

Chicken Scratch

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INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor	1st Trombone
1st E $\flat$ Alto Saxophone	2nd Trombone
2nd E $\flat$ Alto Saxophone	3rd Trombone
1st B $\flat$ Tenor Saxophone	4th Trombone
2nd B $\flat$ Tenor Saxophone	Guitar Chords
E $\flat$ Baritone Saxophone	Guitar
1st B $\flat$ Trumpet	Piano
2nd B $\flat$ Trumpet	Bass
3rd B $\flat$ Trumpet	Drums
4th B $\flat$ Trumpet	

Optional Alternate Parts

C Flute
Tuba
Horn in F (Doubles 1st Trombone)
1st Baritone T.C. (Doubles 1st Trombone)
2nd Baritone T.C. (Doubles 2nd Trombone)
3rd Baritone T.C. (Doubles 3rd Trombone)

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NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

"Chicken Scratch" is a funky tune in the style of Tower of Power, James Brown, or Jaco Pastorius' Word of Mouth Big Band. It gives the trombone section several sections to shine. A general caution is to keep a careful watch on the tempo—don't let it creep up. The groove is the priority.

Watch the articulation markings throughout. The staccato and legato markings really make a difference in the feel. The sixteenth-note runs should be legato unless otherwise marked. Over-articulating will give the chart a marching band feel that won't groove and will probably slow down the tempo. Play the figures relaxed, but don't let it drag.

The bass player has a few challenges and should expect to spend some time shedding this bass part. In measures 14–17 is a brief bass solo, which the bassist should take a good look at before the entire band starts to work on the chart. The sixteenths should be legato and precise, and note the ghosted notes and slurs. Note that there is no piano at measure 18, which gives the chart an open feel. The guitarist should be careful with volume here to protect the open feeling. The guitar, bass, and drums are carrying the groove.

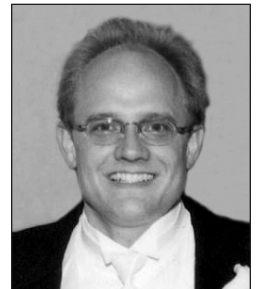
Trombones should really punch it out in the first four measures but then back off a little when the band joins in. Direct the ensemble to bring out some of the short and dynamic punches that happen during the chart, for example in measure 27. At measure 38, be sure to balance the brass voicings under the sax melody.

The solo section at 58 can be easily opened up for more players if desired. Watch the background markings here. I revisit an idea I used in the original "Chicken" chart with one little part that always gets played while the rest of the backgrounds get played only the second time as indicated. As for solo development, suggest to the soloists to begin sparse and simple and then gradually build—teach patience.

The bass and trombone (cued for tenor saxes) soli at measure 78 should be practiced at a slower tempo and then gradually worked up to speed. It's unison, so don't over-blow, watch the legato and staccato markings carefully, and use the shape of the line to create natural dynamics.

I certainly hope you enjoy playing this chart as much as I enjoyed writing it.

—Kris Berg



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CHICKEN SCRATCH

By KRIS BERG

FUNK $\text{♩} = 96$

1ST Eb ALTO SAXOPHONE

2ND Eb ALTO SAXOPHONE

1ST Bb TENOR SAXOPHONE

2ND Bb TENOR SAXOPHONE

E♭ BARITONE SAXOPHONE

1ST Bb TRUMPET

2ND Bb TRUMPET

3RD Bb TRUMPET

4TH Bb TRUMPET

1ST TROMBONE

2ND TROMBONE

3RD TROMBONE

4TH TROMBONE

QUIRAR

PIANO

BASS

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TENOR 2

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