La Negra Tiene Tumbao

Musica y Letra por FERNANDO OSORIO y SERGIO GEORGE Arranged by VICTOR LÓPEZ

INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor

1st Ela Alto Saxophone

2nd Ela Alto Saxophone

1st Bla Tenor Saxophone

2nd Bla Tenor Saxophone

Ela Baritone Saxophone (Optional)

1st Bla Trumpet

2nd Bla Trumpet

3rd B♭ Trumpet

4th B♭ Trumpet (Optional)

1st Trombone
2nd Trombone
3rd Trombone (Optional)
4th Trombone (Optional)
Guitar Chords
Guitar (Optional)
Piano
Bass
Drums
Percussion

Optional Alternate Parts

C Flute (Optional)
Tuba (Optional)
Horn in F (Doubles 1st Trombone)
1st Baritone T.C. (Doubles 1st Trombone)
2nd Baritone T.C. (Doubles 2nd Trombone)





NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

A rock-solid tempo, rhythmic drive, and accurate articulation are key elements for performing this rhumba successfully. At measure 12, trombones should keep the important background figure tight, clean, and energized. The melody played by the trumpets in measure 29 should offer a legato phrasing contrast. The eighths played by the trombones and rhythm in measure 20 should be played even, not swung.

Whenever the ensemble and sections play together, the phrasing should include releases: for example, remind the trumpet section to release together on beat 3 in measure 30. This will set the style for the other sections to follow. The interlude at measure 37 must be phrased together as each section joins in. Observe the upbeat accents in measure 40.

The rhythm section has plenty of repetition, but this is what gives the chart drive. Focus on keeping the energy flowing. An auxiliary percussion player can add tremendously to this Latin groove, but if multiple players are used, caution the tendency to overplay.

Please enjoy.

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Victor López is a highly acclaimed educator, composer, arranger, and adjudicator. He holds music degrees from the University of Florida and Florida International University, with an Ed.D. in Educational Administration and Supervision. He has served as director of bands at the middle and senior high school levels and as an administrator in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools. He has recorded and performed with various artists and has appeared in numerous music videos. He has over 450 compositions/arrangements published as an exclusive composer, arranger and clinician for Alfred Music Publishing Co., Inc.



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