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## INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor 1st Eb Alto Saxophone 2nd Eb Alto Saxophone 1st Bb Tenor Saxophone 2nd Bb Tenor Saxophone Eb Baritone Saxophone 1st Bb Trumpet 2nd Bb Trumpet 3rd Bb Trumpet 4th Bb Trumpet

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

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## NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

The key to this chart is laid-back restraint. Nobody should overblow or play any louder than  $m_{e}$ , and the essence is blend and balance. Easier said than done sometimes, but keen listening is essential—not only to each part, but to sections and the entire ensemble. That goes for everyone to include rhythm players, of course. The tempo could be a little slower than the 74 BPM indicated depending on your band.

This, as the title suggests, is a tribute to the great Mr. Basie. Neal Hefti was certainly a giant in the big band world, writing for Basie for years—not to mention his TV show themes. Hefti's signature Basie chart played at this slow tempo is the well-known "Lil' Darlin'." If you know Basie's band and how they can lay back but not drag, then you'll have it. Do some research so you and the band know this style inside and out.

I suggest the entire band listen to the original track from my CD *Home Suite Home*. Another option is to check out the demo recording of the chart at alfred.com/downloads. Either way you'll hear the distinctive feel necessary to make this chart come alive.

The rhythm section should be understated throughout less is more! The bass and drumset players should consider working on this chart together to lock in the feel and tempo.

The trumpet solo at m. 39 can be played with a Harmon mute, open, or on a flugelhorn as desired. Taste is priority #1. Make sure the soloist catches the tricky chords at the end of the solo.

Enjoy!

-Patrick Williams



Patrick Williams is one of the most versatile composers in the music industry. Having composed the music for over 65 feature films, 100 television films, 25 television series, as well as 18 albums and 30 concert works, Mr. Williams has established himself as one of the most accomplished and prolific composers in the music industry today. He has received 4 Emmy Awards with 22 nominations and 2 Grammy awards with 19 nominations; he has also been nominated for both an Academy Award and the Pulitzer Prize in Music. He has been the featured clinician at Berklee School of Music, Colorado University, Duke University, Elmhurst College, Texas Christian University, UCLA, USC, University of Utah, Yale University, and many others. He served as artistic director of the Henry Mancini Institute, one of the nation's premier programs for aspiring professional musicians on the campus of UCLA, from 2002 to 2007. Mr. Williams was chosen by Frank Sinatra to act as musical director/arranger for his final studio recordings, Duets and Duets II. Additionally, he has arranged for Vince Gill, Amy Grant, Gloria Estefan, Billy Joel, Brian Setzer, and Barbra Streisand to name only a few.



















