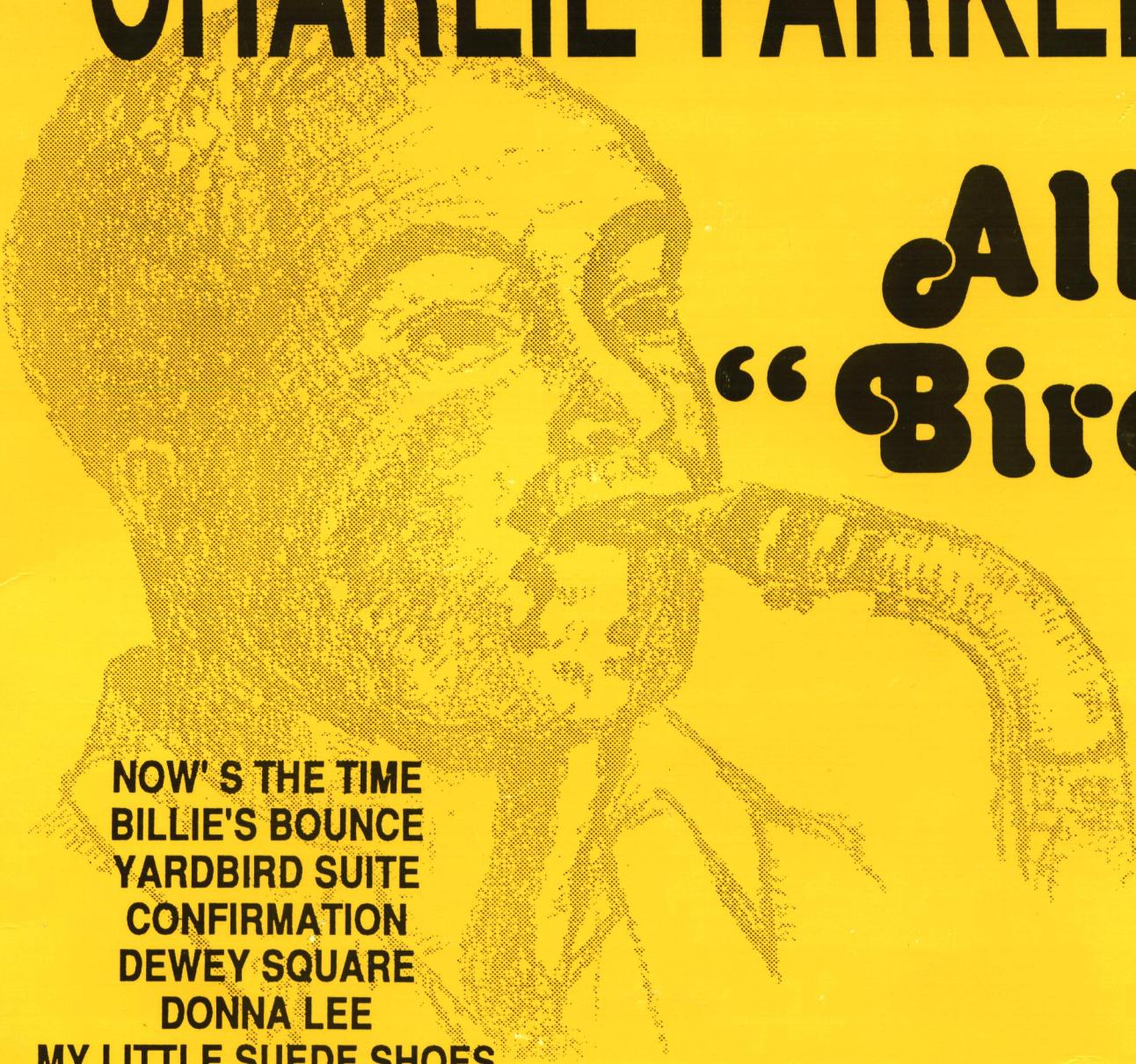


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INTRODUCTION

A good case could be made that Charlie Parker was the most influential soloist in the history of jazz. His influence on other soloists in the forties and fifties was so complete that Lennie Tristano (ironically enough, one of the few jazzmen of the era to transcend Parker's influence) once commented, "If Charlie Parker wanted to invoke plagiarism laws, he could sue almost everybody who's made a record in the last ten years." Parker's style was so logical and so musical that it tended to blind lesser players. The student is encouraged to listen to Parker's recordings and study his style. But rather than memorize Parker's licks, listen to the way he approaches a chord change. Notice how he varies a phrase length. Parker saw nothing sacred about two or four bar phrases. Most important and hardest to grasp, notice the part intuition plays in his work. And finally, as Parker himself once said, "First, learn your instrument. Then forget about all that- - - and just play." But first, learn your instrument!

