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The Sheik of Araby

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As performed by Duke Ellington and his Famous Orchestra

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Full Score

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NOTES ON PLAYING ELLINGTON

At least 95% of modern-day large ensemble jazz playing comes out of three traditions: Count Basie's band, Duke Ellington's band, and the orchestrations of small groups. Those young players interested in jazz will be drawn to small groups for the opportunity to improvise and for practical reasons (it is much easier to organize 4 or 5 people than it is 15). Schools have taken over the task (formerly performed by dance bands) of training musicians to be ensemble players. Due to the Basie Band's popularity and its simplicity of style and emphasis on blues and swing, the better educators have almost exclusively adopted this tradition for teaching jazz ensemble playing. As wonderful as Count Basie's style is, it doesn't address many of the important styles developed under the great musical umbrella we call jazz. Duke Ellington's comprehensive and eclectic approach to music offers an alternative.

The stylistic richness of Ellington's music presents a great challenge to educators and performers alike. In Basie's music, the conventions are very nearly consistent. In Ellington's music there are many more exceptions to the rules. This calls for greater knowledge of the language of jazz. Clark Terry, who left Count Basie's band to join Duke Ellington, said, "Count Basie was college, but Duke Ellington was graduate school." Knowledge of Ellington's music prepares you to play any big band music.

The following is a list of performance conventions for the great majority of Ellington's music. Any deviations or additions will be spelled out in the individual performance notes which follow.

1. Listen carefully many times to the Ellington recording of these pieces. There are many subtleties that will elude even the most sophisticated listener at first. Although it was never Ellington's wish to have his recordings imitated, knowledge of these definitive versions will lead musicians to make more educated choices when creating new performances. Ellington's music, though written for specific individuals, is designed to inspire all musicians to express themselves. In addition, you will hear slight note differences in the recording and the transcriptions. This is intentional, as there are mistakes and alterations from the original intent of the music in the recording. You should have your players play what's in the score.
2. General use of swing phrasing. The triplet feel prevails except for ballads or where notations such as even eighths or Latin appear. In these cases, eighth notes are given equal value.
3. There is a chain of command in ensemble playing. The lead players in each section determine the phrasing and volume for their own section, and their section-mates must conform to the lead. When the saxes and / or trombones play with the trumpets, the lead trumpet is the boss. The lead alto and trombone must listen to the first trumpet and follow him. In turn, the other saxes and trombones must follow their lead players. When the clarinet leads the brass section, the brass should not overblow him. That means that the first trumpet is actually playing "second." If this is done effectively, there will be very little balancing work left for the conductor.

4. In Ellington's music, each player should express the individuality of his own line. He must find a musical balance of supporting and following the section leader and bringing out the character of the underpart. Each player should be encouraged to express his or her personality through the music. In this music, the underparts are played at the same volume and with the same conviction as the lead.
5. Blues inflection should permeate all parts at all times, not just when these opportunities occur in the lead.
6. Vibrato is used quite a bit to warm up the sound. Saxes (who most frequently represent the sensual side of things) usually employ vibrato on harmonized passages and no vibrato on unisons. The vibrato can be either heavy or light depending on the context. Occasionally saxes use a light vibrato on unisons. Trumpets (who very often are used for heat and power) use a little vibrato on harmonized passages and no vibrato on unisons. Trombones (who are usually noble) do not use slide vibrato. A little lip vibrato is good on harmonized passages at times. Try to match the speed of vibrato. In general unisons are played with no vibrato.
7. Crescendo as you ascend and diminuendo as you descend. The upper notes of phrases receive a natural accent and the lower notes are ghosted. Alto and tenor saxophones need to use sub-tone in the lower part of their range in order to blend properly with the rest of the section. This music was originally written with no dynamics. It pretty much follows the natural tendencies of the instruments; play loud in the loud part of the instrument and soft in the soft part of the instrument. For instance, a high C for a trumpet will be loud and a low C will be soft.
8. Quarter notes are generally played short unless otherwise notated. Long marks above or below a pitch indicate full value: not just long, but full value. Eighth notes are played full value except when followed by a rest or otherwise notated. All notes longer than a quarter note are played full value, which means if it is followed by a rest, release the note where the rest appears. For example, a half note occurring on beat one of a measure would be released on beat three.
9. Unless they are part of a legato background figure, long notes should be played somewhat *fp* (forte-piano); accent then diminish the volume. This is important so that the moving parts can be heard over the sustained notes. Don't just hold out the long notes, but give them life and personality: that is, vibrato, inflection, crescendo, or diminuendo. There is a great deal of inflection in this music, and much of this is highly interpretive. Straight or curved lines imply non-pitched glisses, and wavy lines mean scalar (chromatic or diatonic) glisses. In general, all rhythmic figures need to be accented. Accents give the music life and swing. This is very important.
10. Ellington's music is about individuality: one person per part—do not double up because you have extra players or need more strength.

