

JAZZ BEGINNINGS



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DRAMA FOR YOUR MAMA

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INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor

1st E♭ Alto Saxophone
2nd E♭ Alto Saxophone
1st B♭ Tenor Saxophone
2nd B♭ Tenor Saxophone
(Optional)
1st B♭ Trumpet
2nd B♭ Trumpet (Optional)

1st Trombone

2nd Trombone
(Optional)
Guitar Chords
Guitar (Optional)
Piano
Bass
Drums

Optional Alternate Parts

1st C Flute
2nd C Flute
1st B♭ Clarinet
2nd B♭ Clarinet
E♭ Baritone Saxophone (Doubles Bass)
Tuba (Doubles Bass)
Horn in F (Doubles 1st Trombone)
Baritone T.C. (Doubles 1st Trombone)

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NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Crazy title, crazy chart! Written in a moderate rock groove, this chart will provide young musicians the opportunity to experience the sound and concept of open fifth harmonies. Widely used in the rock idiom, this is an opportunity to explain to the students that open fifths are particularly sensitive to intonation and therefore each player must listen and tune to make the fifths sound with the proper sonority.

The introduction should be played tight with confidence to set up the rock feel. As always, direct the students to observe the articulations and to strive to play them as one. In jazz music, the staccatos are short but not clipped and caution the students to always establish the pitch of short notes. In other words, don't play it so short that there is no tone or pitch. At measure 9, the melody is introduced by the 1st alto sax and trumpet. The trombone part has been written to compliment the bass line with a simple rhythmic interplay to make it interesting. In measure 38, a new tonality is introduced thereby giving the piece an uplift.

The bass line stays rhythmically similar until measure 61 when a simple variation is introduced. During the solo section, as the rhythm section gains confidence, consider encouraging the rhythm players to embellish the written parts. However, caution the rhythm section to be sensitive to over playing or rhythmic clutter. Note that much of the piano LH (Left Hand) is the same as the bass part. If the bass player is strong then I suggest the piano tacet the LH. The optional baritone sax part also doubles the bass for the most part, but there are sections the bari is with the 1st trombone. If the bass player is experienced, then consider transposing the entire 1st trombone part for the bari saxophone.

Measures 56–60 set up the original tonality of the chart for the open solo section at measure 61. Notice that this section is written out for all winds and therefore may be played as a solo, duet, trio, quartet, entire section, or any other possible combination. The solo section also provides the opportunity to discuss the basic blues chord progression of I-IV-V chords. At this level, you don't have to delve far into theory, but the movement of the chord roots is a significant lesson. Encourage the young players to listen to how and when the chords change. In the solo section, go a step further and ask the winds to play the chord roots in unison with the rhythm section using their ears and no music.

In measure 84 the melody is once again stated and it sets up the ending at measure 91 which is similar to the introduction with some embellishments for the conclusion of the piece.

Enjoy!

—Victor Lopez

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DRAMA FOR YOUR MAMA

By VICTOR LOPEZ (ASCAP)

Moderate Rock $\text{d} = 128$

1st C FLUTE (OPTIONAL)

2nd C FLUTE (OPTIONAL)

1st B♭ CLARINET (OPTIONAL)

2nd B♭ CLARINET (OPTIONAL)

1st E♭ ALTO SAXOPHONE

2nd E♭ ALTO SAXOPHONE

1st B♭ TENOR SAXOPHONE

2nd B♭ TENOR SAXOPHONE (OPTIONAL)

1st B♭ TRUMPET

2nd B♭ TRUMPET (OPTIONAL)

1st TROMBONE

2nd TROMBONE (OPTIONAL)

GUITAR (OPTIONAL)

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

(CHORDS WRITTEN ON PART)

Solo ----- Toms -----

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

CONDUCTOR

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The musical score consists of 16 staves, each representing a different instrument or voice part. The instruments listed from top to bottom are: CONDUCTOR (represented by a small stick figure), FLUTE 1, FLUTE 2, CLAR. 1, CLAR. 2, ALTO 1, ALTO 2, TENOR 1, TENOR 2, TPT. 1, TPT. 2, TBN. 1, TBN. 2, GR. (Guitar), PNO. (Piano), BASS, and DRUMS. The score is in common time and includes measures numbered 9 through 16. The first two measures (measures 9 and 10) show mostly eighth-note patterns. Measures 11 through 16 feature more complex rhythms, including sixteenth-note patterns and rests. A large, diagonal watermark in red text reads "Review Required Purchase Only".

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Drama for Your Mama

FLUTE 1

FLUTE 2

CLAR. 1

CLAR. 2

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TSN. 1

TSN. 2

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

CONDUCTOR

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Drama for Your Mama

FLUTE 1

FLUTE 2

CLAR. 1

CLAR. 2

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

25

26

27

28

29

30

31

32

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The musical score consists of 15 staves of music. The instruments listed are Flute 1, Flute 2, Clarinet 1, Clarinet 2, Alto 1, Alto 2, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Trumpet 1, Trumpet 2, Bassoon 1, Bassoon 2, Guitar, Piano, Bass, and Drums. The score is numbered from 25 to 32. A large red watermark reading "Preview use requires purchase" is diagonally across the page.

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Drama for Your Mama

FLUTE 1

FLUTE 2

CLAR. 1

CLAR. 2

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

RIDE CYM. BELL

FILL ---

HI-HAT

(33)

33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40

CONDUCTOR

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Drama for Your Mama

FLUTE 1

FLUTE 2

CLAR. 1

CLAR. 2

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

41 42 43 44 45 46 FILL 47 48

FLUTE 1

FLUTE 2

CLAR. 1

CLAR. 2

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TSN. 1

TSN. 2

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56

RIDE CYM. BELL

CONDUCTOR

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OPEN FOR SOLOS

FLUTE 1

FLUTE 2

CLAR. 1

CLAR. 2

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

57

58

59

60

61

62

63

64

CONDUCTOR

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CONDUCTOR

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CONDUCTOR

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A musical score for a 15-piece ensemble. The instruments listed on the left are: FLUTE 1, FLUTE 2, CLAR. 1, CLAR. 2, ALTO 1, ALTO 2, TENOR 1, TENOR 2, TPT. 1, TPT. 2, TBN. 1, TBN. 2, GR. 2, PNO., BASS, and DRUMS. The score spans from measure 81 to 89. Measures 81-83 show mostly rests or simple patterns. Measure 84 begins a new section with more complex rhythms. A large red watermark reading "Preview Use Requires Purchase Only" is diagonally overlaid across the page. Measure 85 includes a "FILL - Hi-HAT" instruction. Measures 86-89 conclude the section.

FLUTE 1
FLUTE 2
CLAR. 1
CLAR. 2
ALTO 1
ALTO 2
TENOR 1
TENOR 2
TPT. 1
TPT. 2
TBN. 1
TBN. 2
GR. 2
PNO.
BASS
DRUMS

81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89

FILL - Hi-HAT

CONDUCTOR

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Drama for Your Mama

FLUTE 1

FLUTE 2

CLAR. 1

CLAR. 2

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TSN. 1

TSN. 2

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98

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