FIRST VEAR CIARS

FOR JAZZ ENSEMBLE

The Pink Panther

Music by Henry Mancini Arranged by Mike Lewis

INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor

1st El Alto Saxophone

2nd El Alto Saxophone

1st Bl Tenor Saxophone

2nd Bl Tenor Saxophone (Optional)

El Baritone Saxophone (Optional)

1st Bl Trumpet

2nd Bl Trumpet

3rd Bl Trumpet (Optional)

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

Optional/Alternate Parts

C Flute
Tuba
Horn in F (Doubles 1st Trombone)
Baritone T.C. (Doubles 1st Trombone)

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

The classic "Pink Panther" is an ideal swing chart for a young jazz ensemble, with its great history as a huge hit for composer Henry Mancini as well as being featured in a few Pink Panther–themed movies.

For the unison melodic lines, encourage all wind players to listen not only to themselves, but also to their section and to the ensemble. Good intonation, balance, and blend are all accessible goals, provided the students listen and focus.

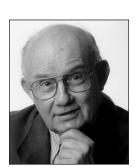
The overall feel is an easy-going swing. Caution the students to avoid exaggerating the swung eighth-note feel, as that can sound stilted and stiff and will lose the gentle swing feel needed for this arrangement.

The piano part is critical and a key element; actually, it's more of an an iconic element in this particular tune. So, depending on the experience of the pianist, some extra rehearsal may be necessary to lock in the exposed piano lines. In addition, accurate articulation on the piano line is essential. I suggest the entire ensemble listen to the original recorded Mancini version for a definitive example of the style and easy-swing feel.

There are a few big ensemble figures that should be set up with a triplet figure from the drumset. The fall-offs are not too long and should be played together. Executing those fall-offs well can really make your band sound polished and mature. Take some time to specifically rehearse those falls, with the ensemble mirroring the 1st trumpet player as the fall descends. Again, listen to the Mancini version for an example of a smooth fall-off.

Enjoy!

—Mike Lewis



Mike Lewis

Mike Lewis has been a freelance arranger/composer for many years. Starting with the "Jackie Gleason TV Variety Show" as a staff arranger, he became heavily involved in the pop music field, arranging hit records for some of the top pop artists today. He has also been commissioned to write charts for the Glenn Miller Orchestra, and the Lionel Hampton and Jimmy Dorsey orchestras.

Deums

THE PINK PANTHER JE9911C Music by HENRY MANCINI Arranged by MIKE LEWIS CONDUCTOR 2 J = 114C FLUTE (OPTIONAL) ALTO SAX 1 ALTO SAX & TENOR SAX 1 TENOR SAX 2 (OPTIONAL) BARITONE SAX (OPTIONAL) Trumpet 1 Trumpet 2 Trumpet 3 (OPTIONAL) 2 9: 10, c); TROMBONE 1 9:14,0) TROMBONE 2 (OPTIONAL) 9: No 6)7 TROMBONE 3 (OPTIONAL) TUBA (OPTIONAL) GUITAR (OPTIONAL) PIANO BASS















