

# The Lunch Bunch

By Rich Sigler

## 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

*The Lunch Bunch* is a straight-ahead swing chart in the style of the great big-band arranger Sammy Nestico. It has an easy and hopefully memorable melody in AABA form, and a solo for 1st trumpet. The piano also has a short solo statement at the beginning and the end of the chart, as well as a few solo fills throughout. There is an eight-measure intro that also leads into the trumpet solo and occurs again to end the chart.

Staccato notes are very short and accented, with bite. *Marcato* (or rooftop) accents are detached and accented. Tenuto notes are very long, smooth, and connected. Quarter notes with no articulations are generally long with full value.

### Rhythm Section:

The groove, which starts with the melody at m. 9, should be played with a driving quarter-note feel. This is largely the responsibility of the bass and drums. The bass player should play strong steady quarter notes, while the drummer emphasizes a solid hi-hat on beats 2 & 4, along with a steady ride cymbal pattern. The guitar player should play in the style of Freddie Green, the great Count Basie guitarist, meaning play the chords on every quarter note along with the bass—but unlike the bassline, the quarter notes are very short. Also, I suggest the guitar player strum from the elbow, rather than the wrist. This will help solidify the groove by making it easier for the guitarist to play *in the pocket*. Lastly, the guitar should not be too loud, as balance is always a priority.

### Sections to focus on for rehearsal:

The importance of articulation and note length should be stressed in rehearsal. I recommend the students (and director) listen to the demo recording at alfred.com/downloads and then have a brief discussion about accurate note lengths (full value) and articulations. Accurate articulation will allow the music to sound more interesting and varied. The staccatos are the key—whenever a note has a staccato, that indicates to play it very short.

Another tip to discuss is that in jazz music, the last eighth note of a group of notes (two or more) is typically short. Have the students vocalize the first two measures of the melody at m. 9. Demonstrate and direct them to sing it as “Dooooo-doo-dot..... Dooooo-doo-dot.” Emphasize the shortness of the dot sound and the smoothness of the doo sound. Then have them play it on their horns, articulating the same way. This is a great way to communicate these type of musical details, and the students will retain this information better as well.

Another good spot to rehearse all of the horns together is mm. 37–38. Similarly, the opening figure in the trombones, rhythm, and bari sax is dependent on playing very short staccato notes. Perhaps a good example of how this opening line should sound is the classic “Pink Panther” theme song.

At m. 57, the horn backgrounds should be soft behind the trumpet solo, but should quickly change to  $\text{mf}$  at m. 63, when the unison line takes over and leads into the loudest section of the chart, the shout section (mm. 65–73). Practice dynamic contrast by stressing these dynamics and then have the band play from mm. 57–73. The drum fill leading into m. 65 (shout) should be energetic and exciting, letting everyone know that shout is about to happen!

Enjoy!

—Rich Sigler



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Rich Sigler is former jazz trumpeter and music director for the USAF Airmen of Note. An acclaimed composer, arranger, educator, and producer, his music and performances have been featured with many artists, including Jerry Bergonzi, Roseanna Vitro, James Williams, Phil Woods, Nicholas Payton, Slide Hampton, Al Jarreau, Michael and Randy Brecker, Peter Erskine, Bob Mintzer, and Clark Terry. As a producer, Rich's work can be heard on numerous recordings, including the highly acclaimed Airmen of Note recording *A Cool Yule*, the recently released *Eastern Standard Time* by the Alan Baylock Jazz Orchestra, as well as the Airmen of Note's most recent recording, *Compositions*. In addition, Rich is the creator of the Jazz Font used in Finale music notation software.

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MEDIUM SWING  $\sigma = 118$

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C FLUTE  
(OPTIONAL)

B♭ CLARINET  
(OPTIONAL)

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  
(OPTIONAL)

PIANO

BASS

Drums

RIDE CYM.  
CRASH CYM.

S.O. H.H. Foot 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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THE LUNCH BUNCH

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

UNISON  
UNISON  
UNISON

F#M7 BbM7 A7 D7 Gm7 C7 F6 F7 Gm7 C7  
F#M7 BbM7 A7 D7 Gm7 C7 F6 F7 Gm7 C7  
SOLO -----  
FILL -----

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

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A page from a musical score for orchestra and piano. The page features 16 staves of music with various instruments including Flute, Clarinet, Alto 1, Alto 2, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bassoon, Trombone 1, Trombone 2, Trombone 3, Bass Trombone, Gtr., Piano, Bass, and Drums. The score is in 2/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp. A large red watermark reading "review only" and "legal use requires purchase" is overlaid across the page.

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## THE LUNCH BUNCH

A page of musical notation for a ten-part ensemble. The parts listed on the left are Flute, Clar., Alto 1, Alto 2, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass, Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2, Tpt. 3, Tsn. 1, Tsn. 2, Tsn. 3, Gtr., Pno., Bass, and Drums. The music is in 2/4 time. The notation includes various dynamics like forte, piano, and accents. Chords are labeled with Roman numerals and some with additional markings like '(G/Hoens)'. A large red watermark with the text 'Review Requires Purchase' and 'Legal Use Only' is overlaid across the page.

**Conductor** (41) THE LUNCH BUNCH

FLUTE  
CLAR.  
ALTO 1  
ALTO 2  
TENOR 1  
TENOR 2  
BASSI.  
TPT. 1  
TPT. 2  
TPT. 3  
TBN. 1  
TBN. 2  
TBN. 3  
GTR.  
PNO.  
BASS  
DRUMS

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TPT. 1 SOLO BREAK

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THE LUNCH BUNCH

FLUTE

CLAR.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BASS

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

(UNIS. SOLI) -

(W/HOONS) -

FILL -

FILL -

Ahi  
Ami(MAJ7)  
Ami7  
D7  
Ami7  
D9(5)  
G6  
END SOLO

Ghi  
Ghi(MAJ7)  
Ghi7  
C7  
Ghi7  
C9(5)  
G6  
END SOLO

57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64

CONDUCTOR

(65)

SHOUT

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THE LUNCH BUNCH

FLUTE

CLAR.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BASSO.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GUI.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

(65) F7  
(W/TPT. 1) (UNIS.)  
G07  
(HORN)  
F6  
D9  
E16  
D9  
Gui.  
Gui.(HS7)  
(UNIS.)  
(W/HORN)  
GUIT(HS)  
C7  
FILL  
65  
66  
67  
68  
69  
70  
71  
72

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FLUTE

CLAR.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BASS

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR. 1

GTR. 2

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82

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