

Hey,

First, I'd like to thank you for being part of this tribute to Joe Morello. It is my hope that every drummer on the planet will contribute a performance.

In brief, all you have to do is listen to the music track MorelloHonorRoll.mp3 (www.TigerBill.com/Morello-Video-Honor-Roll-Tribute-2011.htm) and record a video of yourself playing along with it. Then email me your video clip and your job is done. I will edit it in with the other performances to be included in the final video tribute to Joe Morello that will be distributed across the world wide web for everyone to enjoy.

Before we cover the detailed instructions, I have to get some legal stuff out of the way. By sending me your video, you are giving me your consent to edit and use it (along with your name) in a video compilation that may consist of all or any portion of your performance that will debut at DrumBeat Fest 2011: Tribute to Joe Morello and be posted on websites around the world. Basically, this means to use to use it in any way I see fit. You also waive any right to inspect or approve the finished video, soundtrack, and any printed matter that may be used in conjunction with it. OK, if you agree to those conditions, read on!

After reading these instructions, if you're still not quite certain exactly how to play along with the music track, you'll find a video example at this link: www.TigerBill.com/Morello-Video-Honor-Roll-Tribute-2011.htm.

Step-by-step instructions on how to record and send in your performance:

#1: Set up a video camcorder (or digital still camera that's capable of recording quality video and sound) so that it frames you playing your drums from a view as close as possible, so you can easily recognize yourself when you watch the final tribute I will compile. Make sure that there is sufficient light to produce a good clear video image. Make your recording at a time when the room is quiet so you can avoid picking up background noises such as barking dogs, etc. We're not making a movie here so don't worry about getting perfect video! All I need is a video clip where you can be clearly seen and heard playing your drumset.

#2: Put the MP3 music file MorelloHonorRoll.mp3 (get it here: www.TigerBill.com/Morello-Video-Honor-Roll-Tribute-2011.htm) into your computer and plug in a set of headphones. Or, you can use any MP3 player or sound system that you can attach a set of headphones to. The point is to set things up so you can clearly hear the music track while playing your drums along with it, but your video recording will pick up only the sound of your drums and not the music track.

#3: The MP3 music file contains an ostinato bass pattern in 5/4 time. An ostinato is a pattern that repeats over and over again, in this case for a total of 29 measures. Don't worry if you don't understand music terminology such as measure or time signature, follow the set of instructions on the next page that best fit you - depending on whether or not you understand music terminology.

If you DO understand music terms: The track is in 5/4 time and when the bass ostinato starts you'll hear a click track that clicks once for each quarter note. Don't play until the 4th measure where you will simply click your sticks together along with the click track (this will help me in the editing process) and then start playing your drums from measure 5 through measure 8. What should you play in those 4 measures? Play a groove or solo in your own musical style. It's up to you. And it doesn't have to be in the jazz vein. Anything goes! Be creative and be yourself. Starting in measure 9 play a closed roll on your snare drum and continue it through measure 29 where the track ends. You're done! Now just follow the instructions below that explain how to send in your video.

If you DON'T understand music terms: When the bass ostinato starts playing you'll hear a click track, which is simply a clicking sound that clicks once for every beat of the music. There will be 5 clicks (or 5 beats) for each one measure of music and you'll hear those 5 clicks repeat 4 times for a total of 20 clicks (or a total of 4 measures) before I want you to start playing along on your drums. Starting from the beginning of the track, count 15 clicks and then click your sticks along with clicks 16 through 20 (this will help me in the editing process) and then start playing your drums for the next 20 beats. Notice I said "beats" instead of clicks because the click track stops playing where I want you to play your drums, but the bass ostinato continues. What should you play over those 20 beats? Play a groove or solo in your own musical style. It's up to you. And it doesn't have to be in the jazz vein. Anything goes! Be creative and be yourself. After you play what you want for 20 beats then start playing a closed roll on the snare drum and continue playing until the track ends. You're done! Now just follow the instructions below that explain how to send in your video.

Sending In Your Video: Once you've got a video clip that you like, copy it to your computer in as high a resolution as you can and email it to me. If your file is too large for email, then go to the website www.YouSendIt.com and sign up for a free account. You can use that to send me your video file. Please use the following email address when sending your file: bb@tigerbill.com.

If you have any further questions or problems creating your video clip, just email me at bb@tigerbill.com and I will be happy to help you.

Thanks again for taking the time and effort to be a part of this Tribute to Joe Morello. I know Joe would have been honored. it. Now that your video is in the can, consider yourself on the Honor Roll! I look forward to receiving your video and having you post your comments about it after you see the final version. I will email you the link the minute the tribute has been posted.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Deadline for having your video in is September 30th, 2011. This will give me time to complete the editing and assemble the tribute in time for its debut at DrumBeat Fest 2011: Tribute to Joe Morello, which takes place on October 22nd, 2011.

Follow this link for more on DrumBeat Fest 2011: www.TigerBill.com/tribute-to-joe-morello-2011.htm

Have fun and stay loose!

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