

# JAZZ BEGINNINGS SERIES

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# What's Cookin'

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## INSTRUMENTATION

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

## Optional Alternate Parts

1st C Flute  
2nd C Flute  
1st B $\flat$  Clarinet  
2nd B $\flat$  Clarinet  
E $\flat$  Baritone Saxophone  
Tuba (Doubles Bass part)  
Horn in F (Doubles 1st Trombone)  
Baritone T.C./B $\flat$  Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 1st Trombone)  
Auxiliary Percussion

## NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

*What's Cookin'* was commissioned by and dedicated to the jazz bands at Zionsville West Middle School, Zionsville, IN. Matthew Doublestein and Liz Leatherberry are the directors.

Written in a Latin/rock style, this chart sounds more difficult than it actually is. The repetitive nature of this piece makes it easy to rehearse and learn. The call-and-response effect in the introduction should be played in a relaxed manner. Make certain that wind players use the correct jazz phonetics to articulate. For example, I suggest using "dit" for staccatos, "doo" for tenutos, "dah" for the accents and "daht" for the rooftop marcato accents. The "d" syllable has a smoother sound for jazz than the "t" articulation.

Today's music exposes the listener to more intricate harmonies. In measure 12, the sharp-9 sonority may sound new to young musicians. The sharp-9 chord has a distinctive dissonance with a lowered third (sharp-9) against the major third (an octave lower). This is a great opportunity to teach and explain chord extensions and how they are used in jazz and popular music.

Observe that the forte piano (*fp*) is not to be confused with the sforzando (*sfz*). The forte-piano is played loud and then suddenly soft followed by a crescendo, while the sforzando indicates a strong sudden accent.

At measure 13, the (optional) guitar, piano, and bass have a basic cha-cha-cha rhythmic pattern while the drumset has a basic rock beat. Note that at this difficulty level, although chords have been provided for the guitar, piano and bass, the intent is to develop intensity through rhythmic repetition; therefore, it is not recommended the players embellish the written part. The rhythm section should strive for cohesiveness throughout. This arrangement includes an auxiliary percussion part, which requires the claves and a guiro. All percussion parts should complement each other. To facilitate teaching and learning, each rhythm part should be rehearsed separately, thereby adding one part at a time once learned.

The recurring rhythmic pattern played by the bass anticipates a chord change. The bass line pattern in measures 13–14 is notable for its silent or tied downbeat and the final note of the measure, which anticipates the harmony of the following measure. This anticipated bass is a distinctive feature of Afro-Cuban popular music. This pattern may take some practice for the bass player. I strongly suggest practicing with a metronome to assist in maintaining a steady tempo.

Melodic instrumentalists playing the unison line in measures 13–27 should concentrate on intonation, balance, phrasing and articulation and strive to make it sound as if one player is actually playing all parts.

The written-out solo section in measures 57–72 offers various opportunities to highlight individual players, sections or the entire wind section. Make certain that in measures 65–68, the stop-time figure in the guitar, piano and bass is pronounced but not overpowering. The D.S. al Coda is on cue after the last solo.

Enjoy!

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CONDUCTOR

WHAT'S COOKIN'

FLUTE 1

FLUTE 2

CLAR. 1

CLAR. 2

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TEN. 1

TEN. 2

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

6 7 8 9 10 11 12

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Chord symbols: Gmi, F/G, Gmi, D7(#9), Eb7(#9), D7(#9), Gmi, F/G, Gmi, D7(#9)

Performance markings: *mf*, *fill*

CONDUCTOR

Musical score for 'WHAT'S COOKIN'' featuring various instruments and a conductor part. The score includes staves for Flute 1, Flute 2, Clarinet 1, Clarinet 2, Alto 1, Alto 2, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Trumpet 1, Trumpet 2, Trombone 1, Trombone 2, Guitar, Piano, Bass, and Drums. The conductor part is marked with a circled '13'.

Annotations include 'DUET SAT TEN.' above the Clarinet 1 and Tenor 2 staves. Chord symbols G<sup>9</sup> and C<sup>9</sup> are present above the Guitar and Piano staves. The Drums staff includes a circled '4' and a circled '6'.

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(FOR ADDITIONAL PLAYERS, HAVE SHAKERS PLAY WITH THE HI-HAT)

CONDUCTOR

WHAT'S COOKIN'

FLUTE 1

FLUTE 2

CLAR. 1

CLAR. 2

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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PLAY

FILL

Musical score for 'WHAT'S COOKIN'' featuring various instruments and a conductor part. The score includes parts for Flute 1 & 2, Clarinet 1 & 2, Alto 1 & 2, Tenor 1 & 2, Trumpet 1 & 2, Trombone 1 & 2, Guitar, Piano, Bass, and Drums. A large red watermark 'Preview Only - Legal Use Requires Purchase' is overlaid across the score.

