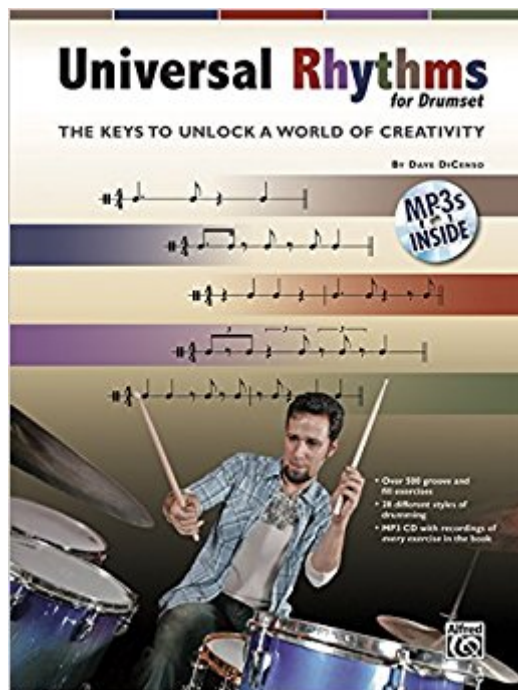




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# Universal Rhythms For Drummers: The Keys To Unlock A World Of Creativity, Book & CD



## Synopsis

Written by drummer/educator Dave DiCenso, *Universal Rhythms for Drumset* is a workbook with a concept designed to help demystify the drummer's creative process. Working from the notion that the majority of Western music is built upon five simple rhythmic phrases, DiCenso offers creative tools that demonstrate how to identify, interpret, and manipulate this five-rhythm alphabet in order to improve one's understanding of rhythm as a language and one's ability to speak it on a set of drums. By applying an innovative eight-step "mastery system" to each lesson, the reader is challenged to go beyond muscle memory and improve cerebral skills such as pulse/space/shape awareness within any groove, fill, embellishment, or solo; getting ideas to flow seamlessly from mind to limbs to drums; understanding the space other musicians occupy to make informed musical choices and create a deeper band pocket. Lessons that include over 500 exercises covering 28 drumming styles are all based upon only five rhythms, and all examples in the book are performed by the author on the included MP3 CD.

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## Customer Reviews

Universal Rhythms is an excellent book designed to help the advanced and professional drummer expand his/her concepts for drumset part creation. Dave is one of the hottest drummers and educators on the scene today. This book details his brilliant approach to building drum parts that accent and accompany a melody, in this case one of five commonly used (universal) rhythms. I really enjoyed working through this book and gained new musical inspiration,

ideas, stickings, and flexibility on the drumset. You may also want to check out *Drumset Overlay* by Blake Paulson, which works as a good companion/prerequisite book.

Nothing better than this!

Dave DiCenso is a master drummer with a very clear concept. This book will teach you hundreds of amazing licks and how to use them in the proper musical context.

I am thankful for the 2 earlier reviews for very insightful details of this book. Having used the book myself all I can say is it's the best system I have seen since Gary Chester's *New Breed* book. Dave Weckl studied Gary's *New Breed*. Look what happened to him. I think Dave Dicenso's book will help contribution to a new generation of not just incredible drummers, but incredible musicians as well. Honestly some of the book's material can even be beneficial to other instrumentalist. Even if you can't do the exercises completely yet, the wealth of material Dave Dicenso has shared from his own vocabulary is priceless. OVER 500 EXCERCISES. AND A RECORDING OF HIM PLAYING EACH ONE ON CD! If you want to work on your listening skills, overhaul your drumming, or even learn some great chops, this book has it. If you have not heard of Dave Dicenso please go to his website and look him up on YOUTUBE. NOW IF ONLY I CAN GET THIS BOOK AS AN E-BOOK FOR MY KINDLE . . .

Dave Dicenso has a very interesting approach to provide knowledge in a vast field of different musical styles yet linked together on a mutual basis (5 universal rhythms). Once you understand this approach, you will hear these basic rhythmical concepts in many types of music, which will develop the 'macro view' or 'bigger picture' of groove and song structure which will open doors for musical creativity. Maybe not for the beginner drum student, but with some basic skills you can start right off, and skip parts if some of them are too difficult. I was looking for a book that doesn't just provide different grooves in a disjointed way, but on the other hand not for another dry concept book. In my eyes Dave Dicenso managed to compose a thorough multi stylistic educational approach, that will help for all the important aspects of musical drumming. And it contains some of the funkier and nastier grooves and fills that make a lot of fun!

Dave DiCenso has developed the most in depth system for mastering your voice and internal grasp on groove. Dave's understanding on groove, melody, and developing the right feel for a song is one

of the greatest that I have had the privilege to witness. This book has helped me develop those same skills using an organized system of steps to master the universal rhythm and all its different styles and permutations. A topic that in the past was very overwhelming to me, this book helped me to break down and practice efficiently. Get this book people!!! PEACE AND DRUMS!!

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