

Part 2 - The Anatomy of The Improvised Line

There are certain elements, knowledge of which determines the quality of the improvised line. They may be summarized as follows:

1. Time Signature
2. Key Signature
- 3. A Theme & Variations**
4. Articulations
5. Rhythm
6. Form
7. Harmony and Discord
8. Cadences

A theme can be a 4 or 8 bar phrase.

A variation is an alteration or another interpretation of your theme.

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Chart 9- A Theme & Variations

A simple theme

The same thing using quarter notes

What comes down can go up

Developing the theme with ties and rests

Developing the theme using one altered note

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