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Yo Tannenbaum!

TRADITIONAL
Arranged by GORDON GOODWIN

INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor

1st El Alto Saxophone

1st El Alto Saxophone/Soprano Saxophone (Alternate Part)

2nd El Alto Saxophone (Optional Flute)

1st Bl Tenor Saxophone

2nd Bl Tenor Saxophone

1st Bl Trumpet

2nd Bl Trumpet

2nd Bl Trumpet

3rd Bl Trumpet

4th Bb Trumpet 1st Trombone 2nd Trombone 3rd Trombone 4th Trombone Guitar Chords Guitar Piano Bass Drums





NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

"Yo Tannenbaum" is a new arrangement of one of the great all time holiday tunes "Oh Tannenbaum." It goes through a variety of tempos and moods, all which require a slightly different approach.

When the band is playing the opening chorale, keep this mantra in your head: blend...pitch...blend...pitch. And no vibrato, please! The opening should be nice and quiet, almost reverent. Then, at measure 25 it goes into a Count Basie groove, and the rules change. It doesn't get very loud yet, but it should definitely swing with a nice, laid back attitude. That is until measure 47, where the tempo ramps up, and the chart kicks into a twisting bebop statement of the theme. Like all difficult passages, practice these slowly and gradually work them up to speed.

At measure 109 the rhythm section drops out, so the saxes need to concentrate on keeping the time steady. Blow though each phrase and keep the rhythmic pulse moving. The same thing applies for the brass at measure 125. There's a tricky lick at measure 131—don't let it trip you up! (Yeah, I know, they're all tricky!). Keep the ensemble tight and mobile at the shout chorus measure 141 and keep in mind you don't have to blow loudly. Save the real intensity for measure 159 when the tempo drops back down. From there to the end, it's full out big band, just the way we like it!

Hope you enjoy "Yo Tannenbaum."

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Gordon Goodwin is a three-time Emmy Award winner and GRAMMY° winner. His band's debut album *Swingin' for the Fences* (Silverline Records) received two GRAMMY° nominations and is the best-selling jazz item in the DVD° Audio 5.1 surround-sound format.











