More than one on a part makes it sound more like a concert band and less like a jazz band.

11. This is acoustic music. Keep amplification to an absolute minimum; in the best halls, almost no amplification should be necessary. Everyone needs to develop a big sound. It is the conductor's job to balance the band. When a guitar is used, it should be a hollow-body, unamplified rhythm guitar. Simple three-note voicings should be used throughout. An acoustic string bass is a must. In mediocre or poorly designed halls, the bass and piano may need a bit of a boost. I recommend miking them and putting them through the house sound system. This should provide a much better tone than an amplifier. Keep in mind that the rhythm section's primary function is to accompany. The bass should not be as loud as a trumpet. That is unnatural and leads to over-amplification, bad tone, and limited dynamics. Stay away from monitors. They provide a false sense of balance.
12. We have included chord changes on all rhythm section parts so that students can better understand the overall form of each composition. It is incumbent upon the director to make clear what is a composed part versus a part to be improvised. The recordings should make this clear but in instances where it is not; use your best judgment and play something that sounds good, is swinging, and is stylistically appropriate to the piece. Sometimes, a student may not have the technical skill to perform a difficult transcription, especially in the case of one of Duke's solos, in that case, it is best to have the student work something out that is appropriate. Written passages should be studied and earned when possible, as they are an important part of our jazz heritage and help the player understand the function of his particular solo or accompaniment. All soloists should learn the chord changes. Solos should be looked at as an opportunity to further develop the interesting thematic material that Ellington has provided.
13. The notation of plungers for the brass means a rubber toilet plunger bought in a hardware store. Kirckhill is a very good brand (especially if you can find one of their old hard rubber ones, like the one I loaned Wynton and he lost). Trumpets use 5" diameter and trombones use 6" diameter. Where Plunger/Mute is notated, insert a pixie mute in the bell and use the plunger over the mute. Pixies are available from Humes & Berg in Chicago. Tricky Sam Nanton and his successors in the Ellington plunger trombone chair did not use pixies. Rather, each of them employed a Nonpareil (that's the brand name) trumpet straight mute. Nonpareil has gone out of business, but the Tom Crown Nonpareil trumpet straight mute is very close to the same thing. These mute/plunger combinations create a wonderful sound (very close to the human voice), but they also can create some intonation problems which must be corrected by the lip or by using alternate slide positions. It would be easier to move the tuning slide, but part of the sound is in the struggle to correct the pitch. If this proves too much, stick with the pixie—it's pretty close.

THE SHEIK OF ARABY • INSTRUMENTATION

Reed 1 – Alto Sax

Reed 2 – Soprano Sax

Reed 3 – Alto Sax

Reed 4 – Tenor Sax

Trumpet 1

Trumpet 2

Trumpet 3

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Trombone 3

Banjo

Piano

Bass

Drums

ORIGINAL RECORDING INFORMATION

Composer • Ted Snyder, Harry B. Smith, and Francis Wheeler

Arranger • Duke Ellington

Recorded • May 16, 1932 in New York

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Original Issue • Brunswick 6336

Currently available on CD • *The Complete 1932–1940 Brunswick, Columbia, and Master Recordings of Duke Ellington and His Famous Orchestra* (Mosaic 248)

