

**FIRST
YEAR
CHARTS**
FOR JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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Tango for Jam Jam

By Zachary Smith

INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor
1st E♭ Alto Saxophone
2nd E♭ Alto Saxophone
1st B♭ Tenor Saxophone
2nd B♭ Tenor Saxophone (Optional)
E♭ Baritone Saxophone (Optional)
1st B♭ Trumpet
2nd B♭ Trumpet
3rd B♭ Trumpet (Optional)

1st Trombone
2nd Trombone (Optional)
3rd Trombone (Optional)
Guitar Chords
Guitar (Optional)
Piano
Bass
Drums

Optional/Alternate Parts

C Flute
B♭ Clarinet
Vibraphone
Tuba (Doubles Bass)
Horn in F (Doubles 1st Trombone)
Baritone Horn T.C./B♭ Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 1st Trombone)

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NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

As you begin to rehearse this piece, I suggest you direct your band members to do a little research on the Latin musical style of tango. Students should understand that a tango is a type of partner dance that originated in Argentina and reflects the passion and romance of the participants. As is the case with *Tango for Jam Jam*, tangos are typically in minor keys and feature a lot of chromaticism in the melody. It is also common to end them on the dominant (V) chord, creating an ending without resolution.

There are several syncopated phrases that are repeated throughout this arrangement so it will be helpful to spend some extra time working on these phrases. Have your students clap and sing the opening seven measures before playing. The phrase is unison, and will reoccur in the saxophone section later in the piece—m. 53 for example. Also, consider spending some extra time on m. 15, which is a key figure in the chart and should be articulated “du-du-du-dit-dit-du-dit.” Note that the last eighth note in a group is always played short.

Accurate articulation is essential to the success of this arrangement. Make sure your students play the staccato notes very short (“dit”), as in the unison section in mm. 33–35, with a “du-dit-du-dit-DAH” articulation. Also, make sure the band follows the dynamic marking of mf on the first four notes, followed by a loud accent on beat 4.

The bass and baritone sax are featured in mm. 39–40 and mm. 43–44. If your players are not confident players, have the piano play the left hand notes cued in the part to strengthen the phrase.

Feel free to add more percussion to the ensemble. The melody is based on a 3-2 clave pattern, so I suggest extra percussionists play a 3-2 rhythmic pattern. Bongos, congas, maracas, and castanets will add an even more authentic flare to your performance (and it is a great way to keep extra drummers busy, too!).

Finally, to answer the most frequently asked question about this song: “Who is Jam Jam?” The drummer in my band (the Dixie Power Trio) has had several nicknames over the years. One summer he took to wearing colorful, extra baggy shorts to our gigs which looked a lot like pajamas. One of our fans began referring to him as “Jam Jam,” a moniker that stuck for a solid two-year stretch. One day, he asked me to write a song with a tango-groove and his nickname was immortalized in the title. I hope you enjoy playing this song as much as we do!

—Zachary Smith



**Zachary
Smith**

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LATIN FEEL $\text{d} = 120$

C FLUTE
(OPTIONAL)

B \flat CLARINET
(OPTIONAL)

1ST E \flat ALTO SAXOPHONE

2ND E \flat ALTO SAXOPHONE

1ST B \flat TENOR SAXOPHONE

2ND B \flat TENOR SAXOPHONE
(OPTIONAL)

E \flat BARITONE SAXOPHONE
(OPTIONAL)

1ST B \flat TRUMPET

2ND B \flat TRUMPET

3RD B \flat TRUMPET
(OPTIONAL)

1ST TROMBONE

2ND TROMBONE
(OPTIONAL)

3RD TROMBONE
(OPTIONAL)

GUITAR
(OPTIONAL)

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

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TANGO FOR JAM JAM

- 2 -

FLUTE

CLAR.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

SATB.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

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9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

TANGO FOR JAM JAM

CONDUCTOR 17

- 3 -

FLUTE

CLAR.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

TANGO FOR JAM JAM

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17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

FILL

The musical score consists of 14 staves of music. The instruments are listed on the left: Conductor (stave 1), Flute (stave 2), Clarinet (stave 3), Alto 1 (stave 4), Alto 2 (stave 5), Tenor 1 (stave 6), Tenor 2 (stave 7), Bassoon (stave 8), Trombone 1 (stave 9), Trombone 2 (stave 10), Trombone 3 (stave 11), Bass Trombone 1 (stave 12), Bass Trombone 2 (stave 13), Bass Trombone 3 (stave 14), Guitar (stave 15), Piano (stave 16), Bass (stave 17), and Drums (stave 18). The score is numbered 17 at the top left and includes rehearsal marks 18 through 24 at the bottom. A large red diagonal watermark reading "Preview user requires purchase" is overlaid across the page.

CONDUCTOR 25

FLUTE

CLAR.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

RIDE CYM.

- 4 -

TANGO FOR SAM SAM

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25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32

CONDUCTOR

- 6 -

TANGO FOR JAM JAM

FLUTE

CLAR.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

SARCI.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

(W/BASS)

(W/BASS)

ROLL

33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40

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The score consists of 16 staves, each with a clef, key signature, and time signature. Measure 33 starts with a flute solo. Measures 34-37 show a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. Measures 38-40 feature bassoon entries and a final drum roll. Measure 37 includes dynamic markings like 'mf' and 'f'. Measure 38 has a 'ROLL' instruction. Measure 39 has a '(BASS)' dynamic. Measure 40 ends with a final bassoon entry and a drum roll.

CONDUCTOR

TANGO FOR JAM JAM

- 6 -

FLUTE

CLAR.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GR2.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

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41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49

CONDUCTOR

TANGO FOR JAM JAM

(55) -7-

FLUTE

CLAR.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

SOLI

SOLI

SOLI

07

Qui

07

07

PLAY

H.H.

50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58

CONDUCTOR

TANGO FOR JAM JAM

FLUTE

CLAR.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

(61)

- 8 -

Solo 87

Ehi

87

87

59

60

61

62

63

64

65

66

FILL

RIDE CYM.

CONDUCTOR

TANGO FOR SAM SAM

FLUTE

CLAR.

ALTO 1 Ehi

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR. Ghi

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

67

68 FILL RIDE CYM.

69

70

71

72

73

74

(65)

- 9 -

87

m2

Ehi

87

C7

87

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This is a page from a musical score for 'Tango for Sam Sam'. The score is for a full orchestra and includes parts for Conductor, Flute, Clarinet, Alto 1, Alto 2, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bassoon, Trombone 1, Trombone 2, Trombone 3, Bass Trombone 1, Bass Trombone 2, Bass Trombone 3, Guitar, Piano, Bass, and Drums. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats), and the time signature is 2/4. The score is divided into measures numbered 67 through 74. A large red watermark reading 'PREVIEW USE Requires Purchase' is overlaid diagonally across the page. The title 'TANGO FOR SAM SAM' is in the top right corner.

CONDUCTOR

(7)

- 10 -

TANGO FOR SAM SAM

FLUTE

CLAR.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

END SOLO

SOLI

SOLI UNISON

Qui

Chi

76

77

78

79

80

81

82

CONDUCTOR

- 11 -

TANGO FOR JAM JAM

FLUTE

CLAR.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

PLAY

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

SARL.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

83 84 m² 85 86 87 88 89 90

RIDE CYM.

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CONDUCTOR

- 12 -

TANGO FOR JAM JAM

FLUTE

CLAR.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GR. 2

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98

H.H. (ROLL TO CUT OFF)