



Blues

Blues in A Basics



PRACTICE

Find a practice schedule that works for you. Choose a time every day or at least three times a week that you can block off for practice. Let your family know :) Everyone moves at a different pace so take your time and allow your hands to learn these new skills. **Repetition over time** is your secret weapon. Do the movements while watching a movie...create muscle memory!

CHOPS “SKILL”

Throughout the curriculum you will see different buttons displayed. These will indicate which skill or skills are being developed during the following lessons. Below is a brief description of each ear development skill. For more information about these you can request our “How to Play Piano by Ear” booklet by emailing: mail@pianochops.com



THE
BASICS



SONG & CHORD
PROGRESSIONS



COOL
TRICKS



ROLE OF
HANDS



DIFFERENT
STYLES



MUSIC
THEORY



LEARN
CHORDS



SWEET
PATTERNS



Checkpoints

*Checkpoints can be divided into daily, weekly or monthly lessons. Choose a speed that works for you.



Checkpoint 1 – Form and Basic Chords

You MUST learn the basic form if you are going to play the blues. There are 12 bars (measures) and they are common in more songs than you know.

DATE:

___/___/___ 12 Bar Blues Form (watch all videos)
___/___/___ Blues 7th Chords (watch all videos)

Checkpoint 2 – The Key Blues Movement & The Left Hand

The right hand must get used to moving in certain ways in order to create the blues sound. You'll also be able to use this as a nice Gospel sound as well.

___/___/___ 1 to 4 Movement (watch all videos)
___/___/___ Basic Left Hand (watch all videos)

Checkpoint 3 – The Blues Scale and Shape Drone

Learn to see the blues scale as a shape and it will take you to a whole different level!

___/___/___ Basic Blues Scale (watch all videos)
___/___/___ The Blues Shape Drone (watch all videos)

Checkpoint 4 – The Mixolydian Mode & Blues Endings

End the blues song with style!

___/___/___ Basic Blues Ending (watch all videos)

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