

REALISTIC ROCK DRUM METHOD: 35TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL EDITION

Carmine Appice
Book/CD
Alfred Publishing

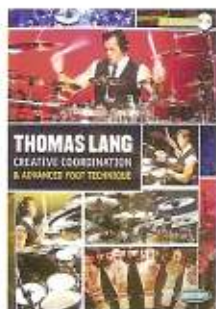
A bit of background: Realistic Rock, originally published by Carmine in October 1972, has sold over 350,000 copies to date, making it the best-selling instructional rock drum book of all time, and was voted #11 in Modern Drummer's August 1993 "Top 25 Drum Books of All Time". This special 35th Anniversary Edition sees the inclusion of an enhanced CD with audio instruction by Carmine himself, a video rockumentary chronicling Carmine's amazing career plus bonus footage of his band Cactus playing a 2006 reunion show in New York. For those new to this book, Carmine covers the following: hand and feet coordination through triplet and syncopation studies, rock fills, double bass drum playing and coordination studies between the hi hat, feet and hands. Its timeless stuff and simply put, this is a legendary manuscript that has literally helped hundreds of thousands of drummers through the years to rock their hearts out!



THOMAS LANG: CREATIVE COORDINATION & ADVANCED FOOT TECHNIQUE

Thomas Lang
Book/CD
Hudson Music

Powerhouse drummer Thomas Lang is wowing audiences the world over with his exceptional command of the drum set and has just released a three DVD set with the same title. This, the corresponding book/CD package, contains the transcriptions from the DVD and they are advanced and extremely challenging. Thomas has broken his book into two parts, the first concentrating on "combination exercises" – exercises that require the player to use the hands and feet at

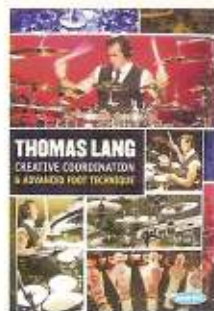


the same time, but in completely different ways. There is some tasty stuff here and it's not for the faint-hearted! The second part of the book simply takes many of these ideas and puts them in a musical context with full transcriptions of seven tunes written by Thomas

himself that are contained on the accompanying CD both with, and minus, drums. There are also extensive and very helpful notes regarding Thomas' thoughts and approach to each song. This is a very solid and extensive resource by one of today's drumming masters.

THOMAS LANG: CREATIVE COORDINATION & ADVANCED FOOT TECHNIQUE

Thomas Lang
3 DVDs
Hudson Music



Thomas Lang's latest instructional DVD offering is an extensive foray into some advanced drumming concepts that fans of his powerful style will love. You've got seven hours of organised mayhem here with Thomas taking you through some great foot technique exercises, before hammering you with some amazing coordination and independence ideas that will challenge even the most advanced players. And to round it all off, Thomas then applies these ideas on the drum set as he plays through seven self-written tunes and takes some blazing solos. Extra features include bonus chapters on posture, seat height, stick grip and practising, as well as full transcriptions (PDF files), a live solo performance plus much more, and to wrap it all up you get a great poster of Thomas in action. Gone are the days of 90 minute VHS instructional videos!

ALTERNATIVES IN MUSIC PRESENTS ANDREW HEWITT

Andrew Hewitt
DVD
Drummerstix Music



Australian drummer Andrew Hewitt was born with cerebral palsy which affects movement in his arms and legs and restricts him to crutches, but that doesn't stop him playing drums with passion and courage. Alternatives in Music Presents Andrew Hewitt is a short, 14 minute feature filmed at Billy Hyde's Drumcraft in January 2005 that demonstrates the techniques that make music possible for Andrew even as his cerebral palsy progresses. With a heart to see differently-abled people find their unique alternatives to musical expression, Andrew has worked successfully as a clinician, educator and motivational speaker and will no doubt continue to inspire many people to overcome personal difficulty

and disability. Check out Andrew's website for more information: www.drummerstix.com.au

VIRGIL DONATI LIVE IN STOCKHOLM

Virgil Donati
2 DVDs
Rudimental

Aussie drumming legend Virgil Donati has released a double-disc set of predominately drum solos here with Live in Stockholm. The main feature is from Virgil's performance headlining the Bass and Drum Festival in Stockholm, Sweden in 2005 where he blew the audience away with his all-consuming performance. Included also is the question/answer session that sees Virgil sharing some great insights with the spellbound audience. Extra features are full-length solos and clinics from Montreal, Vienna and Sydney, as well as an

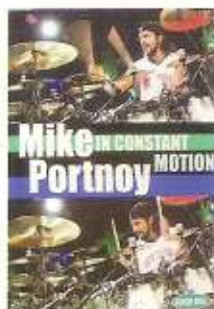


interesting web interview from 2005 and a photo gallery. Virgil's playing is brilliant and his command of the instrument is simply breathtaking (no surprises there!) and his legions of fans will love this good, old fashioned watch-it-and-be-floored release.

MIKE PORTNOY: IN CONSTANT MOTION

Mike Portnoy
3 DVDs
Hudson Music

Mike Portnoy's second instructional DVD for Hudson Music is an absolute beauty, covering three discs and clocking in at over seven hours! The first of the three discs focusses on music from Dream Theater's last three releases (Six Degrees of Inner Turbulence, Train of Thought and Octavarium) and sees Mike playing and analysing his parts from six tunes, both live and in the studio. The second disc looks at the side projects Mike has been involved in, from his work with Neal Morse, G3 and Overkill, to his Beatles, Rush, The Who and Led Zeppelin tribute bands. And lastly, the third disc contains bonus material, including solos, four exclusive live Dream Theater tracks, a tour of Mike's kit and an interview with his drum tech. Other special features include full song



transcriptions (PDF files), a complete discography and videography and a photo gallery. Mike's on-camera manner is relaxed and enjoyable to watch which makes this package all the more easy to enjoy and digest. An excellent follow-up to Liquid Drum Theater.