# FJH JAZZ ENSEMBLE SERIES

Grade 2.5

# St. Louis Blues

*William Christopher Handy*

**Arranged by**
*Larry Norred*

## Instrumentation

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| **Alto Sax 1** | **Trombone 1** |
| **Alto Sax 2** | **Trombone 2** |
| **Tenor Sax 1** | **Trombone 3** |
| **Tenor Sax 2** | **Trombone 4** |
| **Baritone Sax** | **Guitar** |
| **Trumpet 1** | **Piano** |
| **Trumpet 2** | **Bass** |
| **Trumpet 3** | **Drum Set** |
| **Trumpet 4** | **Conductor's Full Score** |

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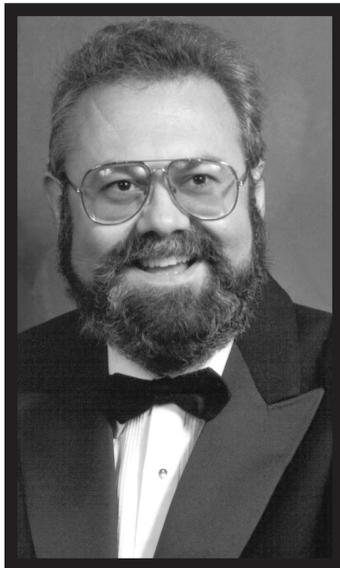
## The Arranger

Larry Norred is a keyboardist, composer, arranger, and former Vice-President of Production for Jenson Publications in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has over 200 published arrangements for jazz ensemble, concert band, choral ensemble, and marching band. Mr. Norred is a graduate of Baylor University and University of Miami (Miami, Florida), where he studied with Dr. Richard Willis and Dr. Alfred Reed, respectively.

## About the Music

This piece is a training chart for young jazz players to become familiar with the different types of dotted quarter note–eighth note figures, as well as their articulation and interpretation. The most common types of short-short (♩ ♪), long-short (♩. ♪), short-long (♩ ♪♩), and long-long (♩. ♪♩) are standard figures in most jazz arrangements; this chart will allow students to see all these types in the same tune. Call each to their attention so they will learn the differences in articulation. These rhythms are part of a jazz vocabulary that will enable students to read charts quicker, just like words that are easily recognizable.

At measure 9, emphasize the descending thumb line in either the rhythm section or the trombones, depending on which section chooses to play the rhythm-section cues. Settle into a standard big band swing feel at measure 25. In measures 25–36, the tenor saxes may play in a lower octave if necessary. (Watch the intonation if they do.) The *solo* at measure 49 may be played by either alto sax or trumpet 2 at your discretion. You should conduct the half-time section from measure 78 to the end. Hold the last chord long enough to allow adequate time for the drummer to fill out the chord.

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