

## **Level Evaluation**

Drumset (specific)

*"A level-# student can...."*

### **Level 1:** 2 - 4 months

- Perform stick control exercises and technique (1-3 months)
- Able to read all parts of the music staff
- Can sight read Half notes, Quarter notes, Eighth notes, and Sixteenth Notes.
- Knows dynamics and stickings (2-4 months)

### **Level 2:** 4 months - 1 year

- Perform stick control with Bass Drum/Hihat(Adding feet)
- Basic Rock - Eighth note ostinato(reoccurring pattern) - on Hihat and Ride cymbal
- Sight Reading 16th Notes and Triplet 8th Notes
- Complete 6-8 popular rock charts(within 1 year)

### **Level 3:** 1 - 2 years

- Quarter note ostinato, Hihat, Ride, Crash
- Learning more complicated charts in style of Rock/Funk/Blues
- Can comfortably sight reading triplets
- Completed over 15 full-length songs(within 2 years)

### **Level 4:** 2 - 5 years

- Alternative right-hand ostinatos
- Begin 3-way independence by adding left foot quarter note ostinato
- Beginning to explore Improvisation

### **Level 5:** 5+ years

- Played in bands or professionally
- Studies complex meters
- 4-way independence – all 4 limbs moving semi-independently
- Writes music