What do I need to practice?

Do I solo and when?

How will the piece be performed?

What are some suggestions your teacher gave to help your music making?

How do the performers in the recordings make a simple song cool?

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Suggested Listening

*Duke’s Place*

Duke Ellington: Jam Session
Louis Armstrong: Satchmo at Symphony Hall
Ella Fitzgerald: Bluesta – Ella Fitzgerald Sings the Blues
Blues Scale

4 Chords

Duke's Place

Optional ending