



A NEW STANDARD

I hope this finds you well. The uncertainty around the COVID 19 Virus has had a massive impact on our jazz community. Cancelled gigs, cancelled travel, and especially changes in how we teach our courses and applied lessons. This new normal is almost certainly going to impact the remainder of the academic year, and has the potential to effect things for quite some time.

We, at the Reality Book are already working with educators on how our platform can be used as a central point for remote learning and teaching. With hundreds of hours of content and information, and the ability for students to practice and PLAY while in the comforts of their home means that progress and growth can continue even while one on one interaction is limited.

Here's an example of one plan that's been put into place. One of our Reality Book Partners has built a weekly curriculum around individual tunes, and has created supplemental exercises and transcriptions to go along with the content already provided. Students practice through the exercises, contrafacts, standards and transcriptions. Then, once they're confident, students record themselves playing over the trio versions of the Reality Book Band, and can submit MP3s to their director via email for comments and review.

This type of approach encourages adaptability, individual growth, technological competency and most of all, still allows young musicians to play the music at a high level. Our Reality Book contents have been divided into 'SETS' of tunes that include diverse feels, tempos, harmony and difficulty. We at the Reality Book are committed to growing our community and partnering with you to help move the music forward, especially during a time like this. We will offer a 50% discount to all schools on bulk licenses to help make this an affordable option for everyone.

Here's a short introductory video on getting started with the Reality Book.

<https://vimeo.com/388146574>

And here's a link to our Contents page with an overview of all the tunes, lessons and transcriptions that are included.

<http://therealitybook.com/contents/>

If you're interested in discussing this more, please email jeffbaker@therealitybook.com to schedule a conference call.

Thanks so much! Stay safe,

The Reality Book