The score is divided into measures 29 through 36. Measure 36 includes a 'FILL' section indicated by a dashed line and a '1' above it. The conductor part at the bottom shows a sequence of drum patterns and rests corresponding to the measures.

29

30

31

32

33

34

35

36





CONDUCTOR

FLUTE 1

FLUTE 2

CLAR. 1

CLAR. 2

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

45

46

47

48

49

50

N.C.

N.C.

Gmi F/G Gmi

Gmi F/G Gmi

Cmi Dmi7/C Cmi

Toms

Ride cym.

Hi-Hat

45

44

45

46

47

48

49

50

CONDUCTOR

WHAT'S COOKIN'

FLUTE 1

FLUTE 2

CLAR. 1

CLAR. 2

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58

57 (OPEN FOR SOLOS)

G<sup>9</sup> C<sup>9</sup> A<sup>9</sup> D<sup>9</sup> E<sup>9</sup> A<sup>9</sup> G<sup>9</sup> C<sup>9</sup> D<sup>7</sup>(#9) G<sup>9</sup> C<sup>9</sup> G<sup>9</sup> F/G G<sup>9</sup> D<sup>7</sup>(#9) C<sup>9</sup> G<sup>9</sup> C<sup>9</sup>

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CONDUCTOR

WHAT'S COOKIN'

FLUTE 1

FLUTE 2

CLAR. 1

CLAR. 2

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66

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FILL-----1

CONDUCTOR

WHAT'S COOKIN'

FLUTE 1

FLUTE 2

CLAR. 1

CLAR. 2

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

67 68 69 70 71 72 73

1. D7(#9) 2. PLAY (ON CUE) D.S. AL CODA

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The image shows a page of a musical score for the piece 'What's Cookin''. The page is numbered '- 10 -' at the top center. The title 'WHAT'S COOKIN'' is in the top right corner. The score is for a conductor and includes parts for Flute 1 and 2, Clarinet 1 and 2, Alto 1 and 2, Tenor 1 and 2, Trumpet 1 and 2, Trombone 1 and 2, Guitar, Piano, Bass, and Drums. The music is in 4/4 time and features a variety of chords and melodic lines. A large red watermark 'Legal User Requires Purchase' is overlaid diagonally across the page. At the bottom, there are measure numbers 67 through 73. The score ends with a first ending (1.) and a second ending (2.) marked 'PLAY (ON CUE) D.S. AL CODA'. The guitar part has a 'D7(#9)' chord indicated above it. The piano part has a 'D7(#9)' chord indicated above it. The bass part has a 'D7(#9)' chord indicated above it. The drums part has a 'FILL' indicated above it.

CONDUCTOR  $\text{Coda}$

WHAT'S COOKIN'

This musical score is for the piece "What's Cookin'". It is a multi-staff score for a conductor and various instruments. The conductor's part is marked with a Coda symbol. The instruments include Flute 1 and 2, Clarinet 1 and 2, Alto 1 and 2, Tenor 1 and 2, Trumpet 1 and 2, Trombone 1 and 2, Guitar, Piano, Bass, and Drums. The score is written in 4/4 time and features a variety of musical notations, including notes, rests, and dynamic markings. A large red watermark "Legal Use Requires Purchase" is overlaid on the score. The page number "11" is centered at the top, and the title "WHAT'S COOKIN'" is in the top right corner. The conductor's part is labeled "CONDUCTOR" and "Coda". The instrument parts are labeled with their respective names: FLUTE 1, FLUTE 2, CLAR. 1, CLAR. 2, ALTO 1, ALTO 2, TENOR 1, TENOR 2, TPT. 1, TPT. 2, TBN. 1, TBN. 2, GTR., PNO., BASS, and DRUMS. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings. A large red watermark "Legal Use Requires Purchase" is overlaid on the score. The page number "11" is centered at the top, and the title "WHAT'S COOKIN'" is in the top right corner. The conductor's part is labeled "CONDUCTOR" and "Coda". The instrument parts are labeled with their respective names: FLUTE 1, FLUTE 2, CLAR. 1, CLAR. 2, ALTO 1, ALTO 2, TENOR 1, TENOR 2, TPT. 1, TPT. 2, TBN. 1, TBN. 2, GTR., PNO., BASS, and DRUMS. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

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