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## Naima

JOHN COLTRANE

Arranged by CRAIG SKEFFINGTON

### INSTRUMENTATION

- |                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Conductor              | 1st Trombone  |
| 1st E♭ Alto Saxophone  | 2nd Trombone  |
| 2nd E♭ Alto Saxophone  | 3rd Trombone  |
| 1st B♭ Tenor Saxophone | Bass Trombone |
| 2nd B♭ Tenor Saxophone | Guitar Chords |
| E♭ Baritone Saxophone  | Guitar        |
| 1st B♭ Trumpet         | Piano         |
| 2nd B♭ Trumpet         | Bass          |
| 3rd B♭ Trumpet         | Drums         |
| 4th B♭ Trumpet         |               |

### Optional/Alternate Parts

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|---|--|
| C Flute   |  |
| Tuba  |  |
| Horn in F (Doubles 1st Trombone)                            |  |
| 1st Baritone T.C./B♭ Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 1st Trombone) |  |
| 2nd Baritone T.C./B♭ Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 2nd Trombone) |  |
| 3rd Baritone T.C./B♭ Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 3rd Trombone) |  |

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## NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

*Naima* is recognized as a beautifully constructed melody and truly a classic jazz standard. It was composed by the late and great tenor saxophonist, John Coltrane, and recorded by countless artists. Although the original 1959 version was recorded as a ballad, this arrangement is slightly more up-tempo, in a more contemporary straight-eighth note style reminiscent of ECM (record label) artists such as guitarist Pat Metheny and trumpeter Kenny Wheeler.

The introduction, which draws on borrowed melodic and harmonic material from the main theme, should begin quietly and build. Caution the band not to overplay the sound and color of the muted trumpets. After the alto soloist states the melody, keep the brass underneath the sax melody at measure 21, and work the contrasts of the lines as they diminuendo and crescendo. The bridge section begins at measure 29. I suggest developing this section by directing the phrase to peak in the last few measures. The ensemble lead-in to the tenor solo should be strong. Throughout the sax solo, keep the background dynamic under the soloist so that the crescendo into 93 will have more impact. During this 16-bar ensemble shout, pay careful attention to the articulation style, especially the isolated staccato and marcato notes.

The return of the bridge material at measure 109 should be a dramatic change from the previous ensemble section. Direct the players to listen and balance the rich, dissonant chords in the sax voicing. The closing ensemble sections at measures 125 and 133 are the high points of the piece. The high lead trumpet is certainly optional, but very effective if you have a player with the range.

The vamp at the end is similar to the introduction but longer, so begin at a comfortable *mf* level so the band can build dynamically. The optional solo in the guitar over the vamp fits well with the style of piece, but can also be done without the guitar solo if needed. Make the most of the *sabitu* volume change in the last measure for dynamic contrast.

As always, try to check out the original recording of an arrangement; in this case the Coltrane album is *Giant Steps*. This recording is a must-have full of virtuosic playing all around.

I enjoyed doing this arrangement and hope that the chart works well for you!

Enjoy!

—Craig Skeffington



**Craig  
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**CONDUCTOR**  
33355S

NAIMA

By JOHN COLTRANE  
Arranged by CRAIG SKEFFINGTON

BOSSA/ECM GROOVE  $\text{d} = 110-140$

1ST E♭ ALTO SAXOPHONE

2ND E♭ ALTO SAXOPHONE

1ST B♭ TENOR SAXOPHONE

2ND B♭ TENOR SAXOPHONE

E♭ BARITONE SAXOPHONE

1ST B♭ TRUMPET

2ND B♭ TRUMPET

3RD B♭ TRUMPET

4TH B♭ TRUMPET

1ST TROMBONE

2ND TROMBONE

3RD TROMBONE

BASS TROMBONE

GUITAR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

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CONDUCTOR

NAIMA

(15) SOLO - 2 -

ALTO 1  
ALTO 2  
TENOR 1  
TENOR 2  
BASS.  
TPT. 1  
TPT. 2  
TPT. 3  
TPT. 4  
TBN. 1  
TBN. 2  
TBN. 3  
BASS TBN.  
GTR.  
PNO.  
BASS  
DRUMS