Currently available as digital download • *The Duke Ellington Anthology, Vol. 9 (1931–1932)*

Personnel • Arthur Whetsel, Cootie Williams, Freddy Jenkins (trumpet); Joe Nanton, Lawrence Brown (trombone); Juan Tizol (valve trombone); Barney Bigard, Johnny Hodges (soprano sax)*; Otto Hardwick, Harry Carney (alto sax); Barney Bigard (tenor sax); Fred Guy (banjo); Duke Ellington (piano); Wellman Braud (bass); Sonny Greer (drums)

Soloists • Lawrence Brown (trombone), Johnny Hodges (soprano sax)

*Both players listed on personnel record for recording session.

REHEARSAL NOTES

- Written in 1921, this pop tune had just the kind of melody and harmonies that jazz musicians loved to play and within just a few years it was in the libraries of almost every jazz and dance band around the world. New Orleans clarinetist/saxophonist Sidney Bechet loved it so much he evolved a solo on **The Sheik of Araby** that turned into a composed set of variations that he played every time the tune was called. It wasn't unusual in those days for soloists to have "set" solos on favorite songs, and amazingly, Bechet's famous choruses wound up being a feature of Duke Ellington's first recording of **The Sheik of Araby** in 1932.
- It's still a little known fact that Bechet played with the early Ellington band in 1925 at The Kentucky Club. Young Johnny Hodges (who didn't join Ellington until 1928) was travelling from his native Boston during the same period to learn from and eventually form a two-soprano sax act with Bechet. So somewhere between these two events Bechet's choruses entered the Ellington repertoire and when they finally got around to recording **The Sheik of Araby**, Hodges played it note for note. By 1940, he had the entire sax section playing it unison, which you can hear on a live dance date in Fargo, North Dakota. Check it out on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rKkH8q6qezE>
- This is a loose, jam-type of arrangement, with room for solos. Remember that even though it sounds more old-fashioned than later Ellington recordings, it should be played with the same swing as you approach any of his other pieces. Don't hamstring yourselves by trying to turn it into a "period piece".
- It's vital that all of the soloists you showcase know the changes and can improvise on them. Have everyone sing the melody so they know it inside and out if they can, to arpeggiate the triads as well. Even if that's a stretch, it's worth trying. Maybe a recording of a piano doing it will help.
- Trombonist Lawrence Brown's melody solo is transcribed at **A**; he had already made a handful of classic recordings with Louis Armstrong, and his phrasing is right out of Satchmo's bag. It's worth the effort to have your player learn the solo note for note and then try and incorporate it into something of their own—or play it verbatim!
- It was Tricky Sam Nanton who played the growl trombone solo at **E**, and it makes for a great contrast with the smooth, open-toned Brown solo. If you choose to insert solos in these sections, have them contrast in the same way—always shoot for variety.

- The backgrounds can sound "old" if you make them sound that way, but they can also be played in a style that is more Swing-Era oriented, like the Basie band of the 30's and 40's. This is all your call, of course, but you should know that you have options.

- A solo soprano or the whole sax section can play the Bechet solo at **I** (like Duke did on the 1940 version) or you can be creative and have more folks join in. Make sure that the brass backgrounds are precise and interlock as written, to propel the solo.

- The return of the intro at **M** should sound like a sudden thing—a new chapter—and lead into the shout chorus at **N**, which builds slowly. Listen to the original recording to see how they do, and how the rhythm section plays a large role in the gradual build through to the ending.

—Loren Schoenberg

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Tight 4 $\text{♩} = 180$

A 2-Groove

The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral format. The top section consists of four reed parts: Alto Sax 1, Soprano Sax, Alto Sax 2, and Tenor Sax. The middle section includes three trumpet parts and three trombone parts. The bottom section features a Banjo, Piano (with grand staff), Bass (slap bass), and Drums (crash and sock cymbal). The score is in 4/4 time with a tempo of 180 beats per minute. A large red watermark 'Preview Only - Legal Use Requires Purchase' is overlaid diagonally across the page. A box labeled 'A 2-Groove' is located above the reed parts. Dynamics include *f*, *mf*, and *p*. Chord symbols $B\flat 6$, $B\circ 7$, and $F7$ are present above the Trombone 1 part. A 'solo (suggest melody)' instruction is also present above the Trombone 1 part.

