

The Pink Panther Mambo

Composed by Henry Mancini

Arranged by Greg Nielsen

INSTRUMENTATION

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| Conductor | 1st Trombone |
| 1st E♭ Alto Saxophone | 2nd Trombone |
| 2nd E♭ Alto Saxophone | 3rd Trombone (Optional) |
| 1st B♭ Tenor Saxophone | 4th Trombone (Optional) |
| 2nd B♭ Tenor Saxophone | Guitar Chords |
| E♭ Baritone Saxophone (Optional) | Guitar (Optional) |
| 1st B♭ Trumpet | Piano |
| 2nd B♭ Trumpet | Bass |
| 3rd B♭ Trumpet | Drums |
| 4th B♭ Trumpet (Optional) | Auxiliary Percussion
(Congas, Claves) |

Optional/Alternate Parts

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| C Flute | |
| B♭ Clarinet | |
| Vibraphone | |
| Tuba (Doubles Bass) | |
| Horn in F (Doubles 1st Trombone) | |
| 1st Baritone Horn T.C./B♭ Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 1st Trombone) | |
| 2nd Baritone Horn T.C./B♭ Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 2nd Trombone) | |

YOUNG
JAZZ
ENSEMBLE

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NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

I have arranged the Henry Mancini classic “The Pink Panther” in a much different setting—as a mambo. I suggest the director and students listen to the Alfred Music demo of this arrangement to capture the mambo groove and the transition to the swing section and back to the mambo.

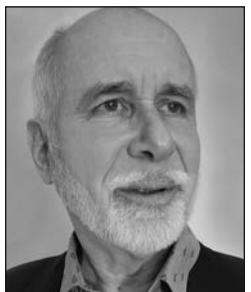
The tempo is critical for both the Latin and swing sections to work effectively. I would suggest somewhere between 146–160 BPM, but around 150 BPM will work best. If you begin the performance too fast, the swing section at m. 49 will sound rushed. I would suggest thinking of m. 49 to set your tempo.

Rehearsal suggestions:

- 1) The intro through to m. 15 is probably the most difficult section in the piece. A lot of counting and teamwork will be needed here. Please have students hold all long notes to full value, and releases must be together for impact! Accents, ♪ , and all other dynamics and crescendos must be matched by all players to be effective, so please spend time perfecting these important details. This section should exude plenty of energy from the ensemble.
- 2) Measures 48 are 49 are the transition from straight eighths (Latin mambo) to swing eighths. The key to this transition is the drummer setting up the triplet fill into the swing section. Measures 49 to 63 are played with a solid swing feel, then m. 63 transitions back to straight-eighths mambo. The rhythm section will need to make this abrupt transition effective, especially the piano locking in the familiar mambo groove pattern.
- 3) Articulation has been carefully notated in all sections and should be a focal point in performing this piece.
- 4) Regarding the solo section at m. 65, I provided suggested written solos for alto 1 and trumpet 1 however this section can be opened up for additional solos if desired. There are only two chords for the solo section, concert Dmi6 and B♭7.
- 5) Measure 81 is $\frac{1}{2}$ for everyone and should be solid with clean articulation. The marcato or rooftop accent (A) is played accented and detached (think “daht”), staccatos should be very short but not clipped, and the tenutos should be played for their full value. This section alternates with drumset or Latin percussion fills. The last four measures of the drum solo should begin $\frac{1}{2}$ then decrescendo to lead into the D.S.
- 6) The coda should be a gradual fade to $\frac{1}{2}$ going into m. 97. At m. 97, there is a bold contrast to $\frac{1}{2}$; then the final note in m. 98 is ♪ for the full dynamic effect. A triangle or similar cymbal sound can be played for the last note.

I really enjoyed writing this arrangement for young students to perform without sounding like an over-simplification of a wonderful and familiar melody. I hope you and your students find this arrangement interesting, educational, and most of all FUN!! Please enjoy.

