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Installment 5: Thoughts on the “Groove Essentials”

Tommy talks about how he uses the Groove Essentials with his students.

## TOMMY IGOE

For the last 20 years, Tommy Igoe has lived and worked in New York while touring internationally several months of every year. Recordings or tours include artists such as Stanley Jordan, Art Garfunkel, Lauryn Hill, Dave Grusin, New York Voices, Patti Austin, Mark Mancina, Blood, Sweat and Tears and David Wilcox.

Recently he wrote the drum book for Disney's now legendary Broadway musical, “The Lion King”, integrating the modern day drum set into the heavily percussive African score. The Lion King cast album received a Grammy. In addition to drumming, he also serves as assistant conductor of the show.

Lately, his attention has been turned to his solo career. The debut CD, “New Ground”, received numerous 4 star reviews from international music magazines. Modern Drummer Magazine said, “A new drumming power”, “breathtaking”, and “inventive and disarmingly strong”. His anticipated follow-up recording is currently in production.

In addition to his private teaching/recording studio, Tommy has created several of the leading education DVD products currently available. “Getting Started on Drums”, has set a new benchmark for quality and content that had never been available before for the beginning drummer. The “Groove Essentials” DVD and “Groove Essentials: The Playalong” book are standards for the drumset student.