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B

The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral layout. It includes the following parts:

- Vocalists:** Alto, Sopranos, and Tenor. The vocal lines feature long, sustained notes with phrasing slurs.
- Brass:** Three Trumpets (Tpts. 1, 2, 3) and three Trombones (Tbns. 1, 2, 3). The Trombone 1 part has a melodic line with various articulations and slurs. The Bjo (Baritone/Jazz) part provides harmonic support with chords: F7, Bb6, Bb, Db7, and F7.
- Piano (Pno.):** The piano part is mostly silent, indicated by a large 'x' on the staff.
- Drums (Drs.):** The drum part consists of a steady, rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.

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The Sheik of Araby

The musical score for 'The Sheik of Araby' is arranged for a full band and vocal ensemble. The vocal parts include Alto, Soprano, and Tenor, with lyrics written below the Tenor line. The instrumental parts include three Trumpets (Tpts. 1, 2, 3), three Trombones (Tbns. 1, 2, 3), a Baritone Saxophone (Bjo.), Piano (Pno.), Bass (Bs.), and Drums (Drs.). The score is in 4/4 time and features a key signature of one flat (B-flat major). A common time signature 'C' is indicated above the first measure. The music includes various musical notations such as slurs, accents, and triplets. A large red watermark is overlaid diagonally across the page, reading 'Preview Only' and 'Legal Use Requires Purchase'. Chord symbols are provided for the Trombone 1 part: F7+5, Bb, Bb, Bb7, Bb7, and F7.

The Sheik of Araby

D

This musical score page includes the following parts and details:

- Vocal Parts:** Alto, Soprano (Sop.), Alto, and Tenor. The Soprano part features a melodic line with a long note in the fifth measure.
- Brass Section:** Three Trumpets (Tpts. 1, 2, 3) and three Trombones (Tbn. 1, 2, 3). The Trombone 1 part has a complex melodic line with triplets and slurs. The Baritone Saxophone (Bs.) and Drums (Drs.) provide a steady accompaniment.
- Chord Progression:** C m6, F7, Eb7, D7, G7+5, C9.
- Instrumentation:** Alto, Sop., Alto, Tenor, Tpts. 1, 2, 3, Tbn. 1, 2, 3, Bjo., Pno., Bs., Drs.

The Sheik of Araby

The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral format. The vocal parts include Alto, Soprano, Alto, and Tenor. The instrumental parts include three Trumpets (Tpts. 1, 2, 3), three Trombones (Tbns. 1, 2, 3), a Baritone Saxophone (Bjo.), Piano (Pno.), Bass (Bs.), and Drums (Drs.).

Key musical elements and annotations include:

- Alto:** A solo section starting at measure 4, marked *mf*. A box labeled 'E' is placed above the staff at the beginning of the solo.
- Soprano, Alto, Tenor:** These parts are mostly silent, with a *p* (piano) dynamic marking at the start of the solo section.
- Tbns. 1:** Features trills (*tr*) and a solo section starting at measure 4, marked *mf*. The solo is annotated with "tight plunger w/pixie growl".
- Tbns. 2:** Features a solo section starting at measure 4, marked *mf*.
- Tbns. 3:** Features a solo section starting at measure 4, marked *p*.
- Bjo.:** Provides harmonic support with chords: F9, Bb6, Bb6, Bb6, B-7, and F7.
- Pno.:** Provides harmonic support with a chord: F7.
- Drums:** Features a consistent rhythmic pattern throughout the piece.

