

Podcast 76 – Leaving Space

Practice Exercises

- 1. Leaving Space In RH – Leave different amount of space in right. I.E. 1 measures, 2, 4, 8

- 2. Leaving Space with purpose of band members playing off you – Leave space and see how the other band members react. Test to see how bass player responds, or drummer. Everyone will respond differently.

- 3. Leave space for your LH harmonies to come out. Let your LH play one measure by itself. Then maybe 2 measures, 4,8 and so on.

- 4. Leave LH out completely for first half of tune, whole chorus, two chorus'

- 5. Space and combination of both hands. – Utilize as many different combinations as possible in all different ways. Try over multiple chorus'.

- 6. Space through duration – Change the duration of chords or notes in RH. Duration of one or two measure then a break. Mesh the sound through the entire chorus with no breaks.

- 7. Space in comping – Think texture then leave space, then switch texture. Practice achieving as many different textures as possible with space.

- 8. Consider balance and contrast of space. Lots vs little. Thick vs thin, heavy vs light etc.