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# A Step-By Step Introduction for the Classroom

Based on FUNdamentals of Drumming for Kids



## **Welcome Students**

#### What Are We Going To Learn?

- Where Drums Come From
- Different Kinds of Drums
- Famous Drummers
- Music Notation
- Clapping Exercise
- Hand Drumming Exercise
- Sticking Exercise
- Drum Set Exercise



Let's get started!

## Where Do Drums Come From?

### • Definitions of Drums:

- Drums are a percussion instrument consisting of a hollow shell with a drumhead stretched over one or both ends that is beaten with the hands, a stick, a brush or a mallet.
- The drum is the oldest known instrument in the world dating back to 4,000 BC in Egypt in the northeast corner of Africa.
- Drums are used to communicate or entertain. They are used throughout the world playing different roles for different people.
- Drums are a lot of fun and a great way to play music!

## **What Kinds of Drums Are There?**



SNARE



TOM



BASS



### **Who are some Famous Drummers?**



**BUDDY RICH** 



**GENE KRUPA** 

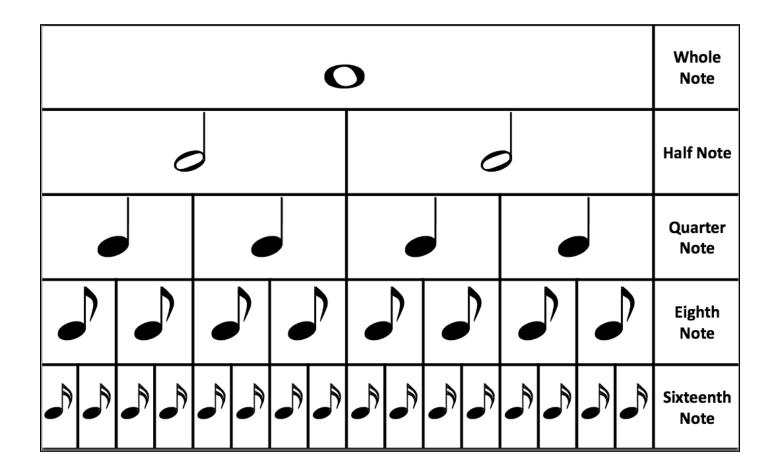




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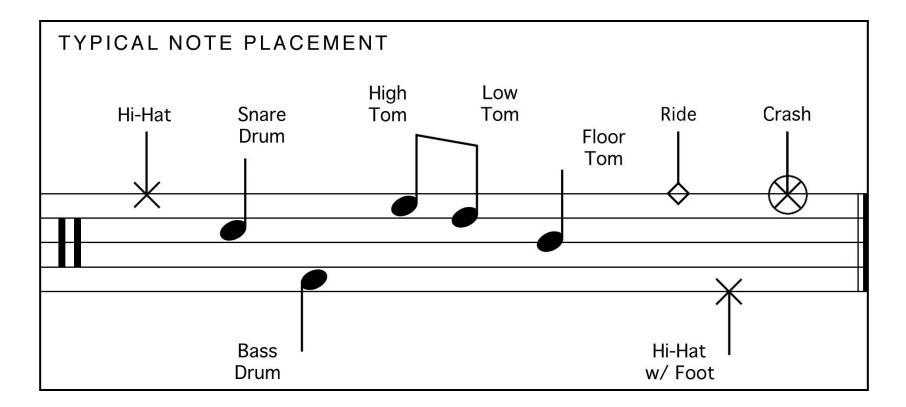
## What is Music Notation?

• All music is written using notes. The notes tell the musician when and what to play. Here are the kinds of notes that make up all music...



## **What is Drum Notation?**

• Drummers have special notes that tell them what parts of their instrument to play. Here are some drum notations...



\*Refer to book for activities and detailed descriptions of notes and notation.

### What does Drum Music Look Like?



# **Clapping Exercise**

- One of the easiest ways to play a rhythm is by clapping. Let's create a fun beat using a clapping, sticking and drum set exercise. Try clapping this:
  - CLAP
  - CLAP
  - CLAP CLAP CLAP

Count it out as you play it:

- 1
- 2
- 3 and 4



Now let's use our hands!

\*Refer to book for additional activities and clapping exercises.

# Hand Drumming Exercise

- Now let's use our hands to play this very same beat. Use the two palms of your hands for each pat...
  - PAT (Right)
  - PAT (Left)
  - PAT PAT PAT (Right-Left-Right)

Again, count it out as you play it:

- 1
- 2
- 3 and 4



#### Now let's pick up sticks!

\*Refer to book for additional activities and hand drumming exercises.

# **Sticking Exercise**

- Now let's pick up the drumsticks and play this very same beat. Use a different hand for each tap...
  - TAP (Right)
  - TAP (Left)
  - TAP TAP TAP (Right-Left-Right)

Again, count it out as you play it:

- 1
- 2





Now let's head over to the drums!

\*Refer to book for drum tablature and sticking exercises.

## **Drum Set Exercise**

- Now let's head on over to the drum set and play this very same beat. Use your feet and hands to play the pattern...
  - Bass (Foot)
  - Snare (Hand)
  - Bass Bass Snare (Foot-Foot-Hand)

Again, count it out as you play it:

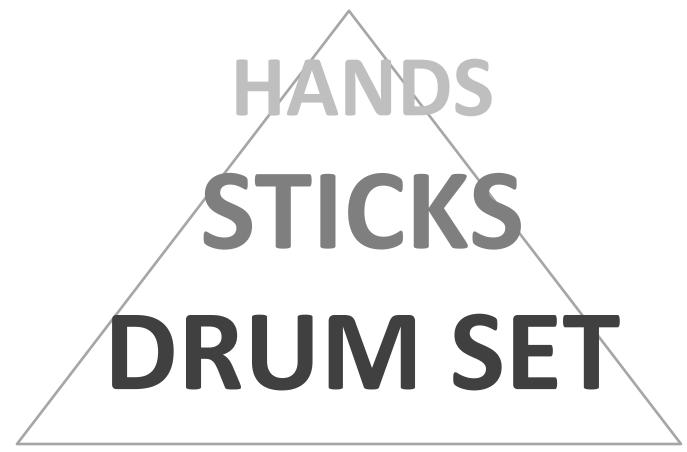
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- 2
- 3 and 4



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# **Building the Beat**

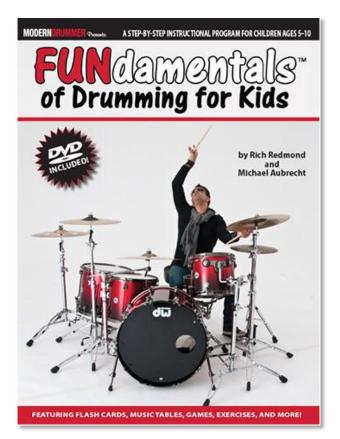
• See how you can play the same beat using your hands, your sticks and your feet ? Those building blocks are all you need to start playing drums!



### **Play Drums. Have Fun!**



# FUNDAMORTALS" of Drumming for Kids



- Teachers are encouraged to utilize the book and DVD following this introduction.
- For more information and/or replacement exercise pages, visit us online at www.moderndrummer.com/ fundamentalsofdrumming

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