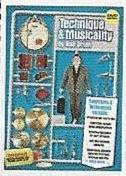


TECHNIQUE AND MUSICALITY ROB BRIAN



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)



Extras: Setting up and recording the kit plus Rob's personal vinyl choices **Go to:** www.robertbrian.co.uk