Beatboxing Workshop 101

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Flute beatboxing, also known as "Fluteboxing" is a combination of playing the flute while creating vocal percussive effects simultaneously.



Figure 1: The notation is organized in two staffs - upper voice is flute, lower voice is beatbox

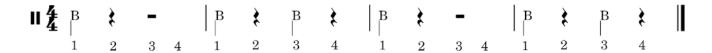


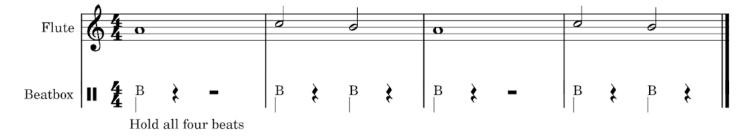
Figure 2: Beatbox notation always replaces the notehead with the percussive syllable

Preparing for Exercise #1 - Basic B

- > Press lips together to create an air pressure and say "boo"
- > Engage the throat muscles to bring the pitch lower
- > Place hand in front of mouth to feel a continuous airstream after saying "boo"
- > Keep flute slightly pressed against the bottom lip so air accurately strikes the tone hole

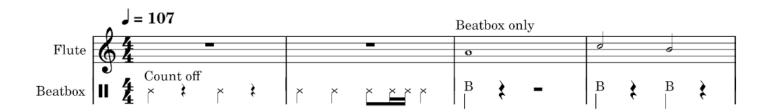
1) Bass line exercise

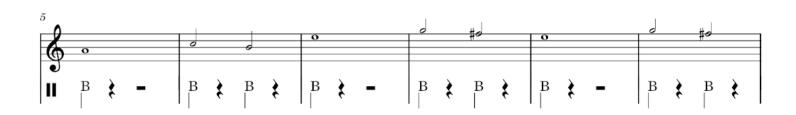


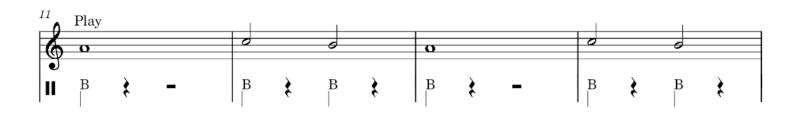


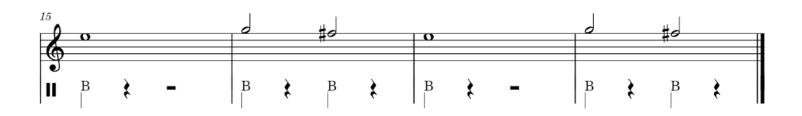
Hammer Flute

Exercise #1 with backing track









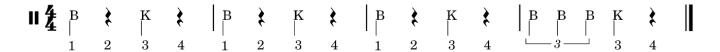
Preparing for Exercise #2 - Introducing K

- > Press back of tongue against roof of mouth to create air pressure say "ca" as in "call"
- > Exhale while pushing a strong pulse of air forward
- This percussive sound will not produce a tone on the flute; therefore, the notehead in the flute part will be an "x"

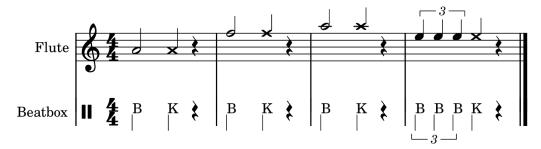


Figure 3: Notation when the percussive sound does not produce a tone on the flute

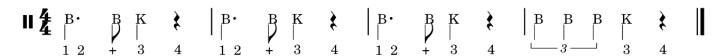
1) B and K exercise

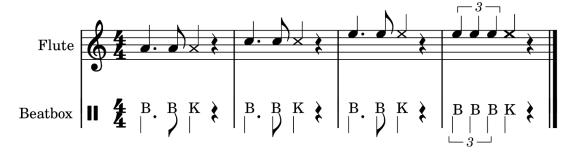


2) Add flute



3) B and K exercise





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Flute Waves

Exercise #2 with backing track



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Preparing for Exercise #3 - Classic boots and cats

- ➤ Introducing "ts"
- ➤ Similar to regular articulation on flute "tah"
- ➤ Hiss after the articulation "tss"
- ➤ This percussive sound will not produce a tone on the flute.
- ➤ This percussive sound may also occur when inhaling, see Figure 4.

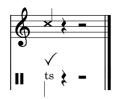
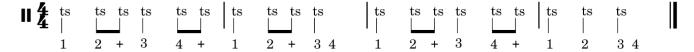
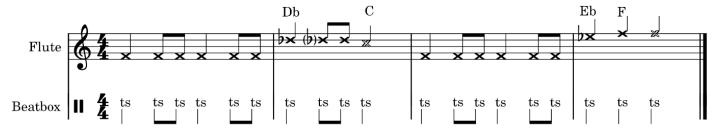


Figure 4: A "check" above the beatbox syllable means to inhale - think "tuh" as you breathe in

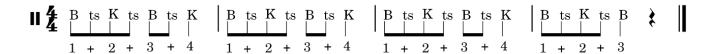
1) ts exercise

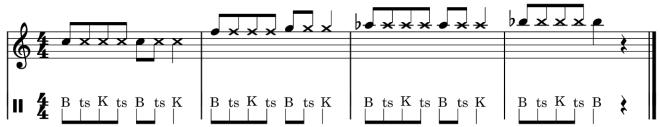


2) Add flute



3) Boot and cats exercise





Chill Flute Vibes

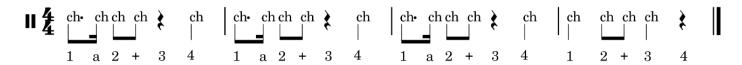
Exercise #3 with backing track



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Preparing for Exercise #4 - Shakin' ch's

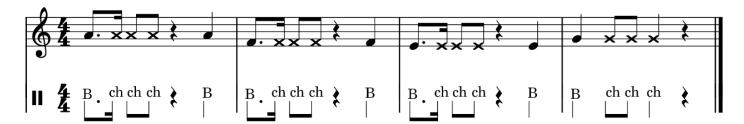
- ➤ Keep the teeth closed and whisper "ch" as in "change."
- > Execute this syllable short and precise like a staccato.
- This percussive sound will also not produce a tone on the flute.
- 1) ch exercise



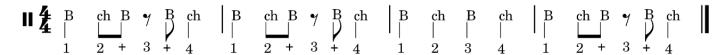
2) B and ch exercise



3) Add flute



4) B and ch exercise





Slappin' Flute

Exercise #4 with backing track



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