



Make Space for Music

# Skill Maps

# DRUMS

## ADVANCED LEVEL 2

Taaqademy's music teachers are carefully chosen for their musical ability, teaching aptitude, live performance experience and music qualifications - pretty much in that order. We can confidently claim to have some of the country's top musicians with us. As a result, we use a proprietary method of '**Skill Maps**' to bring structure and focus

to our classes, enabling our musicians to **avoid cookie-cutter methods** when working with students. Skill Maps provide **detailed specifics** on what students should be able to accomplish at every level while allowing our teachers to use their own **unique approaches**, songs, techniques and shortcuts to get students there!

## DRUMS INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 3: AREAS COVERED



**RUDIMENTS**



**DRUM KIT EXERCISES**



**RHYTHM NOTATION**



**SONG LEARNING**



**LIVE PERFORMANCE**



**IMPROVISATION**



**MUSIC EXAMINATIONS**

**DETAILS ON PG.2**



## RUDIMENTS

- Pata Fla Fla & the Swiss Army Triplet
- Inward Paradiddle



## DRUM KIT EXERCISES

- Ability to play Jazz Comping Rhythm exercises
- Ability to play Rudiments around the kit, at an Advanced Level
- Practice of 16th-Note Beats with 32nd-Note Rolls



## SPECIALIZATION EXERCISES

- The practice of Swing, Shuffle, Gospel, Hip-Hop, Metal, Latin, New Orleans, Jazz Shuffle, Jazz Waltz Rhythm Standards, etc.



## SONG LEARNING

- Completion of at least 3 songs from RSL Grade 7



## IMPROVISATION

- Ability to improvise fills, and come up with spontaneous variations of beats/grooves, especially when jamming with band/backing tracks.
- Ability to 'interpret' the beat/groove of a learned song, and add 'personality' to a performance.



## LIVE PERFORMANCE

- Completion of 1 Taaqademy Live performance, either as a solo or band performance, to move to the next skill level



## MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

- Completion of RSL Grade 7 in Drums, to move to the next skill level

## HOW LONG WILL THIS TAKE?

This question gets asked a lot! Allow us to give you a simple rule-of-thumb:

- At this level, if you **consistently** practice an avg. **1-3 hr. per day**, you can expect to have covered the above in **10 - 12 months (40 - 48 classes)**.
- If you practice around **2 hrs. per week**, this could **add 1 - 2 months**.
- If you practice **<1 hr. per week**, you could take **18 months!**