The Sheik of Araby

F

The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral format. The vocal parts (Alto, Sopranos, Tenor) feature melodic lines with various ornaments and phrasing. The brass section includes Trumpets (Tpts. 1, 2, 3), Trombones (Tbns. 1, 2, 3), and a Baritone (Bjo). The Trombone parts include specific performance instructions: 'growl' and 'no growl' for the first two parts, and chordal accompaniment for the third. The Baritone part is marked with chords: F7, Bb6, Bb6, Bb7, and F7. The Percussion (Drs.) part provides a rhythmic accompaniment. A large red watermark is overlaid diagonally across the score, reading 'Preview Only - Legal Use Requires Purchase'.

The Sheik of Araby

This musical score is for the piece "The Sheik of Araby" on page 7. It features a vocal line for Alto and three Soprano parts, a Tenor part, and three parts for Trumpets (Tpts. 1, 2, 3). The brass section includes three parts for Trombones (Tbns. 1, 2, 3) and a Baritone (Bjo.). The string section consists of a Double Bass (Drs.) and a Piano (Pno.). The Alto part begins with a melodic line in G major, marked with a 'G' in a box. The piano accompaniment includes chords such as F7, Bb6, F7+5, Bb6, Bb7, and F7. A large red watermark is overlaid diagonally across the score, reading "Preview Only" and "Legal Use Requires Purchase".

The Sheik of Araby

H

This musical score is for the piece "The Sheik of Araby". It features a vocal ensemble consisting of an Alto, two Sopranos, and a Tenor. The instrumental parts include three Trumpets (Tpts. 1, 2, 3), three Trombones (Tbns. 1, 2, 3), a Baritone Saxophone (Bjo.), a Double Bass (Bs.), and a Drums (Drs.) section. The piano accompaniment (Pno.) is also present. The score is written in a key signature of one flat (B-flat major/D minor) and a 4/4 time signature. A rehearsal mark "H" is placed above the first staff. A large red watermark "Preview Only" is overlaid diagonally across the page, and "Legal Use Requires Purchase" is written below it.

The Sheik of Araby

I

The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral layout. The vocal parts include Alto, Soprano, and Tenor. The instrumental parts include Trumpets (1, 2, 3), Trombones (1, 2, 3), Baritone, Bass, and Drums. The piano part is also present. The score is in the key of D major and 4/4 time. A large red watermark 'Preview Only - Legal Use Requires Purchase' is overlaid diagonally across the page. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, dynamics (mf, mp), articulation (accents, slurs), and chord symbols (F7, Bb6, C, C7, G7, F9, Bb6, Bb6, Bb, F7). A box labeled 'I' is placed above the first measure of the vocal parts.

The Sheik of Araby

J

Musical score for 'The Sheik of Araby' featuring vocal parts (Alto, Sopranos, Tenor), brass (Trumpets, Trombones), strings (Bassoon, Drums), and piano. The score includes a large red watermark: 'Preview Only! Legal Use Requires Purchase'. The score is in 4/4 time and features a variety of musical notations, including triplets, slurs, and dynamic markings like *mp*. The key signature has one flat (B-flat).

Chord progressions for the vocal parts are indicated above the staff:

- Sopranos: C6, Cmaj9, Cø7, G7
- Bassoon: F7, Bb6, Bbmaj9, Bbø7, F7

The Sheik of Araby

K

Musical score for 'The Sheik of Araby'. The score includes parts for Alto, Soprano, Tenor, Trumpets (1, 2, 3), Trombones (1, 2, 3), Bassoon, Drums, and Piano. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The score is marked with a 'K' in a box at the top. A large red watermark reading 'Preview Only! Legal Use Requires Purchase' is overlaid diagonally across the page. Chord symbols are provided above the vocal lines and below the bassoon line.

Chord symbols for Soprano line:
G7+5, C6, C°7, G7, G7+5, C6, C#°7, G7

Chord symbols for Bassoon line:
Cm7, F7, F7+5, Bb6, Bb°7, F7, F7+5, Bb6, B°7, F7

The Sheik of Araby

L

Musical score for 'The Sheik of Araby' (L). The score includes parts for Alto, Soprano, Tenor, Trumpets (1, 2, 3), Trombones (1, 2, 3), Guitar, Piano, Bass, and Drums. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The score is marked with a large red watermark: 'Preview Only! Legal Use Requires Purchase'. Chord symbols are provided above the vocal lines and below the guitar line.