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

CONDUCTOR

NAIMA

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Musical score for orchestra and choir, page 21. The score includes parts for CONDUCTOR, ALTO 1, ALTO 2, TENOR 1, TENOR 2, BARI., TPT. 1, TPT. 2, TPT. 3, TPT. 4, TBN. 1, TBN. 2, TBN. 3, BASS TBN., GTR., PNO., BASS, and DRUMS. The vocal parts (ALTO 1, ALTO 2, TENOR 1, TENOR 2, BARI.) have "SOLI" markings above them. The score features a mix of sustained notes and rhythmic patterns. Measure 21 starts with a dynamic of  $\frac{1}{2}$  and ends with a dynamic of  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Measures 22 through 28 show various dynamics and key changes, including  $A\flat\text{ major}^9$ ,  $B\flat\text{ major}^9$ ,  $E\flat\text{ major}$ ,  $B\sharp\text{ major}^{(\#)}$ ,  $A\sharp\text{ major}^{(\#)}$ ,  $A\flat\text{ major}^9$ , and  $B\text{ major}^9$ . A large red watermark "Review requires purchase" is diagonally across the page.

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NAIMA

A musical score for orchestra and choir, page 4. The score includes parts for Alto 1, Alto 2, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass, Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2, Tpt. 3, Tpt. 4, Tbn. 1, Tbn. 2, Tbn. 3, Bass Tbn., Gtr., Pno., Bass, and Drums. The score is in 2/4 time, with measures 29 through 36 shown. The vocal parts (Alto 1, Alto 2, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass) have lyrics in italics above the notes. The piano part includes dynamic markings like  $m\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $B\flat M\frac{1}{2}$ , and  $B\flat S\frac{1}{2}(B)$ . The drums play a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. A large red diagonal watermark reading "Legal Use Requires Purchase Only" is overlaid across the score.

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CONDUCTOR

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NAIMA

Musical score for orchestra and piano, page 6. The score includes parts for Alto 1, Alto 2, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass, Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2, Tpt. 3, Tpt. 4, Tbn. 1, Tbn. 2, Tbn. 3, Bass Tbn., Gtr., Pno., Bass, and Drums. The score is in 2/4 time, mostly in E-flat major, with some changes indicated by rehearsal numbers 45 through 52.

Instrumentation:

- Chorus: Alto 1, Alto 2, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass
- Brass: Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2, Tpt. 3, Tpt. 4
- Bassoon: Tbn. 1, Tbn. 2, Tbn. 3
- Bassoon (Bassoon): Bass Tbn.
- Guitar: Gtr.
- Piano: Pno.
- Bass: Bass
- Drums: Drums

Key Signatures:

- Rehearsal 45: E-flat major
- Rehearsal 46: E-flat major
- Rehearsal 47: E-flat major
- Rehearsal 48: B-flat major
- Rehearsal 49: A-flat major
- Rehearsal 50: B-flat major
- Rehearsal 51: A-flat major
- Rehearsal 52: B-flat major

Tempo:

- Rehearsal 45: M.M. 120
- Rehearsal 46: M.M. 120
- Rehearsal 47: M.M. 120
- Rehearsal 48: M.M. 120
- Rehearsal 49: M.M. 120
- Rehearsal 50: M.M. 120
- Rehearsal 51: M.M. 120
- Rehearsal 52: M.M. 120

Dynamic Markings:

- Rehearsal 45:  $\text{f}$
- Rehearsal 46:  $\text{f}$
- Rehearsal 47:  $\text{f}$
- Rehearsal 48:  $\text{f}$
- Rehearsal 49:  $\text{f}$
- Rehearsal 50:  $\text{f}$
- Rehearsal 51:  $\text{f}$
- Rehearsal 52:  $\text{f}$

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SOLO C#M9

F#M9

C#15(HT)

B15(HT)

B15M9

Tenor 1

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SOLO SECTION FOR TENOR, AD LIB. AS NEEDED

B15(HT)

A15(HT)

A15M9

B15M9

EbM9

Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Drums

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61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68

ALTO 1  
ALTO 2  
TENOR 1  
TENOR 2  
BASS.  
TPT. 1  
TPT. 2  
TPT. 3  
TPT. 4  
TBN. 1  
TBN. 2  
TBN. 3  
BASS TBN.  
GTR.  
PNO.  
BASS  
DRUMS