Phil
Bailey

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NOTES TO THE MUSICIAN

This is the sixth volume in the series of play-a-long book and recording sets titled A NEW APPROACH TO JAZZ IMPROVISATION. ALL 'BIRD' is a milestone because it is the first set to use songs of a major jazz composer/player. Charlie Parker was called a genius by many and people often forget that he also had to pay his dues: practice scales, chords, rhythms and melodies of the day.

I used to think Charlie Parker was born with an alto saxophone in his mouth and that everything came easy for him. After reading about Bird and listening to recorded interviews, I came to realize he grew and learned with his music just like most musicians. Parker seemed to be able to use his talents to their fullest, whereas many musicians reach a certain comfortable stage and seem to grow old there.

In a recorded interview with Paul Desmond, Bird said at one point in his life he practiced eleven to fifteen hours a day and this went on for three to four years. Just think what each of us could do if we devoted that much time to our instrument! Things could become pretty automatic and the creative right-side of our brain would probably never run out of ideas to play.

The songs in this set represent ten compositions ranging from blues to Latin. The tempos are medium to fast with most falling into the medium category. Because Bird did not always record the melody the same way, I have chosen the melody that comes from the most well known recorded version of the song.

I strongly urge you to memorize the melody to each of these songs. Buy the original recording and listen to the way the master plays the melody and the way he improvises on the chord/scale progressions. Pay particular attention to the use of syncopation of the rhythmic line. Notice how the melodies rise and fall and the importance of his use of repetition. Many of the melodies plainly outline chords or parts of chords. Vertical playing (chordal) became a very significant part in the development of Bebop, and Charlie Parker's songs were no exception. It is safe to say that Bebop licks, patterns, and cliches have influenced all other types of popular music since the 40's. In a way, Bebop was the culmination of all the music that preceded it. Just like John Coltrane was the logical extension of Bebop, Charlie Parker was the logical extension of Swing.

The rhythm section on this recording includes three of the finest jazz musicians found anywhere. All three have backgrounds in playing various types of music and have all gone through the Bebop school of playing.. Young improvisors can find a source of inspiration by just listening to the recording and emulating these three giants. I would like to thank Ron Carter, Kenny Barron and Ben Riley for the exceptional job they did in keeping the tradition of Charlie Parker's music alive.

The record is in stereo with the bass and drums on the left channel and the piano and drums on the right channel. It is a good idea to listen to the left channel by itself and get accustomed to the bass outlining the chords. It would be beneficial for bass players to transcribe all or part of the bass lines in order to see and hear how Ron Carter approaches walking lines on Bebop tunes. These bass lines are also available in a separate book - Ron Carter Bass Lines Transcribed off Vol. 6 recording note for note with chord symbols. Book is available from Jazz Aids...\$4.95 plus shipping.

Piano players should note how Kenny Barron uses a variety of rhythms in his comping and how he stays basically near the center of the keyboard. His job is to supply the harmonic color while adding rhythmic interest.

Bebop music is made up of many harmonic cadences called II,V7,I (a minor chord moving to a dominant 7th chord which moves to a major chord). Since this harmonic sequence is part and parcel of Bebop it may help the improvisor to acquaint himself with Volume 3, The II-V7-I Progression, which contains many of the patterns, licks and cliches that were used during the Bebop era.

