Rob McConnell, and Doc Severinsen. Jeff is frequently commissioned to compose music for school, military and professional musical groups, along with serving as a contributing editor for *The Instrumentalist*, and writing for other music trade journals such as *Flute Talk*, *Band & Orchestra Product News*, and *Jazz Educators Journal*. Jarvis has co-authored *The Jazz Educators Handbook* with Doug Beach, a jazz piano book with Matt Harris entitled *The Chord Voicing Handbook*, and with Mike Carubia, *Effective Etudes For Jazz*, the standard in jazz performance/audition solos.

A Yamaha trumpet artist, Jeff has performed throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia and Indonesia. He has most recently been featured with the USAF Airmen of Note, Syracuse Symphony Orchestra, Dallas Jazz Orchestra, US Army Jazz Ambassadors, Jazz Knights of the United States Military Academy Band at West Point, Riverside Jazz Orchestra, Oslo Big Band (Norway), US Army Blues, Frank Mantooth Jazz Orchestra, Denver Symphony Orchestra, USAF Shades of Blue, USAF Commanders Jazz Band and more.