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Improvising on and off the keyboard - a new view of old mistakes. Through a series of listening games and movement exercises we will playfully examine "careless" vs. "honest" mistakes. We will explore the relationship between improvisation, mistakes, and attention. When we recognize that mistakes can be our teachers, we uncover new vitality in the learning process.

	"Creativity is intelligence having fun." — Albert Einstein	Brainstorming:
	Honest mistakes give vitality to learning. Suppressed mistakes denote unfinished business.	Improvisation vs. Mistakes
	Walk beat in 3/4 change direction with new phrase.	Time::Space::Energy
1	Clap someone else's hands on beginning of phrase.	Finding oneself
	Create a spontaneous dance, change partners for each phrase.	Being in relationship
	Walk, in 4/4 listen to phrase, sing it back (keep moving).	
2	TB plays antecedent phrase, class sings response.	Antecedent-Consequent
	Volunteer sings antecedent phrase, class responds	
	Each person clap a rhythm in sequence in 6/8	
3	Same, now all echo each rhythm by singing	Distillation of Rhythm
Ĭ	Sing one measure each, make 4-bar phrases	Circle
	Sing "ahh" + walk across circle to give object to another. Overlap tones.	
	One person plays a measure in 4/4, the other person sings it back.	At the piano
4	One person sings a measure, other plays it back. There will be mistakes!!!	Partners
	2 pianos/4 people: antecedent/consequent 2 pianos/2 people: overlap by 1 measure	Mistakes are our teachers!
	Create a <u>harmonic scheme</u> . 1) show function with fingers. 2) Show function with postures.	
5	Divide class - half sings bass line (with postures), half improvise melody by singing.	Devise a harmonic scheme
3	At the piano: one on bass, one sings, one plays treble - everyone else grab a partner & dance!	Trios
	- Discussion - Questions -	Reflection