

DVD

TECHNIQUE AND MUSICALITY **ROB BRIAN**



Concise and well presented lessons from Siouxsie's drummer

There are so many DVDs around by frighteningly brilliant drummers - fun to watch, but does the average drummer learn much from them? This is where Brit drummer Rob Brian scores with his more modest video. That's not a back-handed compliment, Rob is not hugely well known and he does not try to blind us with mega chops. He is

though an excellent drummer with a clear agenda and some engaging ideas to impart, which he does superbly. Warm-ups, flam triplets with moving accents, 'independence' (coordination), foot development, dynamics, phrasing and linear ideas. Not too much and not overwhelming. It's all in the title - Rob demonstrates a technical sticking pattern on practice pad then applies it musically on the drumset.

What I particularly like is Rob's clarity, speaking calmly and with no silly

histrionics. And because of the uncluttered delivery and clear-cut material, here is a DVD you can return to time and time again. All the tuition is on disc one; disc two covers the setting up and recording of Rob's kit plus a cosy, informal section where Rob enthuses about albums that influenced him. The sound is fatter than on most videos and visually everything is spot on. An effective and valuable workout. (GN)

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Extras: *Setting up and recording the kit plus Rob's personal vinyl choices*

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