

Minor II V I Workout

SOLO SONNY CLARK ON "BLUE MINOR"

A

Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm

Db7 Db7 Gm7(b5) C7(b9)

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Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm

Db7 Db7 Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm

B

Bbm7 Eb7 Abmaj7 Cm7(b5) F7(b9)

Bbm7 Eb7 Gm7(b5) C7(b9)

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Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm

Db7 Db7 Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm

A Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm

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B Bbm7 Eb7 Abmaj7 Cm7(b5) F7(b9)

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B Bbm7 Eb7 Abmaj7 Cm7(b5) F7(b9)

Bbm7 Eb7 Gm7(b5) C7(b9)

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Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm

Db7 Db7 Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm

B

Bbm7 Eb7 Abmaj7 Abmaj7

Bbm7 Eb7 Gm7(b5) C7(b9)

A

Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm

Db7 Db7 Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm

The image displays a musical score for guitar, featuring 12 staves of music. The score is written in F major, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The chords used are Gm7(b5), C7(b9), and Fm. The scales used are F harmonic minor, F minor blues, and F minor. The score includes various musical notations and handwritten annotations in blue, green, and red ink.

The score is divided into two systems of six staves each. The first system (staves 1-6) includes the following annotations:

- Staff 1: Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm. Annotations: Eo7/C7, F-triad, F harmonic minor scale.
- Staff 2: Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm. Annotations: passing tone, F harmonic minor scale, blue note.
- Staff 3: Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm. Annotations: chord tones, Gb7, Eo7/C7, F-triad.
- Staff 4: Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm. Annotations: Bb-triad, chromatic approach, Dbdim7, F-triad, F minor scale + Eb on C7.
- Staff 5: Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm. Annotations: F-triad, blue note, passing tone.
- Staff 6: Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm. Annotations: C7 chord tones, passing tone.

The second system (staves 7-12) includes the following annotations:

- Staff 7: Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm. Annotations: F minor scale + Eb on C7, F-triad.
- Staff 8: Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm. Annotations: F minor scale, passing tone, blue note.
- Staff 9: Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm. Annotations: F minor scale, passing tone, blue note.
- Staff 10: Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm. Annotations: F minor scale, passing tone, blue note.
- Staff 11: Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm. Annotations: F minor scale, passing tone, blue note.
- Staff 12: Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm. Annotations: F minor scale, passing tone, blue note.

PRACTICE TIP #2: MELODIC VARIATION

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variation on the 2nd part of the phrase

→ original phrase

Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm

F harmonic minor scale

3 3 3

play up

Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm

chromatic approach

Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm

b9 E^o7/C⁷ E^o7/C⁷

Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm

C⁷ chord tones C⁷ chord tones

Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm

chromatic enclosure

Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm

b5 b9 chromatic approach b5 b9 #9 G^b6/C⁷ = Alt [tritone sub]

Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm

G^b6/C⁷ = Alt C⁷ Alt scale

Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm

#9 b9 b13 C⁷ Alt scale #9 b9 b13 C⁷ Alt scale

Three rows of musical notation in G minor, each showing improvisation over the chords Gm7(b5), C7(b9), and Fm. Red circles highlight specific notes, and red text labels describe the scales and lines used.

- Row 1: C⁷ Alt scale (notes: C, D, E, F, G, A, B, C). Red circles highlight the 9th and b9th of C7(b9).
- Row 2: C⁷ Alt scale (notes: C, D, E, F, G, A, B, C). Red circles highlight the b9, #9, and b13 of C7(b9).
- Row 3: C⁷ Alt line (notes: C, D, E, F, G, A, B, C). Red circles highlight the #9, b9, b13, and 9 of C7(b9).

variation on the 1st part of the phrase

Five rows of musical notation in G minor, each showing improvisation over the chords Gm7(b5), C7(b9), and Fm. Green and blue annotations highlight specific techniques and scales.

- Row 1: Original phrase (notes: G, A, B, C, D, E, F, G). Blue line indicates F harmonic minor scale. Red circles highlight the 3rd, 7th, and 9th of Fm.
- Row 2: Passing tone (notes: G, A, B, C, D, E, F, G). Blue line indicates G⁷ chord tones. Red circles highlight the 3rd, 7th, and 9th of Fm.
- Row 3: G⁷ chord tones (notes: G, A, B, C, D, E, F, G). Blue line indicates chromatic enclosure. Red circles highlight the 3rd, 7th, and 9th of Fm.
- Row 4: Bb-shape (notes: G, A, B, C, D, E, F, G). Blue line indicates chromatic enclosure. Red circles highlight the 3rd, 7th, and 9th of Fm.
- Row 5: Bb-shape (notes: G, A, B, C, D, E, F, G). Blue line indicates chromatic enclosure. Red circles highlight the 3rd, 7th, and 9th of Fm.

