



EXOTIC COORDINATIONS AND EXOTIC INTERDEPENDENCE

BY NICK MARCY

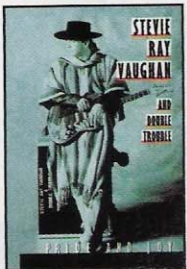
BOOK/CD LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE TO ADVANCED \$16.95 EACH (\$29.95 FOR THE PAIR)



Texas-based drummer and educator Nick Marcy's books *Exotic Coordinations* and *Exotic Interdependence* contain exercises ranging from simple speed-builders to super-complicated rhythmic displacement. *Coordinations* is like taking a lesson with a Frankenstein of your favorite players—a Colaiuta-inspired funk workout here, a cross-stick/ghost note combo there. Similarly, *Interdependence* addresses wild 16th-note flams and suggests that you think of Ginger Baker when approaching a cool tom-tom exercise. Throughout, Marcy writes humorous anecdotes coupled with suggestions for warm-up exercises. Also tackled are various triplet sticking combinations and something Marcy calls "Fat" and its permutations. (Prepare your brain for those.) Want to work out your "Quazi Latin Substitutes?" They're here. A fun feature of both books is Marcy's willingness to reference great drummers and other instructional books. The material seems to be all over the place, but that's the idea: educational texts outlining the modern drummers' need to be well-rounded and challenged. (www.nickmarcy.com) **Ilya Stemkovsky**

STEVIE RAY VAUGHAN AND DOUBLE TROUBLE PRIDE AND JOY

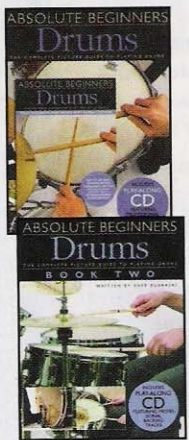
DVD LEVEL: ALL \$14.98



Largely campy (intentionally so in some cases), the videos in this DVD collection nonetheless underscore SRV's six-string brilliance while highlighting the musical ferocity of drummer **CHRIS LAYTON** and bassist **Tommy Shannon** (a.k.a. Double Trouble). Undeniably, Stevie was the star, but DT helped inoculate the guitarist's stinging, bluesy Hendrix-/Albert King-style riffage with shufflin' chicanery and rhythmic bite. (Vaughan's MTV *Unplugged* performances, included here, rank among the series' best.) (Epic/Legacy) **Will Romano**

ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS DRUMS: THE COMPLETE PICTURE GUIDE TO PLAYING DRUMS BY DAVE ZUBRASKI

BOOK/DVD/CD LEVEL: BEGINNER \$24.95 (BOOK ONE), \$12.95 (BOOK TWO)



This instructional package lives up to its title and more. *Book One* starts out with a step-by-step guide on how to set up your kit; from there it moves onto tuning, posture, grip, and much more. The "pictures" part of this series is truly complete, and it's what separates it from the rest of the pack. Each lesson is also duplicated on the included DVD, with great camera angles and helpful visuals. As if that wasn't enough, the package also includes a play-along CD.

Where *Book One* leaves off, *Book Two* seamlessly picks up and digs in. Topics including syncopated snare drum patterns, drum fills, 16th-note beats, and basic rudiments are covered in forty easy-to-read pages. *Book Two* doesn't include a separate DVD, but never fear, the included CD is all you need to help you along with each new lesson. (Amsco Publications) **Fran Azzarto**

DAVID KUCKHERMANN WORLD PERCUSSION 1 & 2

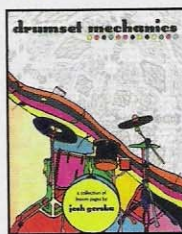
DVD LEVEL: ALL \$42



David Kuckhermann has presented some very effective instructionals here. Each disc contains over two hours of Oriental dance rhythms marked with step-by-step finger-drumming techniques that include the tak, snap, double stroke, and jingle rolls. (*World Percussion 1* covers frame drums, while 2 covers riq and darbuka.) Traditional and modern styles are introduced, and as each new pattern is presented, a slow-motion camera shot follows. This is the equivalent of "vari speed" on a tape recorder for teaching melody lines in an intimate fashion. These DVDs were produced in a comfortable, logical sequence, allowing both the beginner and professional drummer to benefit. (www.framedrums.de) **David Licht**

JOSH GORSKA DRUMSET MECHANICS

BOOK LEVEL: BEGINNER TO ADVANCED \$15



Chicago area instructor Josh Gorska's new book, *Drumset Mechanics*, combines sixty-one of his favorite instructional worksheets. It's a handy quick-reference tool for examples of various rock beats heard in modern music, right-hand independence, advanced bass drum/snare combinations, bossa novas, 2:3 cascaras, and beyond. Nothing ground-breaking here, but the layout is clean and simply explained for drummers of all levels. A convenient "Doodle Page" allows students to write their own grooves in the actual book. (www.myspace.com/drumset_mechanics) **Ilya Stemkovsky**



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