I have written scales below the chord symbols where I feel the player may not know what scale should be played. I have often written scales enharmonically so they are easier to read. \emptyset ($C\emptyset$) means a half-diminished chord/scale. V7+9 ($C7+9$) means diminished-whole-tone chord/scale. V7b9 ($C7b9$) means diminished chord/scale. V7+ ($C7+$) means whole-tone chord/scale. Often a diminished scale can be used when a V7+9 ($C7+9$) appears. You may also use a diminished-whole-tone scale when a V7b9 ($C7b9$) appears. These two scales (diminished and the diminished-whole-tone) are interchangeable sounds and can be played at the players discretion. Bird likes to use the diminished sound with emphasis on the flattened ninth (b9) of the dominant 7th chord/scale. Another scale that Bebop players love to use is the lydian scale (major scale with a raised 4th) and the lydian dominant (dominant 7th scale with a raised 4th). For further information on scale substitution please check the Scale Syllabus in this book on page 41 and Vol.26 The Scale Syllabus.

There are several books of transcribed Charlie Parker solos. One I highly recommend is called THE OMNIBOOK. It is available for C treble, C bass, Bb and Eb instruments. This book is also available from the Jazz Aids catalog.

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CONCERT KEY CHORD PROGRESSIONS

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SOLOS

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Yardbird Suite

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1. 2.

(BRIDGE)

SOLOS

CΔ F- Bb7 C7 (Bb7) A7 D7 G7 1. E- A7

D- G7 2. CΔ B7+9 E- F#Δ A7+9 D7 D- G7 CΔ

Bb7 C7 (Bb7) A7 D7 D- G7 CΔ A7 D- G7



Concert Progression
SIDE 1, TRACK 3

Confirmation

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(Handwritten lyrics and chords)

SOLOS

FΔ EΦ A₇₊₉ D-G₇ C-F₇ B_{b7} A-D₇ G₇ G-C₇

FΔ EΦ A₇₊₉ D-G₇ C-F₇ B_{b7} A-D₇ G-C₇ FΔ

(BRIDGE)

C-F₇ B_{bΔ} B_{bΔ} Eb- Ab₇ D_{bΔ} G-C₇ FΔ

EΦ A₇₊₉ D-G₇ C-F₇ B_{b7} A-D₇ G-C₇ FΔ



Dewey Square

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2.

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Concert Progression
SIDE 2, TRACK 1

Donna Lee

by CHARLIE PARKER

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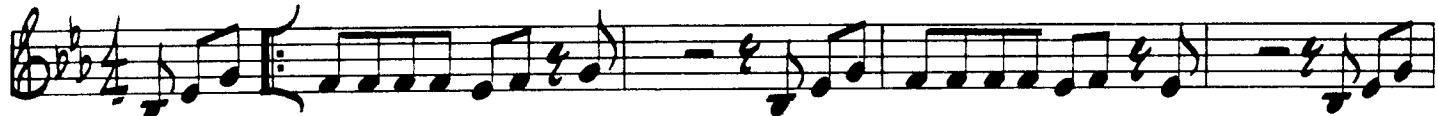
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BbΔ *C7+9* *GΦ* *C7+9* *F-* *C7+9* *F-*

C7+9 *F-* *B⁰7* *C-* *F7* *Bb-* *EbΔ* *AΔ (F7b9)* *Bb-* *Eb7*



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Concert Progression
SIDE 2, TRACK 2**My Little Suede Shoes** by CHARLIE PARKER

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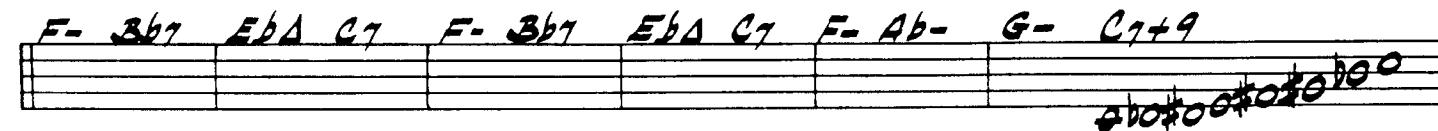
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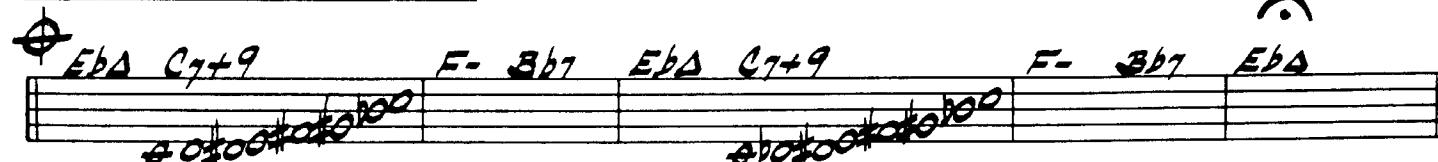
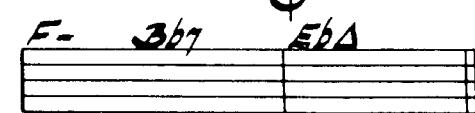
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Ornithology

