

# In the Style of Max Roach



*Max Roach (b. 1924) was one of the first drummers to play in the bebop style in the 1940s. He performed in bands led by Dizzy Gillespie, Charlie Parker, Thelonious Monk, Coleman Hawkins, Bud Powell and Miles Davis. Ever since the revolutionary 1940s, Roach has stayed at the vanguard of jazz for over 50 years. In 1954, he formed a quintet featuring trumpeter Clifford Brown that was a prime example of the hard bop style. In the 1960s, Roach made a number of albums commenting on racial and political justice. He also recorded the famed trio recording "Money Jungle" with Duke Ellington and Charles Mingus in 1962. In 1970, Roach founded the multi-ethnic percussion group, M'Boom. Max Roach is a jazz drumming pioneer because of his consistently swinging ride cymbal, his many innovative periods and his incredibly melodic drum solos. He is a living legend.*

The following are four-bar solos or *breaks* in the style of Max Roach. Play four bars of time and then one of the exercises. Continue with all exercises in this manner.

♩ = 160

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R L R      L L R L R      L L R L L R R L L R      R L R      L L

♩ = 160

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R R R      R R R

