

Pentatonic Melodic Patterns

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All patterns are illustrated in the 5th position of the C major pentatonic scale, but can be applied to *all* positions (and to all pentatonic scales). You may wish to try ornaments anywhere possible. Also try phrasing all patterns as triplets. And also try starting any pattern on "2."

DESCENDING

4-note patterns on adjacent groupings of 2 strings:

Pattern:

Development:

with Rhythmic Displacement:
(starting on "off-beat" or "and")

etc. etc.

List of Patterns:

1) intervals "counterpart" in scale "counterpart"

3) repeat from E repeat from D

4) And apply lots of different rhythmic feels to all of this.

5) 6)

7) 1) ASCENDING Patterns:

2) 3)

4) 5)

4) 4 1 1 4 5) 1 3 4 1

6) 7)

6) 4 3 1 1 7) 1 1 3 4

8) 9)

8) 3 1 1 4 9) 1 3 4 1

DESCENDING Patterns of 3 Notes:

Phrase as triplets, and also in "4" (group into 4's)

1) 2) 3) 4)

1) 1 4 4 2) 4 1 1 3) 4 4 1 4) 1 1 4

or C

ASCENDING Patterns:

1) 2)

1) 1 4 4 2) 3 4 1

3) 4)

3) 1 1 4 4) 4 3 1

5) 6) 7) 8)

5) 1 4 1 6) 3 1 4 7) 1 4 3 8) 4 3 1

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PENTATONIC MELODIC PATTERNS

DESCENDING
4 NOTE PATTERNS ON
ADJACENT GROUPINGS OF
2 STRINGS:

LIST OF PATTERNS

PATTERN DEVELOPMENT (by shifting to next lower string set)

Scale but in the 5th position of the C Major fret. (and to all Pent. scales) YOU MAY WISH TO TRY ORNAMENTS ANYWHERE POSSIBLE

WITH RHYTHMIC DISPLACEMENT: STARTING ON "OFF-BEAT" OR "AND". ALSO TRY PHRASING ALL PATTERNS AS TRIPLETS

ETC. ETC.

INTERVALS IN SCALE

"COUNTERPART" "COUNTER-PART"

repeat from 2 repeat from 1

ASCENDING PATTERNS

AND ALSO TRY STARTING ANY PATTERN ON "2"

AND APPLY LOTS OF DIFFERENT RHYTHMIC FEELS TO ALL OF THIS

DESC. PATTERNS OF 3 NOTES

PHRASE AS TRIPLETS, AND ALSO in "4" (GROUP INTO 4'S)

ASC. PATTERNS

DESC. PATTERNS

6 NOTE PATTERNS MAY BE PHRASED AS 2 GROUPS OF 3 OR VICE-VERSA.

and also do their counterparts

DON'T FORGET ABOUT ORNAMENTS

ASC. PATTERNS

DESC. PATTERNS

FROM "LIFE WITH FATHER"

ASC. PATTERNS

DESC. PATTERNS

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5th pos DESCENDING TYPES:

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