

Improvise with Pachelbel's Canon

Pachelbel's Canon in D is one of the most famous pieces of classical music of all time. For this Canon Johann Pachelbel uses an Ostinato or Ground Bass (the same bass line repeated over and over).

The chord progression for Pachelbel's Canon is as follows.

I	V	vi	iii	IV	I	IV	V
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Below is an example of how you can arpeggiate the chords.

Use some blank manuscript paper or the staves below to notate your own arpeggio(s).

To improvise over Pachelbel's Chord Progression we use the D Major scale.