

JAZZ BAND SERIES



Birdland

JOE ZAWINUL

Arranged by VICTOR LÓPEZ

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

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)

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Birdland was written by Josef Erich Zawinul (1932–2007), an Austrian jazz keyboardist and composer. Zawinul named his composition after a famous jazz club in New York City. The name “Birdland” comes from “Bird” himself, Charlie Parker, a legendary saxophonist for whom the club was named.

This chart is a reminiscent (and simplified) version of Maynard Ferguson’s “Birdland” arrangement which was recorded on the album *Maynard Ferguson & Big Bop Nouveau* (Crescent Jazz Records). You can hear a demo recording of this arrangement at alfred.com.

Observe all articulations and dynamics, especially, the fz notation followed by a crescendo. This notation is used to give an unusually strong (sudden *subito*) accent. Rehearse this concept as needed until the desired effect is accomplished. When the band plays the unison passages, direct the players to think as if one player is playing all of the parts so that articulation, phrasing, and intonation clearly agree. At measure 30, listen to the open fourths and/or fifths depending on the section, and strive for the correct sonority and intonation. At 38, there are two independent lines going on. Rehearse each separately to make certain they are tight and then combine them when ready. Slow down the tempo as needed until it is ready to be played at the indicated metronome marking. At 58, strive for balance in the trumpet parts. As it builds to measure 74, continue to stress the articulations and ensemble balance. The solo section at 82 is indicated as “optional open for solos” to provide opportunity to other individuals to solo as needed. A suggested solo has been written for both the 1st tenor and 2nd trumpet. All background figures at 90 should stay under the soloist dynamically. This entire section is repetitive to develop intensity throughout. As previously mentioned, at 106, work on the fz dynamics before the D.S. and make certain they are played tight. The coda builds up to the signature bass line motive and ends with a smashing sharp 9 chord.

Enjoy!

—Victor López



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CONDUCTOR
36046S

BIRDLAND

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Driving ♩ = 168

1st Eb ALTO SAXOPHONE

2nd Eb ALTO SAXOPHONE

1st Bb TENOR SAXOPHONE

2nd Bb TENOR SAXOPHONE

E♭ BARITONE SAXOPHONE

1st Bb TRUMPET

2nd Bb TRUMPET

3rd Bb TRUMPET

4th Bb TRUMPET

1st TROMBONE

2nd TROMBONE

3rd TROMBONE

BASS TROMBONE

GUITAR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

(BASSES WEIGH IN PART)

TOMS

TIGHT H.H. AND CRISP RIM SOUND

TOMS

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRPT. 1

TRPT. 2

TRPT. 3

TRPT. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

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22

F7

F7

Cue: Bass

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

DRUMS

CLD: TBN. 3

CLD: TBN. 4

PLAY

25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GRE.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

33

34

35

36

37

38

39

40

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PLAY

W/BASS

PLAY FWI

E $\flat$ /F

E $\flat$ /A $\flat$

D $\flat$ /A $\flat$

C#17

E $\flat$ /B $\flat$

FILL

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRPT. 1

TRPT. 2

TRPT. 3

TRPT. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48

Chord symbols: Bbm7, Eb/A, Dmi, Fm/Bb, Eb/D, Dmi, Eb, E, F, Dmi, Fm/Bb, Eb/Bb, Fb, Ab/F, Dbmaj9, C7(b9).

Fill

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TP. 1

TP. 2

TP. 3

TP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57

SOLO

FILL

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58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65

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

DRUMS

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PLAY N.C.

66

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

66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73

74

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

DRUMS

F/A Dmi F/A Bbm7 Bm7(b9) Am7 D7 Gm7 F/A Bbm Bb/C F F/A Dmi F/C B7(b9) Bb7 Am7 D7 Gm7 F/A Bbm Bb/C

74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81

FILL

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

90 91 92 93 94 95

BIRDLAND

CONDUCTOR

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

96

97

98

99

100

101

BIRDLAND

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♩ CODA

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

110 111 112 113 114 115

FILL

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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

DRUMS

116

117

118

119

120

121

FILL