Music Instructional Resources For Song Learning

Finishing out our songs portion of this guide, this section contains examples of certain instructional resources for musicians. These are for persons and worship team members seeking to learn new/additional worship songs.

There are some excellent resources available with instructional information and lessons meant for teaching how to play a musical instrument (for example, how to tune and play an acoustic guitar, or how to play the piano). However, the items in this section are *not* that sort of thing. Instead, the items listed here are resources that presume some basic knowledge and familiarity with an instrument, and are meant to teach the user how to play specific songs from beginning to end. The items in this section each contain a collection of song titles in their respective contents, and for each song in the contents, they are meant to take the user through complete songs in a step by step method from beginning to end, walking the user through the songs demonstrating and teaching how to play the songs. Most of these allow users to *hear* how the songs are meant to sound, as they simultaneously *see* how to play the songs on their instrument. These items are somewhat new on the scene, and we have been asked about them with some on-going frequency, so we thought we would take a moment to mention and include a few important examples.

Vertical Music Worship Tools

★★★★☆

Vertical Music Worship Tools feature user-friendly arrangements of your favorite worship songs with instructional resources including a printed songbook, instructional DVD, and an audio CD. Each DVD has on-screen graphics of charts or notes, along with split screen Guitar, Drum, Keyboard & Bass Cam Video. Several dozen individual volume items of these resources are available from Integrity/Vertical. The following URL leads you to the main page, where they can be located, reviewed and purchased.

URL: http://bit.ly/fDgIp1
Review: **SM55**

Vertical Music Worship Tools are also available online at WorshipTraining.com, but without the songbook and audio CD features (just the song teaching instructional videos). These tools are available to members of WorshipTraining.com only. The Vertical Tools are online at:

Bass Guitar: http://bit.ly/eMUFZM
Drums: http://bit.ly/eil3Gn
Piano/Keys: http://bit.ly/es6nMm
Acoustic Guitar: http://bit.ly/huFveO

Worship Band Play-Along



Worship Band Play-Along resources are from Hal Leonard, and each individual item in the Worship Band Play-Along Series contains both an audio CD and a printed songbook bundled together into a single item. Bands can use the written music notation and chord charts to play "live" together in an ensemble, and individual band members can rehearse at home with the audio CD tracks. Worship leaders without a band can play/sing with the CD for a fuller sound. This series of resources allows users to learn to play the songs all the way through at their own pace. The included audio CD contains full performance demos and also separate accompaniment backing tracks. The CD is playable with any ordinary CD player, and it is also an "enhanced CD" for computer users so you can adjust the recording to any tempo without changing pitch. Each volume in the series offers five separate, correlated Book/CD packs for Guitar, Keyboard, Bass, Drum Set and Vocal. Drilling into the Hal Leonard website to find these can be tedious, so we have provided the best shortened link for this below.

URL: http://bit.ly/gCHcVk
Review: **SM56**

Musicademy Song Learner Series

★★★★☆

Musicademy Song Learner Series DVDs are multimedia resources with a separate series for guitar, keyboards, and bass guitar. These are excellent collection DVDs that help you learn the songs in the original style they are played, which is often important to using a song in a band or church setting.

URL: http://www.musicademy.com/store
Review: **SM57**

New Song Café

★★★☆☆

New Song Café Series DVDs feature songs by Passion and Worship Together songwriters. They are instructional and helpful video vignettes of the songs along with the techniques used by the writers and leaders on how to play them. This series is not sold in very many places, but they can be purchased at River Of Life online store.

URL: http://www.riveroflifecbs.com
Review: **SM58**

Vineyard Toolbox



Vineyard Toolbox DVDs have nice instructional content and work well for songs being used in both small group settings and large group settings. There are two toolbox DVD sets available – one for the *Sweetly Broken* album and one for the *Dwell* project. You can find them both here.

URL: http://bit.ly/fPvJ9x
Review: **SM59**

Keyboards – The Songs of Today



Keyboards – The Songs of Today is a good resource DVD from well known songwriter and clinician Ed Kerr. It features top 25 songs with Ed's insightful instruction on how to apply great technique to using and learning these songs for local churches. You can find the DVD at his web store at this address.

URL: http://bit.ly/fC7Jit
Review: **SM60**

The Essential Worship Band



On the Essential Worship Band, each volume is a 15 song DVD with on-screen instruction for your choice of Guitar, Bass, Keyboard or Drums that demonstrates chord-by-chord, measure-by-measure examples for every song. This resource includes custom solo-trax, chord charts, lead sheets and lyrics for each song.

URL: http://bit.ly/fKjLWY
Review: **SM61**

Worship Team Director Vol 1 & 2



The Worship Team Director series is produced by Gateway Church. It is a complete training system with over 50 songs (in two volumes) for musicians. It also has vocal and visual presentation guide components that actually sync with the audio execution of the song. In addition to being a top notch training resource, this is an excellent 55 song modern worship collection.

URL: http://amzn.to/gRCasg (Vol 1)
URL: http://amzn.to/el9r9y (Vol 2)
Review: **SM62**