→ original phrase

Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm

#9 b9

→ subtle rhythmic changes

Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm

→ play on the off beats

→ prolong the phrase

Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm

→ play on the off beats!

Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm

→ ornament (sixteenth notes)

→ ornament (triplets)

Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm

→ leave out some notes!

PRACTICE TIP #4: VARIATION IN THE LEFT HAND

Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm



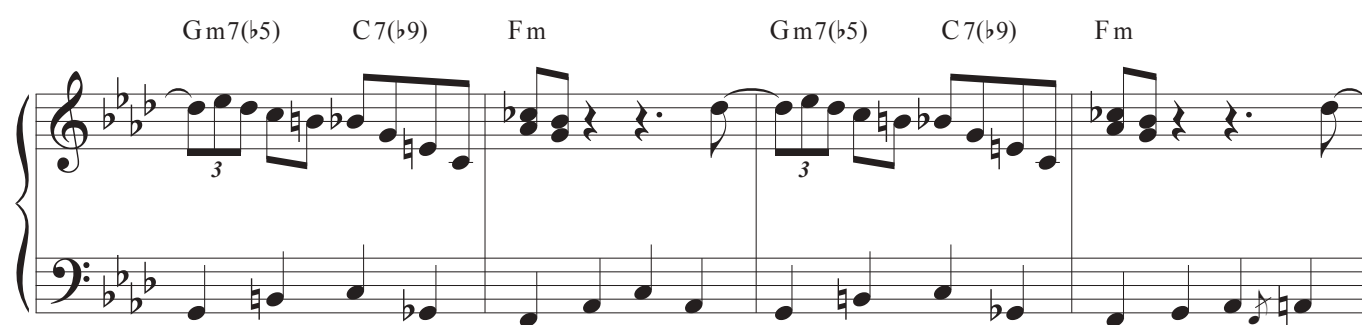
→ TWO BEAT

Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm



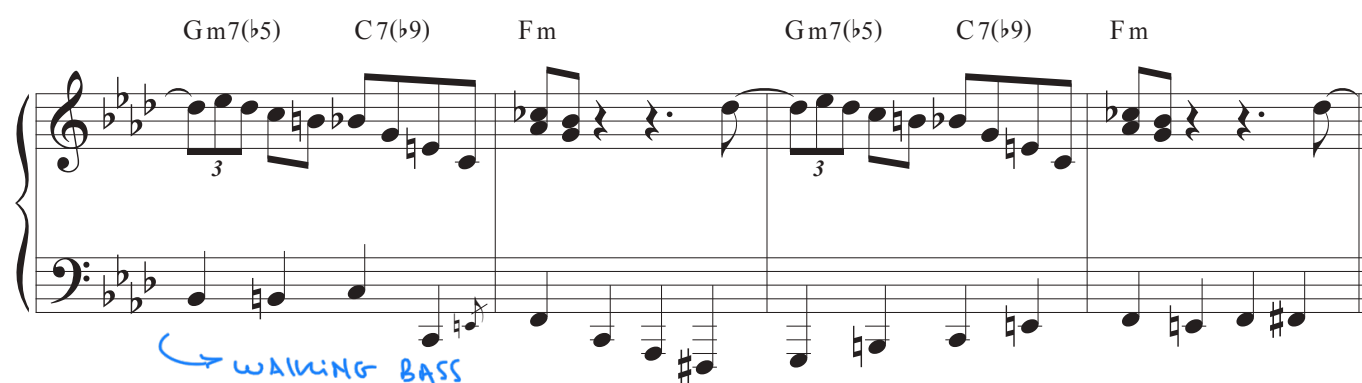
→ TWO BEAT + PASSING TONES

Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm



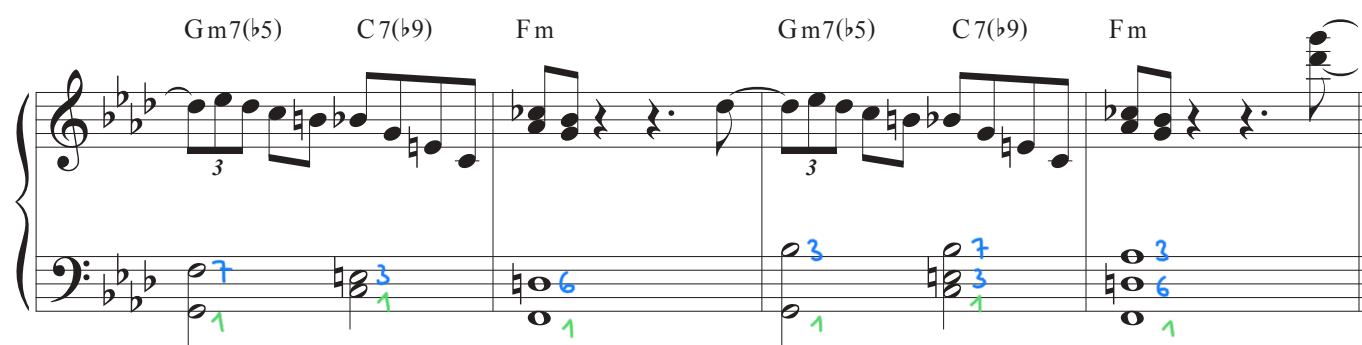
→ WALKING BASS

Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm



→ WALKING BASS

Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm



→ SHELL VOICINGS

(Gm7(b5)) C7(b9) Fm (Gm7(b5)) C7(b9) Fm

3 C7 F-6 3 C7 F-6

→ STRIDE!

(Gm7(b5)) C7(b9) Fm (Gm7(b5)) C7(b9) Fm

3 C7 F-6 3 C7 F-6

→ STRIDE + TENTHS

Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm

3 7 8 3 7 6

→ GUIDE TONES

Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm

3 7 8 3 7 6

basic 7th chord on phi

→ LH ROOTLESS VOICINGS

Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm

3 7 8 3 7 6

→ LH ROOTLESS VOICINGS

PRACTICE TIP #5: ANALYZE THE LINES & TRANSPOSE THEM

original phrase
 Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm
 E $\flat$ 7/C $\flat$ F-triad

transpose to D minor
 Em7(b5) A7(b9) Dm
 G $\sharp$ 7/A $\sharp$ D-triad

