

# JAZZ BEGINNINGS SERIES



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## What's Cookin'

VICTOR LÓPEZ

### INSTRUMENTATION

- |                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Conductor                         | 1st Trombone            |
| 1st E♭ Alto Saxophone             | 2nd Trombone (Optional) |
| 2nd E♭ Alto Saxophone             | Guitar Chords           |
| 1st B♭ Tenor Saxophone            | Guitar (Optional)       |
| 2nd B♭ Tenor Saxophone (Optional) | Piano                   |
| 1st B♭ Trumpet                    | Bass                    |
| 2nd B♭ Trumpet (Optional)         | Drums                   |

### Optional Alternate Parts

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|---|
| 1st C Flute   |
| 2nd C Flute   |
| 1st B♭ Clarinet   |
| 2nd B♭ Clarinet   |
| E♭ Baritone Saxophone                                   |
| Tuba (Doubles Bass part)                                |
| Horn in F (Doubles 1st Trombone)                        |
| Baritone T.C./B♭ 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 (♩) is not to be confused with the sforzando (♩). 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!

—Victor López



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# WHAT'S COOKIN'

By VICTOR LÓPEZ (ASCAP)

LATIN ROCK  $\text{d} = 132$

1st C FLUTE (OPTIONAL)

2nd C FLUTE (OPTIONAL)

1st Bb CLARINET (OPTIONAL)

2nd Bb CLARINET (OPTIONAL)

1st Eb ALTO SAXOPHONE

2nd Eb ALTO SAXOPHONE

1st Bb TENOR SAXOPHONE

2nd Bb TENOR SAXOPHONE (OPTIONAL)

1st Bb TRUMPET

2nd Bb TRUMPET (OPTIONAL)

1st TROMBONE

2nd TROMBONE (OPTIONAL)

GUITAR (OPTIONAL)

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

N.C.

Ghi F/G Ghi

Ghi F/G Ghi

Cmi Dm7/C Ghi

TOMS RIDE CYM. HI-HAT

1 2 3 4 5 mp3

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CONDUCTOR

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WHAT'S COOKIN'

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  
DRUMS

6 7 8 9 10 11 12

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CONDUCTOR 13

FLUTE 1

FLUTE 2

CUE: 1ST TBN.

CLAR. 1

CLAR. 2

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

CUE: 1ST TBN.

TENOR 2

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

GTR. 1

GTR. 2

PNO.

BASS

DRAWS

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

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13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

CONDUCTOR 21

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WHAT'S COOKIN'

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

DRUMS

PLAY

PLAY

Fill

m2

21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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The musical score consists of 16 staves, each representing a different instrument or voice part. The instruments listed are: CONDUCTOR, 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 is in 6/8 time. Key signatures change throughout the piece, indicated by 'G9', 'C9', 'D7(9)', and 'D7(9)'. Dynamics such as 'p' (piano) and 'f' (forte) are also present. Measure numbers 21 through 28 are marked at the bottom of the page. A large red watermark reading 'Legal User Review Required Purchase Only' is diagonally across the page. The title 'WHAT'S COOKIN'' is in the top right corner, and '- 4 -' is centered above the measures.

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WHAT'S COOKIN'

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

DRUMS

29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36

FILL -

CONDUCTOR

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WHAT'S COOKIN'  
TO CODA

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

DRUMS

37 38 39 40 41 42

FILL

CONDUCTOR

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(45)

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

DRUMS

43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50

TOHS RIDE CYM. HI-HAT

G9 N.C. GMI F/G GMI GMI F/G GMI GMI DMI/C GMI

CONDUCTOR

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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

(Open for Solos)

G<sup>9</sup>

A<sup>9</sup>

D<sup>9</sup>

E<sup>9</sup>

A<sup>9</sup>

A<sup>9</sup>

D<sup>9</sup>

A<sup>9</sup>

A<sup>9</sup>

D<sup>9</sup>

G<sup>9</sup>

G<sup>9</sup>

G<sup>9</sup>

G<sup>9</sup>

G<sup>9</sup>

G<sup>9</sup>

G<sup>9</sup>

G<sup>9</sup>

G<sup>9</sup>

FILL -

57

58

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WHAT'S COOKIN'

Conductor

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

Drums

- 9 -

(4)

FILL ----- 1

59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66

CONDUCTOR

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WHAT'S COOKIN'

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

DRUMS

1. D7(9)

2. PLAY (ON CUE) D.S.  $\frac{6}{8}$  AL CODA

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67 68 69 70 71 72 73

CONDUCTOR

WHAT'S COOKIN'

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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

DRUMS

74

75

76

77

78

79

80

81

82

(6)

FILL

TOMS

m2

N.C.

G<sup>9</sup>

C<sup>9</sup>

G<sup>9</sup>

C<sup>9</sup>

G<sup>9</sup>

C<sup>9</sup>

D7(9)

N.C.

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