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Concert Progression
SIDE 2, TRACK 4

Scapple From The Apple

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(B2/DGE)

E- A7 D7(A-) D7 G7 (D-) G7 C7 (G-)

C7

(B2/DGE)

E- A7 D7(A-) D7 G7 (D-) G7 C7 (G-)

SOLOS

G- C7 G- C7b9 FA BΔ B°7

(B2/DGE)

FA G- A- D7 FA C7 FA E- A7 D7 (A-)

D7 G7(D-) G7 C7(G-) C7 G- C7 G-

C7b9 FA F7 Bb B°7 FA A- D7 (FA)



Concert Progression
SIDE 2, TRACK 5

Thriving From A Riff

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SOLOS

BbΔ G7b9 C- F7 D- G7b9 C- F7

Bb7 Eb7 E°7 D- G7b9 C- F7

2. (BRIDGE)

Bb7 Bb7 D7 D7 G7 G7 C7 C7

F7 F7 BbΔ G7b9 C- F7 D- G7b9

C- F7 Bb7 Eb7 E°7 Bb7 Bb7



INTRODUCTION TO SCALE SYLLABUS

SCALE SYLLABUS

LEGEND: H = Half Step; W = Whole Step Δ = Major 7th; + = raise H; - = lower H; ♭ = Half-diminished; -3 = 3H (Minor Third)	
CHORD/SCALE SYMBOL	SCALE NAME
C	Major
C7	Dominant 7th
C- or C-7	Minor(Dorian)
CΔ or CΔ-7	Half Diminished(Locrian)
CΔ+4	Diminished(8 tone scale)

Each chord/scale symbol (C7, C-, CΔ+4, etc.) represents a series of tones which the improvisor can use when improvising or soloing. Scales and chords are the backbone of our music and the better you equip yourself, the more fun you will have playing music. These series of tones have traditionally been called scales.

I list the scales in the Scale Syllabus in the same key (C) so you can have a frame of reference and can compare their similarities and differences. You are urged to write and practice them in all twelve keys.

Be sure to listen to David Liebman soloing on all of these scales in the **Scale Syllabus – Volume 26**. It can really help one's ears to hear what these scales actually sound like with saxophone and piano. His transcribed solos are also available in book form.

This **Scale Syllabus** is intended to give the improvisor a variety of scale choices which may be used over any chord – major, minor, dominant 7th, half diminished and diminished. Western music, especially jazz and pop, uses major, dominant 7th, dorian minor scales and chords and the Blues scale more than any other. Scales and chords used less often are the half-diminished and diminished. If we agree on these five chord/scale families as being the most predominant, then we can set them up as categories and list substitute scales beneath each heading . . .

see **Scale Syllabus** page.

Each category begins with the scale most clearly resembling the chord/scale symbol given to the left. The scales are arranged according to the degree of dissonance they produce in relation to the basic chord/scale sound. Scales near the top of each category will sound mild or consonant and scale choices further down the list will become increasingly tense or dissonant. Each player is urged to start with the scales at the top and with practice and experimentation gradually work his way down the list to the more dissonant or tension producing scales. You should work with a new scale sound **on your instrument** until your ears and fingers become comfortable with **all** the tones in the scale. Also try singing the scale with your voice. Improvise with your voice over the scale you are learning and then play on your instrument what your voice sang.

