

NEIL HEFTI
Arranged by ROY PHILLIPPE

## **INSTRUMENTATION**

Conductor

1st El Alto Saxophone

2nd El Alto Saxophone

1st Bl Tenor Saxophone

2nd Bl Tenor Saxophone (Optional)

El Baritone Saxophone (Optional)

1st Bl Trumpet

2nd Bl Trumpet

3rd Bl Trumpet (Optional)

1st Trombone
2nd Trombone (Optional)
3rd Trombone (Optional)
Guitar Chords
Guitar
Piano
Bass
Drums

## **Optional Alternate Parts**

C Flute
Tuba
Horn in F (Doubles 1st Trombone)
Baritone T.C./Bb Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 1st Trombone)



FOR JAZZ ENSEMBLE

## **NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR**

The Creeper was composed by Neal Hefti for legendary trumpeter Harry James and recorded on an album appropriately titled Harry James Plays Neal Hefti.

The chart begins with the full ensemble at a medium swing tempo. The introduction is based on material that appears later in the arrangement. Trombones and tenor saxes state the opening melody in unison, beginning with the pick-up to measure 9. The alto saxes have a counter line played the second time.

At measure 28, there is a sudden drop in dynamics. This interlude section should have a "tip-toe" and somewhat mysterious approach. By that I mean to sound "sneaky" by playing the staccato notes very short (sort of cartoon-like). Beginning with the trumpets and alto saxes, the descending line is taken up by tenor saxes and trombones. Strive to maintain the continuity of the line. This line is doubled within the rhythm section.

A drum solo crescendos back to the introductory material. At measure 49, there is a call-and-response effect between the brass and saxes. Direct the brass to observe the *sforzando* dynamic effects in measures 44 and 48.

The "tip-toe" section returns at measure 52, followed by the reiteration of the introductory material.

To ensure a successful performance, careful attention should be paid to dynamics and phrasing.

Enjoy!



—Roy Phillippe



Roy Phillippe

An active composer/arranger in a variety of genres, Roy Phillippe has written a prolific body of work that has been performed by many leading ensembles, and has worked with such musical legends as Stan Kenton and Henry Mancini. He received a Bachelor of Music degree from Kent State University (OH).



















