

## THE REFERENCE SHELF



### CREATIVE CONTROL (Book/CD)

by **Thomas Lang** (Hudson Music)

Thomas Lang's *Creative Control* book and play-along CD offers explanations and exercises for the innovative system that Thomas created to develop his impressive speed, control, finesse, and coordination. The CD complements the lesson guides and showcases Thomas's musical application of these progressive concepts. The eighty-four-page book contains lessons with over ninety exercises. Also included are charts and extensive performance notes for five of Thomas's musical compositions. The book/CD multi-media

pack is available individually (\$24.95) or bundled with the companion DVD in a specially-priced combo pack (\$59.95).

[www.hudsonmusic.com](http://www.hudsonmusic.com)



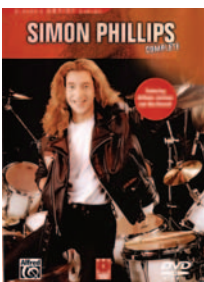
### AFRO-CUBAN DRUMSET: GROOVES YOU CAN USE (DVD)

by **Curt Moore** (Lakeridge Productions)

This DVD offers concise instruction for applying traditional Afro-Cuban grooves and percussion parts on the drumset. Drummer/educator Curt Moore covers cha cha, mambo son, bolero, and Afro 6/8 song styles, breaking down each groove and demonstrating how each sounds in a band setting. Moore's band, Soul Sauce, demonstrates the grooves in full-blown performance while Moore provides a running commentary on his technique, as well as tips for playing with other musicians.

The DVD incorporates play-along tracks for each groove, printable PDF notation files of all the grooves, and looping audio files in Acid and Garageband formats to allow tempo alterations without affecting the pitch of the instruments. List price is \$29.95.

[www.lakeridgeproductions.com](http://www.lakeridgeproductions.com)



### SIMON PHILLIPS COMPLETE (DVD)

by **Simon Phillips** (Alfred Publishing)

This DVD includes versions of Simon's two videos (*Simon Phillips* and *Simon Phillips Returns*), remixed in 5.1 surround sound by Simon himself. It combines trio performances (with guitarist Ray Russell and bassist Anthony Jackson) with instructional segments covering the patterns played in each song. Also included is new footage of Simon in the studio, explaining the concepts behind 5.1 surround sound and his own mixing process. List price is \$29.95.

[www.alfred.com](http://www.alfred.com)



### GINGER BAKER: MASTER DRUM TECHNIQUE (DVD)

by **Ginger Baker** (Hot Licks)

On this DVD version of Ginger Baker's classic video, the legendary drummer for Cream discusses paradiddles, beat displacement, tom-tom and double bass technique, and African rhythms. Baker also plays with a band and demonstrates his soloing style. List price is \$24.95.

[www.musicales.com](http://www.musicales.com)



### PRACTICAL DRUMMING (DVD)

by **Brian Lutz** ([www.brianlutz.com](http://www.brianlutz.com))

This DVD by former US Army Band drummer and studio veteran Brian Lutz showcases numerous playing styles and techniques through performance demonstrations by Lutz and a variety of top session players. Segments include performances by a rock/pop/contemporary band and by a jazz quintet. The concept is to offer "real-world" examples to help viewers build their musical vocabularies. List price is \$24.95.

[www.brianlutz.com](http://www.brianlutz.com)

## AND WHAT'S MORE



**SKB Cases** now offers 8x12 (\$129.99) and 9x13 (\$139.99) sizes in their line of roto-molded drum cases, for a better fit on shallow drums. The cases feature SKB's traditional

D shape, with molded-in feet for protection and upright positioning, a deep Roto-X rib pattern offering durability and reliable stacking, fabric-covered foam inserts that resist damage by drum hardware while securely cradling the drums, and Sure Grip handles with 90° stops. They're backed by SKB's Million Mile guarantee.

[www.skbcases.com](http://www.skbcases.com)



**DAP World** now offers Skull Screws, the first foam earplugs designed according to the way users prefer to "screw" earplugs into their ears. Skull Screws are made of soft, washable, reusable foam tips that are connected to plastic screw-like stems. A free carrying case keeps the product handy and clean when not in use. The plugs are said to provide a Noise Reduction Rating of 30 decibels, making them excellent for any high-volume application where hearing protection is a must. List price is \$5.99.

[www.dapworld.com](http://www.dapworld.com)

**Los Cabos Drumsticks** has designed lightweight maple Generation Next models for children in age groups four to seven (13<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" long) and eight to eleven (14<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" long). Both are 1/2" in diameter. The sticks are said to have the same look and feel as Los Cabos' professional models, while the packaging is designed to appeal to younger players—including a caption that encourages the buyer to go to the Los Cabos Web site for a free drumkit assembly guide.

[www.loscabosdrumsticks.com](http://www.loscabosdrumsticks.com)



**Nady Systems' PM-200A** is a compact and rugged powered personal near-field stage monitor that can be mounted on a mic stand using a built-in mounting socket, or set on any flat surface for up-close monitoring. It features a 140-watt amp that can power its own speaker in addition to up to four Nady PM-100 passive personal monitors. Dual 5" drivers are said to deliver tight, clean audio, superior gain before feedback, up to 125 dB maximum SPL, and 140–15 kHz frequency response with controlled bandwidth for optimum intelligibility.

[www.nadywireless.com](http://www.nadywireless.com)

