

FIRST YEAR CHARTS

FOR JAZZ ENSEMBLE



Orinoco Cocoa

VINCE GASSI

INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor	1st Trombone
1st E $\flat$ Alto Saxophone	2nd Trombone (Optional)
2nd E $\flat$ Alto Saxophone	3rd Trombone (Optional)
1st B $\flat$ Tenor Saxophone	4th Trombone
2nd B $\flat$ Tenor Saxophone (Optional)	Guitar Chords
E $\flat$ Baritone Saxophone (Optional)	Guitar (Optional)
1st B $\flat$ Trumpet	Piano
2nd B $\flat$ Trumpet	Bass
3rd B $\flat$ Trumpet (Optional)	Drums

Optional Alternate Parts

C Flute
Tuba
Horn in F (Doubles 1st Trombone)
Baritone T.C./B $\flat$ Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 1st Trombone)

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

“Orinoco Cocoa” is a Latin chart played with a straight or even eighth note feel. The introduction and transition areas are based on a montuno pattern, which is a style of piano playing consisting of a repeated, syncopated pattern common in Cuban music. This pattern is not as difficult as it may first seem to your young players. A bit of work will prove immensely helpful when this figure is taken apart and practiced slowly at first.

The rhythm section plays a critical role in both establishing the Latin groove and also in supporting the soloists. The written parts for guitar, piano and bass should not be deviated from as they function as counterpoint to the alto sax and trombone solos. If possible, ask your guitarist to play the written notes rather than playing from the chord changes. These are more an indication of the harmony that underlies the chart. The drummer may vary the written pattern slightly for interest but the basic feel should be adhered to and all fills are written out. The “x” noteheads indicate the use of the ride cymbal except where designated otherwise (i.e. crash cymbal). The cross-stick rim shot is provided so that the drummer can play the clave beat pattern. The clave beat is common in Latin music. Note the vibraslap in measure 114. If you don’t have this instrument, this section will work just as well with three beats of silence. The addition of other auxiliary percussion such as congas, bongos, timbales, maracas, guiro, shaker and cabasa, to name a few, will add interest throughout, but be careful not to add too much.

Should your soloists wish to deviate from the written solo notes, the use of the harmonic minor scale as indicated will fit very well within the harmonic framework. This is a good opportunity to teach the minor scale(s) to the ensemble.

The unison figure at measure 103 should be carefully worked out by your players individually so that they may achieve a tight ensemble sound. The goal here is for the band to sound like one player with the drummer providing the forward momentum. The drummer should strive, as everyone in the band should, to not slow down or speed up. Encourage all players to practice with a metronome. Some preparatory work on the concert G minor harmonic scale by all members of the band would be extremely helpful.

In addition, careful attention to the variety of articulations used in this piece will help to unify the ensemble and produce a clean sound characteristic of this style.

Enjoy!

—Vince Gassi



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CONDUCTOR
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ORINOCO COCOA

By VINCE GASSI

LATIN $\text{♩} = 168$

C FLUTE (OPTIONAL)

1ST E♭ ALTO SAXOPHONE

2ND E♭ ALTO SAXOPHONE

1ST B♭ TENOR SAXOPHONE

2ND B♭ TENOR SAXOPHONE (OPTIONAL)

E♭ BARITONE SAXOPHONE (OPTIONAL)

1ST B♭ TRUMPET

2ND B♭ TRUMPET

3RD B♭ TRUMPET (OPTIONAL)

1ST TROMBONE

2ND TROMBONE (OPTIONAL)

3RD TROMBONE (OPTIONAL)

GUITAR (OPTIONAL)

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

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FILL **FILL** **CR. CYM.** **RIDE. CYM.**

FL.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

13

FILL

CROSS STICK RIM SHOT

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Chords: Gmi7, Dmi7, Ebmaj7

Annotations: PED., * PED., *

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ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TBN. 1

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GTR.

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BASS

DRUMS

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ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPT. 1

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DRUMS

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FILL

CR. CYM.

RIDE. CYM.

Ebmaj7 Dm7 Abmaj7 Gm7 Gm7 Dm7 Ebmaj7 Gm7

* PED. * PED. PED. * PED. PED.

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TENOR 1

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BARI.

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FILL

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RIDE. CYM.

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SOLO - AD LIB. ON E^M HARMONIC SCALE

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CUE: TPT. 2

CUE: TPT. 3

CUE: TBN. 1

CUE: TBN. 2

CUE: TBN. 3

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SOLO - AD LIB. ON GMI HARMONIC SCALE

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BASS

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