

Improv From Scratch for Mandolin #6

Major Chord Tone Scale (CTS)

Example 1

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 1
G A B C D E F# G

0 2 4 5 0 2 4 5

Example 2 x = notes on the beat

X X X X X X X X X
2 G A B C D E F# G A B C D E F# G A B

0 2 4 5 0 2 4 5 0 2 3 5 0 2 3 5 7

Example 3 G Major CTS (take out 6 E from major scale ascending)

X X X X X X X X X
5 G A B C D F# G A B C D F# G A B

0 2 4 5 0 4 5 0 2 3 5 2 3 5 7

Example 4 Descending G Major Scale

X X X X X X X X X
7 B A G F# E D C B A G F# E D C B A G

7 5 3 2 0 5 3 2 0 5 4 2 0 5 4 2 0

Example 5 Descending G Major CTS (take out 7)

X X X X X X X X X X

B A G E D C B A G E D C B A G

Example 6

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Example 7 Major CTS Lick 1

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Example 8 Major CTS Lick 2

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Example 9

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3 5 7 3

Example 10 Major CTS Lick 3

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3 5 7 3 | 5 2 3 5 | 2 3 5 2 | 5 0 2 5 | 0 4 5 0 | 4 5 7 4 | 0 2 4 0

Example 11 Major CTS Lick 4

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4 2 0 4 | 7 5 4 0 | 5 2 0 5 | 2 0 5 2 | 5 3 2 5 | 3 0 5 3 | 7 5 3 7