Music is made of tension and release. Scale tones produce tension or they produce relaxation. The improvisor's ability to control the amount and frequency of tension and release will in large measure determine whether he is successful in communicating to the listener. **Remember** – you, the player are also a listener! Read in **Volume 1 – A New Approach To Jazz Improvisation** for a more detailed explanation of tension and release in melodic development.

Any of the various practice procedures and patterns listed in Volumes 1, 2, 3, 21 or 24 can be applied to the learning and assimilation of any of the scale choices listed in this Scale Syllabus. Needless to say, any scale you want to learn should be transposed and practiced in all twelve keys. The column on whole and half step construction I have listed for each scale on the syllabus should prove helpful when transposing a scale to any of the twelve keys.

For additional information on scale substitution, I recommend *Scales For Jazz Improvisation* by Dan Haerle, *Jazz Improvisation* by David Baker, *Patterns for Jazz and Complete Method for Jazz Improvisation* by Jerry Coker, the *Repository of Scales & Melodic Patterns* by Yusuf Lateef and the *Lydian Chromatic Concept* by George Russell. These books are available from **Jamesy Aebersold, 1211 Aebersold Drive, New Albany, IN 47150 U.S.A.** or possibly at your local music store.

Several play-a-long sets offer you an opportunity to practice the various scales in all twelve keys. They are: **Vol. 24 – Major & Minor; Vol. 21 – Gettin' It Together; Vol. 16 – Turnarounds, Cycles & II/V7's; Vol. 42 – Blues In All Keys and Vol. 47 – "Rhythm" In All Keys.**

* In category #3, MINOR SCALE CHOICES, the PURE MINOR scale choice is not used very often. I have found the order of preference to be Dorian, Bebop, Melodic, Blues, Pentatonic, and then any of the remaining Minor scale choices.

LEGEND: H = Half Step; W = Whole Step Δ = Major 7th; + = raise H; - = lower H; ♭ = Half-diminished; -3 = 3H (Minor Third)	
CHORD/SCALE SYMBOL	SCALE NAME
C	Major
C7	Dominant 7th
C-	Minor(Dorian)
CΔ	Half Diminished(Locrian)
CΔ+4	Diminished(8 tone scale)

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CHORD/SCALE SYMBOL	SCALE NAME
CA#	Major (don't emphasize the 4th)
CA4#	Lydian(major scale with -4)
CA-	Bebop Scale
CAΔ	Harmonic Major
CAΔ+4	Lydian Augmented
CA	Augmented
CA	6 Mode of Harmonic Minor
CA	Diminished(begin with H step)
CA	Blues Scale
CA	Major Pentatonic

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CHORD/SCALE SYMBOL	SCALE NAME
C7sus4	Dominant 7th
C7sus4Δ	Spanish or Jewish scale
C7sus4-	Lydian Dominant
C7sus4Δ+4	Hindu
C7sus4	Whole Tone(6 tone scale)
C7sus4Δ	Diminished(begin with H step)
C7sus4	Blues Scale
C7sus4-	Major Pentatonic

Note: The above chord symbol guide is my system of notation. I feel it best represents the sounds I hear in jazz.. The player should be aware that each chord symbol represents a series of tones called a scale. Even though a C7-9 would appear to have only a raised 9th, it also has a b9, -4, +4 & +5. The entire C7-9 scale would look like: Root, b9, +9, 3rd, +4, +5, b7 & root (C, D#, E, F#, G, A, B, C). My chord symbol abbreviation is C7-9 and the name of this scale is Diminished. Whole Tone sometimes called Super Locrian or Altered Scale. C7-9 appears to have only one altered tone (b9) but actually has three: b9, +9 and +4. The entire scale looks like: Root, b9, +9, 3rd, +4, 5th, 6th, b7 & root (C, D#, E, F#, G, A, B, C). This is called a Diminished and my chord symbol abbreviation is C7B9. All scales under the Dominant 7th category are scales that embellish the basic Dominant 7th sound. Some scales provide much more tension than the basic dominant 7th sound. I encourage you to work with the first side of Volume 3 "THE MINOR SCALE CHOICES". The PURE MINOR scale choice is not used very often. I have found the order of preference to be Dorian, Bebop, Melodic, Blues, Pentatonic, and then any of the remaining Minor scale choices.