transpose to A minor
 Bm7(b5) E7(b9) Am
 G $\sharp$ 7/E $\sharp$ A-triad

transpose to C minor
 Dm7(b5) G7(b9) Cm
 B $\flat$ 7/G $\flat$ C-triad

original phrase
 Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm
 F harmonic minor scale

transpose to C minor
 Dm7(b5) G7(b9) Cm
 C harmonic minor scale

transpose to Gm
 Am7(b5) D7(b9) Gm
 G harmonic minor scale

transpose to A minor
 Bm7(b5) E7(b9) Am
 A harmonic minor scale

original phrase
 Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm
 G $\flat$ 7 chord tones E $\flat$ 7/C $\flat$ F-triad

transpose to A minor
 Bm7(b5) E7(b9) Am
 B $\flat$ 7 chord tones G $\sharp$ 7/E $\sharp$ A-triad

transpose to C minor
 Dm7(b5) G7(b9) Cm
 D $\flat$ 7 chord tones B $\flat$ 7/G $\flat$ C-triad

transpose to D minor
 Em7(b5) A7(b9) Dm
 E $\sharp$ 7 chord tones G $\sharp$ 7/A $\sharp$ D-triad

1 *Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm*
 → motivic development (sequences) → diatonic pattern

2 *Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm*
 blue note → F minor blues scale

3 *(Gm7(b5) G-7) C7(b9) Fm (Gm7(b5) G-7) C7(b9) Fm*
 → chromatic approach & enclosures

4 *Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm*
 → chord tones! F- triad

5 *Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm*
 → simplify the chord progression

6 *Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm*
 → improvisation in chords (open voicings)
G-7 C7(#9) Fmin6 Ab7(13) G7Alt C7Alt Fmin6

7 *(Gm7(b5) G-7) C7(b9) Fm(maj7) (Gm7(b5) G7(b9)) C7(b9) Fm(maj7)*
 → make small adjustments to the chords

8 *Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm Gm7(b5) C7(b9) Fm*
 → blues chords (Red Garland style)
C7Alt F-6 G7Alt C7Alt F-6(9)