Rosenberg Trio - For Sephora

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This is my absolute favorite gypsy solo on Youtube.

It is so melodic, contains a great storyline and an amazing climax both technically and musically. Often a musician is either technically advanced or he is very musical in his approach to music. It doesn't happen so often that the two come together so powerfully as here in Stochelo Rosenberg his solo.



Watch this video on youtube http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kp4K-DLv4oQ

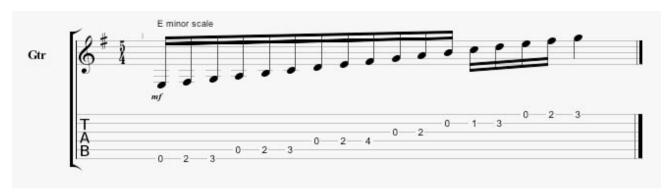
The BIG Idea: Compose your perfect solo

"I hope that's not improvisation or I will cry." A often voted reaction on Youtube.

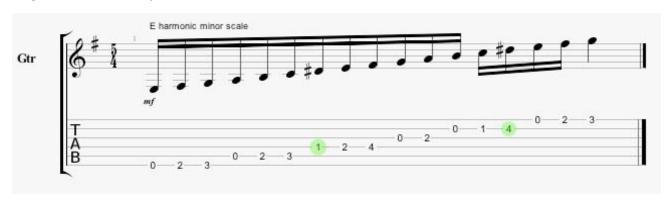
I've seen Stochelo playing this solo live and it was almost the same as the youtube solo. I can sing along with this video ③. This raises the question: "Should we always improvise purely?". I think Stochelo shows the beauty of the composed solo here. You could consider why not to compose your ideal solo. For the audience the difference isn't that big: they hear new music anyway. The importance lies in the dynamics and spontanious character of your playing. It works really well if you compose a couple of solos at home and combine parts together when you're playing live. I'm a fan of "A perfectionist at home, and a relaxed man at stage." Prepare the perfect solo and when it comes to live situation, then combine, be playfull and be relaxed about imperfect solutions.

The harmony: Harmonic Minor

This song is in the key of E minor, so your first guess will be the scale and harmony of E minor.



That's a good choice in the whole song accept for one chord: B7. In green I will show you where the B7 forces the D to become the D# note.



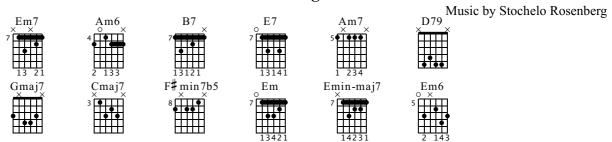
This scale is called E harmonic minor. This forms the harmonic basis of your soloing over the B7 chord.

Tips for practising

- **Focus.** Practise small 4 notes parts for 5 minutes. Really, do this and you will notice incredible improvement. Focus means power and achievement. The smaller the segment, the more repetition, the more improvement.
- **Enjoy.** Practise while doing something else like watching TV or using the computer. It is incredible the amount of hours that you can practice your instrument. It helps a lot not to think about your playing but to make it a 2nd nature while doing something funny. Soccer games have 2×45 minutes and are ideal achieve some technical achievement. If you repeat a couplet of notes for such a long time, you must see the results
- **Be modest.** be satisfied with small steps toward the bigger goal. If you increase your level a little bit everyday, then you're on the way to the top! It doesn't matter when, it matters that you will get there!
- **Repeat**. Repeat your melodies all the time, everywhere you are. There will come this moment when you will be able to play this.
- **Relax**. Don't force to achieve succes. It will come naturally. Injuries come from too much stress in the muscles. Always play with a relax hand and attitude.

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Standard tuning

