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Talking about astounding versatility and complete, accomplished musicians, one of the first names that come to mind is often Gavin Harrison.

Recording studio wizard, he has performed with top bands such as Incognito and Level 42, and has reached worldwide fame thanks to the incredible work he has done with Porcupine Tree.

From a technical standpoint he is nothing short than unbelievable, with a style primarily built around accuracy and unparalleled levels of control.

His phrasing tends to sound like it's derived more from reasoning and advanced rhythmic theory than instinct and improvisation.

Nonetheless, the always intriguing sound choices, and his never ending desire to push the limits of drumming with the use of tools like odd groupings, metric modulation, permutations, polyrhythms and of course rhythmic illusions, make him a constant source of original ideas, from which to draw endless inspiration.

His technical mastery helps to produce a relaxed and dynamic time feel, in which everything is in the right place and makes the listener sit back and enjoy the music.

His groove is tasty, solid and always serves the song.

Needless to say Gavin has some of the most incredible chops around, and here we are going to study a few of them, which are just the tip of the iceberg of the seemingly infinite vocabulary this drummer has developed.

You can click on each transcribed example to go to its specific time in the YouTube video demo where I play them.

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