—Greg Nielsen



**Greg
Nielsen**

A native of Michigan, Greg received his bachelor's degree in Music Education from the University of Michigan. For seven years, he was very active in the Detroit jazz scene playing trombone and teaching High School Band. In 1983, he moved to Sarasota, Florida, to make his living writing and performing music. Greg shared the stage with many famed jazz artists such as Nat Adderley, Al Cohn, and Bobby Shew, as well as local artists such as Larry Elgart, Bobby Rosengarden, Glenn Zottola, and Warren Covington. He returned to education for 34 years, 1986–2020, where he was band director at Booker Middle School, Sarasota. Now in retirement, he continues to make his presence known through musical performances, composing, arranging, recording, and, recently, Argentine Tango Dancing.

CONDUCTOR
50944S

THE PINK PANTHER MAMBO

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ST. EIGHTHS $\text{d} = 146-160$

C FLUTE (OPTIONAL)

1ST Eb ALTO SAXOPHONE

2ND Eb ALTO SAXOPHONE

1ST B♭ TENOR SAXOPHONE

2ND B♭ TENOR SAXOPHONE

E♭ BARITONE SAXOPHONE (OPTIONAL)

1ST B♭ TRUMPET

2ND B♭ TRUMPET

3RD B♭ TRUMPET

4TH B♭ TRUMPET (OPTIONAL)

1ST TROMBONE

2ND TROMBONE

3RD TROMBONE (OPTIONAL)

4TH TROMBONE (OPTIONAL)

GUITAR (OPTIONAL)

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

TOMS
Crash Cym.
H.H.

B.D.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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-2-

THE PINK PANTHER MAMBO

FLUTE

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

SAR1.

TPR. 1

TPR. 2

TPR. 3

TPR. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

4TH TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

MAMBO

RISE CYM.

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8 9 10 11 12 13 14

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THE PINK PANTHER MAMBO

(15) %

FLUTE

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BASS.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TPT. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

4TH TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

CONDUCTOR

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THE PINK PANTHER MAMBO

(23)

FLUTE
ALTO 1
ALTO 2
TENOR 1
TENOR 2
BASSO.
TRPT. 1
TRPT. 2
TRPT. 3
TRPT. 4
TBN. 1
TBN. 2
TBN. 3
4TH TBN.
GTR.
PNO.
BASS
DRUMS

23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

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THE PINK PANTHER MAMBO

(31)

FLUTE

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TPT. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

4TH TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38

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THE PINK PANTHER MAMBO

(39)

FLUTE

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BASSI.

TPR. 1

TPR. 2

TPR. 3

TPR. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

4TH TBN.

GR2

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

SWING

TO COCA ♪

H.H. w/foot 39

40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48

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THE PINK PANTHER MAMBO

(49)

FLUTE

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

SAR1.

TPR. 1

TPR. 2

TPR. 3

TPR. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

4TH TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56

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THE PINK PANTHER MAMBO

(57)

FLUTE

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

SAR1.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TPT. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

4TH TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

MAMBO

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57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64

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THE PINK PANTHER MAMBO

65

PLAY 1ST TIME ONLY

B.M.

SOLO 1ST TIME ONLY

PLAY 1ST TIME ONLY

EMI

Solo 2nd time only

C7

PLAY 1ST TIME ONLY

TBN. 1

PLAY 1ST TIME ONLY

TBN. 2

PLAY 1ST TIME ONLY

TBN. 3

PLAY 1ST TIME ONLY

4TH TBN.

D.M.I.

D.M.I.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

66

67

68

69

70

71

72

CONDUCTOR

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THE PINK PANTHER MAMBO

CONDUCTOR

THE PINK PANTHER MAMBO

(81) - 11 -

FLUTE

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

SAR1.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TPT. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

4TH TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRAWS

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81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88

CONDUCTOR

D.S. § AL CODA

FLUTE
ALTO 1
ALTO 2
TENOR 1
TENOR 2
BASS.
TPR. 1
TPR. 2
TPR. 3
TPR. 4
TBN. 1
TBN. 2
TBN. 3
4TH TBN.
GR2
PNO.
BASS
DRUMS

SOLO

89 90 91 92

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THE PINK PANTHER MAMBO

Φ CODA

Flute
Alto 1
Alto 2
Tenor 1
Tenor 2
Bass.
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tpt. 4
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Tbn. 3
4th Tbn.
Gr2
Pno.
Bass
Drums

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