

FIRST YEAR CHARTS



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DUKE ELLINGTON and IRVING MILLS

Arranged by MIKE LEWIS

INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor

1st E \flat Alto Saxophone

2nd E \flat Alto Saxophone

1st B \flat Tenor Saxophone

2nd B \flat Tenor Saxophone
(Optional)

E \flat Baritone Saxophone
(Optional)

1st B \flat Trumpet

2nd B \flat Trumpet

3rd B \flat Trumpet (Optional)

1st Trombone

2nd Trombone (Optional)

3rd Trombone (Optional)

Guitar (Optional)

Piano

Bass

Drums

Optional Alternate Parts

C Flute

Tuba

Horn in F (Doubles

1st Trombone)

Baritone T.C. (Doubles

1st Trombone)



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NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Duke Ellington always featured himself on the piano when he and his band would play this beautiful ballad. This chart begins with piano and drums on brushes. Keep it relaxed and mellow.

The melody at measure 5 should have a very slight swing feel—not much but just enough to accent the second eighth note gently. Remind the students to hold the notes out to their full value and release together. Although releases are often overlooked, especially in ballads, a clean release will make a band sound mature.

Ask the piano player to play the octaves starting in measure 5 nice and easy to start the band off with a relaxed, comfortable feeling. In measure 13, direct the students to play the natural dynamics by following the contour of the lead part. At measure 28, the piano solo is written out just as it should be played as opposed to any embellishment. Phrase it lyrically and connected. Behind the piano solo, the guitar can play unison but should be kept under the piano in volume—this goes for the entire chart.

Blend is critical throughout this arrangement; remind the students to listen to themselves, their section blend, and the entire ensemble. You should always be able to hear the melody in the texture.

Regarding the brushes on the drum part, the brush technique is to glide the left-hand brush clockwise in a circle in half notes on the snare drum—not jerky motions, but a smooth and connected circle. As that technique is mastered, the drummer can also gently tap the right-hand brush on beats 2 and 4 to reinforce the time pattern. I suggest that the students hear the demo recording to provide a listening model. The bass should also play as smoothly and connected as possible. If using an electric bass, strive for as much of an acoustic sound as possible. Start by adjusting all tone settings at the midpoint and go from there to achieve an acoustic sound.

Please enjoy.

—Mike Lewis

CONDUCTOR
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BALLAD $\text{♩} = 84$

5 SOLO

C FLUTE
(OPTIONAL)

1ST E \flat ALTO SAXOPHONE

2ND E \flat ALTO SAXOPHONE

1ST B \flat TENOR SAXOPHONE

2ND B \flat TENOR SAXOPHONE
(OPTIONAL)

E \flat BARITONE SAXOPHONE
(OPTIONAL)

1ST B \flat TRUMPET

2ND B \flat TRUMPET

3RD B \flat TRUMPET
(OPTIONAL)

1ST TROMBONE

2ND TROMBONE
(OPTIONAL)

3RD TROMBONE
(OPTIONAL)

GUITAR
(OPTIONAL)

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

BRUSHES - CYMBAL

SNARE

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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FLT.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TP. 1

TP. 2

TP. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

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13

O/E' E' Ouy/E F# G#i B7sus B7 O/E' E' Ouy/E B' C7 F7

FLT. (17)

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

SNARE

BRUSHES - CYMBAL

24

17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

28

FLT.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34

SOLO

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FLT.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPR. 1

TPR. 2

TPR. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

36

40

35

36

37

38

39

40

41

42

43

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SOLO

NO SOLO

D/E^b E^b D^b/F F^b G^b B^b A^b B^b D/E^b E^b D^b/F B^b C⁷ F⁷

FLT.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPR. 1

TPR. 2

TPR. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

NO SOLO

BASS

DRUMS

TO STICKS

44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52

FLT.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

56 SOLI

60

53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61

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Chords: G/A^b A^b Gm/B^b B^b Cui E^b7sus E^b7 G/A^b A^b Gm/B^b E^b F7 B^b7

FLT. 1

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPR. 1

TPR. 2

TPR. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69

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SOLO

64

69

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