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On top of his immense career as a concert pianist, Mulgrew Miller took a lot of time to transmit his passion through teaching and share his great experience with many musicians. We were lucky enough to receive precious advice and insights on his work method through numerous master classes and private lessons from 1989 to 2012.

When Mulgrew Miller spoke of a given subject, he never hesitated to sit at the piano to demonstrate with many examples, his great knowledge of the jazz standards allowing him to find an infinite number of examples. He liked to say that "standard is a good teacher."

Availability, patience, humility, kindness were all personality traits on display with every one of his students.

Here we give you transcriptions, exercises, advice, work methods and secrets from the master.

Thank you again Mulgrew Miller for your generosity!

Mulgrew Miller, en plus de son immense carrière de pianiste concertiste, a également pris beaucoup de son temps pour transmettre sa passion à travers l'enseignement et partager sa grande expérience avec de nombreux musiciens. Nous avons eu la chance de recueillir de précieux conseils, méthodes de travail, lors de nombreux master classes et cours privés avec lui entre 1989 et 2012.

Lorsque Mulgrew Miller abordait un sujet, il n'hésitait pas à se mettre au piano et à faire la démonstration avec de nombreux exemples, sa très grande culture des standards de jazz lui permettant de renouveler les exemples à l'infini. « Un standard est le meilleur des professeurs » aimait-il à rappeler.

Disponibilité, patience, humilité, gentillesse, autant de traits de caractère qu'il savait à chaque occasion déployer pour ses élèves.

Nous vous livrons ici des relevés, exercices, conseils, méthodes de travail et secrets du maître.

Encore merci Monsieur Mulgrew Miller pour votre générosité !

2.1 | WARM-UP EXERCISES

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"If I have time to warm up, that's what I do. If I have a lot of time, then I do the scales, arpeggios, trills..."

"This is something you can practice: learn to play your scales from every degree of the scale. Learn to play your modes from every degree of your mode. They will give you an immense freedom and flexibility". Mulgrew Miller

« Si j'ai le temps de m'échauffer, voici ce que je fais. Si j'ai beaucoup de temps, je passe en revue les gammes, les arpèges, les trilles... »

Voici une bonne chose à pratiquer : apprenez à jouer les gammes à partir de n'importe quel degré de la gamme. Apprenez à jouer les modes à partir de n'importe quel degré du mode. Cela vous donnera une liberté, une flexibilité immense ». Mulgrew Miller

EXERCICES FOR INDEPENDANT FINGERS EXERCICES POUR L'INDEPENDANCE DES DOIGTS Live from a Master Class - Switzerland (2005)

EXERCISE 1

5 4 3 2
1 5 4 3

EXERCISE 2

2.2 | PATTERNS

2.2 | MOTIFS

3 to 5 note patterns from Mulgrew Miller's musical idiom

Motifs de 3 à 5 notes issus du langage personnel de Mulgrew Miller

The musical score consists of ten staves. The notation includes various note values, rests, and accidentals. Above the staves, there are labels for chords and motifs: E^b , C, F, F7, G MIN7, C7, C MIN7, F7, G7, C7, F, E MIN7, E^b MIN7, D MIN7, C# MIN7, E MIN7, E^b MIN7, and C MIN7. The music is written in a style that suggests a jazz or contemporary idiom, with a focus on melodic patterns and harmonic structure.

F BLUES

Live from a Master Class - Spain (1989)

The musical score is written for piano and guitar. The piano part is in the right hand, and the guitar part is in the left hand. The key signature is one flat (F major). The tempo is marked 'Live from a Master Class - Spain (1989)'. The score consists of 10 systems of music. The piano part features a melodic line with various intervals and rhythms, including eighth and sixteenth notes. The guitar part provides harmonic support with chords and single notes. The chords are labeled as follows:

- System 1: F7, I. DODGE
- System 2: G7, F7, A7, D7
- System 3: G7, C7, A7, D7, G7, C7
- System 4: F7, G7, F7, G7, F7, G7
- System 5: I. DODGE, G7, B7, A7, C7
- System 6: G7, C7, A7, D7, G7, C7
- System 7: F7, I. DODGE
- System 8: G7, A7, D7
- System 9: G7, C7, D7, G7, C7
- System 10: G7, C7, D7, G7, C7



Mulgrew Miller's solo on the chord changes to

INNER URGE

Keys To The City (1985)

♩ = 240 0.48 $F\sharp MIN7(b5)$ 3^{rd}

$F\sharp MA7(b5)$

$E\flat MA7(b5)$

$D\flat MA7(b5)$

$E MA7$ 3^{rd} $D\flat MA7$ $D MA7$ $B MA7$

$C MA7$ $A MA7$ $B\flat 15(b9)$ $G MA7$



Mulgrew Miller's solo on the chord changes to

AUTUMN LEAVES

Ron Carter
The Golden Striker (2002)

♩=155 0/45 C MIN7 C#DIM7 Bb/D EbMA7

EDIM Bb/F F#DIM7 G MIN BOM7

C MIN7 C#DIM7 Bb/D EbMA7

EDIM7 Bb/F F#DIM7 G MIN

AbMA7 G MIN6

AbMA7 Ab7sus4 G MIN6

AbMA7 Ab7 G MIN7 C7 F7 Bb7

EbMA7 A7/C# D7 G MIN G7