

KJW beginner drummer goals

Technical music skills to be acquired:

1. Be able to make quarter notes swing on the ride cymbal.
2. Understand the blues form and be able to mark the top of the form during solos.

Be able to play the melody to C Jam Blues and Now's The Time from memory on the snare drum.
3. Be able to comp on downbeats 1, 2, 3, and 4 on the snare while keeping the quarter notes on ride cymbal swinging. After that, learn to comp on the "and" of 1, 2, 3, and 4. (Be able to describe the meaning of "comping" and its function in the music).
4. Be able to trade 4s within the blues form.
5. Be able to take a form solo over the blues without dropping the time or losing the form. *bonus* - Be able to do this without any "help" from the bass player/band.

Non-technical goals:

1. Find your favorite swinging jazz drummer. Find a favorite song with them on it and try to describe why you like it.
2. Find a non-drummer band leader whose (swinging) music style you prefer to others. Describe what you like about them and their music.