Chord symbols for Soprano line:
G7, F7, E7, Bb7-5, A7+5, D7, A7, D7

Chord symbols for Guitar line:
F7, F7, Eb7, D7, Ab7-5, G7+5, b5, +5, b5, C9, G7, C9

The Sheik of Araby

M Tight 4 N 2-Groove

The musical score is arranged for a full orchestra and vocalists. It includes parts for Alto, Soprano, Tenor, Trumpets (1-3), Trombones (1-3), Bassoon, Bass, and Drums. The score is divided into two sections: 'M Tight 4' and 'N 2-Groove'. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The dynamic marking *mf* (mezzo-forte) is used throughout. The Soprano part has a melodic line with a G7 chord indicated above it. The Alto and Tenor parts have similar melodic lines. The instrumental parts include a Bjo (Bassoon) part with F7 and Eb9 chords, a Pno (Piano) part with a bass line, and a Bs (Bass) part. The Drums part has a simple rhythmic pattern. A large red watermark 'Preview Only - Legal Use Requires Purchase' is overlaid diagonally across the page.

The Sheik of Araby

The musical score for 'The Sheik of Araby' is arranged for a full orchestra and vocal ensemble. The vocal parts include Alto, Soprano, Tenor, and another Alto. The brass section consists of three Trumpets (Tpts. 1, 2, 3) and three Trombones (Tbns. 1, 2, 3). The string section includes Bassoon (Bjo.), Double Bass (Bs.), and Drums (Drs.). The piano part (Pno.) is also present. The score is in 4/4 time and features a variety of musical notations, including slurs, accents, and dynamic markings. A large red watermark is overlaid on the score, reading 'Preview Only - Legal Use Requires Purchase'. A circled 'O' is visible in the top right corner of the vocal staves.

This musical score is for the piece "The Sheik of Araby". It features a variety of instruments and vocal parts. The vocal parts include Alto, Soprano, and Tenor, with lyrics written below the notes. The instrumental parts include Trumpets (1, 2, 3), Trombones (1, 2, 3), Guitar (Bjo.), Piano (Pno.), Bass (Bs.), and Drums (Drs.). The score is written in 4/4 time and includes dynamic markings such as *mf* and *p*. A large red watermark "Preview Only" is overlaid on the score, and a small box with the letter "P" is located in the upper right corner of the vocal staves.

This musical score is for the piece "The Sheik of Araby". It features a vocal ensemble consisting of two Alto parts, a Soprano part, and a Tenor part. The instrumental arrangement includes three Trumpets (Tpts. 1, 2, 3), three Trombones (Tbns. 1, 2, 3), a Guitar (Bjo.), Piano (Pno.), Bass (Bs.), and Drums (Drs.). The score is written in a key signature of one flat (B-flat major/D minor) and a common time signature. A large red watermark "Preview Only" is overlaid diagonally across the page. A box labeled "Q" is present in the upper right area of the vocal staves. The guitar part includes chord markings: Cm7, F9, F7, Eb7, D7, and G7+5.

The Sheik of Araby

This musical score is for the piece "The Sheik of Araby". It features a variety of instruments and vocal parts. The vocal parts include Alto, Sopranos, and Tenor, with a "R" (Ritardando) marking in the fourth measure. The brass section consists of three Trumpets (Tpts. 1, 2, 3) and three Trombones (Tbns. 1, 2, 3). The guitar part (Bjo.) includes chord diagrams for C9, F7, B°, C°, C#°, D°, E♭°, E°, B♭6/F, and B♭6. The piano part (Pno.) is shown in grand staff notation. The bass part (Bs.) and drums part (Drs.) are also included, with "choke" markings on the drum part in the final two measures. A large red watermark "Preview Only - Legal Use Requires Purchase" is overlaid diagonally across the score.

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