

**Take Note Online Jazz Workshops – Series 1**

**Episode 4: Improvising with the Pentatonic Scale**



**Practice Ideas:**

- Try to play melodies and musical phrases that start on other notes of the scale, not just the root note.
- Try hearing melodic ideas based off the pentatonic scale. Sing the melody to yourself first, then try and play what you sang.
- Incorporate interesting rhythms into your improvising with the pentatonic scale. Write out a few rhythms and try to play them (on loop) with one note, then add more notes/pitches.

**Here are some rhythms to give you some ideas and get you going – after you’ve tried these, come up with some of your own!**



**Songs to check out from the Spotify Playlist featuring the minor pentatonic scale**

- Equinox by John Coltrane
- Song For My Father by Horace Silver
- Footprints by Wayne Shorter
- Cantaloupe Island by Herbie Hancock