## CONDUCTOR

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## CONDUCTOR

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NAIMA

## CONDUCTOR

NAIMA

ALTO 1  
ALTO 2  
TENOR 1  
TENOR 2  
BARI.  
TPP. 1  
TPP. 2  
TPP. 3  
TPP. 4  
TBN. 1  
TBN. 2  
TBN. 3  
BASS TBN.  
GTR.  
PNO.  
BASS  
DRUMS

97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104

101

CONDUCTOR

NAIMA

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Musical score for orchestra and piano, page 13 (measures 109-114). The score includes parts for Alto 1, Alto 2, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass 1, Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2, Tpt. 3, Tpt. 4, Tbn. 1, Tbn. 2, Tbn. 3, Bass Tbn., Gtr., Pno., Bass, and Drums. Measure 109 starts with a dynamic of  $\text{f}$ . Measures 110-114 feature a piano part with bass line, indicated by "WITH BASS" and "PIANO R.H. OUT". Measure 114 ends with a dynamic of  $\text{ff}$ .

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NAIMA

A musical score page for an orchestra and choir. The page is numbered - 14 - at the top center. The title NAIMA is in the top right corner. The score includes parts for Alto 1, Alto 2, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass, Tromp. 1, Tromp. 2, Tromp. 3, Tromp. 4, Tbn. 1, Tbn. 2, Tbn. 3, Bass Tbn., Gtr., Pno., Bass, and Drums. The vocal parts (Alto 1, Alto 2, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass) are grouped under the heading CONDUCTOR. The title NAIMA is in the top right corner. A large red diagonal watermark reading "Legal Use Requires Purchase Only" is overlaid across the page.

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CONDUCTOR

NAIMA

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ALTO 1  
ALTO 2  
TENOR 1  
TENOR 2  
BASS.  
TPT. 1  
TPT. 2  
TPT. 3  
TPT. 4  
TBN. 1  
TBN. 2  
TBN. 3  
BASS TBN.  
GTR. 2  
PNO.  
BASS  
DRUMS

(Cpt.) 8va (Loco)

B 15(11) A 15(11) Abmaj9 Ebmaj B 15(11)

133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140 141

SET UP

142      143      144      145      146      147      148      149      150

145

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BASS 1.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TPT. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

(OPTIONAL SOLO TO END)

QUASI SOLO

m<sup>2</sup>

A15(##)      Abmaj9

Ebm19      F#m19

Gm19

F#m19

Ebm19      F#m19

Gm19

F#m19

Ebm19      F#m19

Gm19

F#m19

A15(##)      Abmaj9

Ebm19

Gm19

F#m19

Ebm19      F#m19

Gm19

F#m19

Ebm19      F#m19

Gm19

F#m19

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BASS.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TPT. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR. 2

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

GRAD. CRESCEPDO

GRAD. CRESCEPDO

GRAD. CRESCEPDO

GRAD. CRESCEPDO

GRAD. CRESCEPDO

CUP MUTE

HARMON MUTE

CUP MUTE

HARMON MUTE

GRAD. CRESCEPDO

GRAD. CRESCEPDO

GRAD. CRESCEPDO

GRAD. CRESCEPDO

EbM9 F#M9 G#M9 FM9

GRAD. CRESCEPDO

EbM9 F#M9 G#M9 FM9

GRAD. CRESCEPDO

GRAD. CRESCEPDO

GRAD. CRESCEPDO

GRAD. CRESCEPDO

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NAIMA

ALTO 1  
ALTO 2  
TENOR 1  
TENOR 2  
BASS.  
TPT. 1  
TPT. 2  
TPT. 3  
TPT. 4  
TBN. 1  
TBN. 2  
TBN. 3  
BASS TBN.  
GTR.  
PNO.  
BASS  
DRUMS

SUSITO m<sup>2</sup>

F#m<sup>9</sup> E#m<sup>9</sup> F#m<sup>9</sup> Gm<sup>9</sup> F#m<sup>9</sup> E#m<sup>9</sup> Gm<sup>9</sup> F#m<sup>9</sup> A#m<sup>9</sup> F#m<sup>7/G</sup> G<sup>b</sup>m<sup>9</sup> E<sup>7</sup>(#)  
SUSITO m<sup>2</sup>

E#m<sup>9</sup>(#)  
SUSITO m<sup>2</sup>

Set Up

Light Fill

160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167

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