

ARI HOENIG AND JOHANNES WEIDENMUELLER INTRO TO POLYRHYTHMS: CONTRACTING AND EXPANDING TIME WITHIN FORM

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The Miles Davis Quintet explored polyrhythms extensively in the 1960s, but it's taken until now for someone to pen a clear and concise method on applying metric modulation, polyrhythmic feels, and rhythmic displacements in a jazz context. Building on what they call core rhythms, the authors progress from displacing a swing feel to the second and third triplets to implying 3/4 over quarter-note triplets to superimposing different grooves over a dotted-quarter-note pulse. The accompanying DVD contains a lot of demonstrations, as well as brief trio performances that show how to incorporate these concepts in a musical and improvisational setting. Highly recommended. (Mel Bav) Michael Dawson