

EXEMPLARY DRUM SET RECORDINGS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS TO HEAR AND SEE

I'll begin with a sentimental choice. This was the first drum solo recording I ever purchased:

Buddy Rich: Swingin' New Big Band – *West Side Story*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4PASego0oAE>

Louis Bellson: *Skin Deep* solo from 1957 video. Louis – a Quad City native – was as proficient as Buddy Rich, with a double bass drum set up years ahead of its time.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nBQWaCLIK9Y>

Max Roach: Drum solo from *Jordu*. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FlnxOwxuGU>

This is a transcription of the famous solo performed on an overhead video to see the stickings.

Here is the original recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GslhRUBgXNI>

Elvin Jones: Drum solo from 1978. Best known for his work with John Coltrane, this solo shows his energy and relentless technique.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=msbg4iaW5nE>

Sonny Payne: *Old Man River* with the Count Basie Band.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PJg4bHKICa0>

a breakneck tempo with typical Sonny “flare.” Make sure you watch the whole thing!

Rufus “Speedy” Jones: Drum Solo in 1969 with the Duke Ellington Orchestra.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tPKYc0X76Gg>

Art Blakey: 1958 drum solo to *Night in Tunisia* with the Jazz Messengers.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2uHtHdkEFfs>

The Blakey Shuffle style on *Moanin'*:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKOoxgl_xfQ

Roy Haynes: 1966 drum solo with Stan Getz, Gary Burton, and Steve Swallow.

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Joe Morello: Although best known for his “Take Five” solo, here is best work from a live show.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Kx1GVYPOos>

Gene Krupa: Best known for his tom tom solos in “Sing, Sing, Sing,” here he is soloing on two other tunes: *Lover*, and *Leave Us Leap*.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Umj2HOWcoE>

Steve Gadd: “The 50 Ways to Leave Your Lover” drummer, solos here using the riff to build a funky solo

on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6L7Mv7p40DI>

Matt Wilson: One of the most creative players today, watch him solo on “Free Range Chicken” using every kind of mallet, shaker, and hands to create a rich sonic pallet:

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Full YouTube Playlist of drummers listed above can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKtxqJ8eT0IE9Cy1cjCebRGqdGDcaRWxv>