

INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor 1st E♭ Alto Saxophone 2nd E Alto Saxophone 1st By Tenor Saxophone 2nd By Tenor Saxophone E Baritone Saxophone 1st By Trumpet 2nd B♭ Trumpet 3rd B♭ Trumpet 4th B Trumpet

1st Trombone 2nd Trombone 3rd Trombone 4th Trombone **Guitar Chords** Guitar Vibraphone Piano Bass Drums



NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Tickletoe was composed by the late great saxophone legend, Lester Young. I strongly recommend listening to Lester Young recordings to hear this jazz master: his style, improvisation, phrasing and overall concept.

The saxophones have running eighth note figures throughout this arrangement. Regarding the swing feel at this tempo, eighth notes should be played almost as even eighths with only a hint of swing eighth feel. However, there are sections that are played with a more traditional swing feel. For example, in measures 13 through 18 the eighth notes should be played with a conventional swing feel. Saxes should exaggerate the accents in measures 37 and 38 and again in 40 and 41. During the stop time sections, the saxes will need to be sure to maintain accurate time.

In measures 61 through 65, the trombones should play these figures crisply with a good bite or edge to the attacks yet stay under the tenor sax solo. There are many places in this chart that will have a figure that will work best with a little energy boost. For example, in measure 8 push the "and" of beat 2. Similar figures occur throughout the chart.

Observe the dynamics. This includes the rhythm section too! For example the entire ensemble should come way down at measure 69. Put a nice push on the second note in 69; think "doo-wah," then come way down and make a crescendo to measure 71.

The ensemble will need to sit on the quarter notes in measure 95. In measure 96, the eighth note on the "and" of beat 3 is ghosted as part of the turn into beat 4.

Piano and (vibes) should be forceful on the bell-tone figure in the last measure. The drum part is written as a guide with the ensemble figures are above the staff.

I hope you enjoy playing this wonderful Lester Young tune. I certainly enjoyed arranging it.

Please enjoy, —Dave Wolpe



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Dave Wolpe is truly a prolific composer/arranger with nearly 700 charts arranged and/or composed for various publishers, primarily Alfred Music. He has scored dozens of arrangements for the Glenn Miller Orchestra and is co-arranger on the platinum CD In the Christmas Mood. He has arranged for Disneyworld and Disneyland Paris with music ranging from small bands to symphony orchestras. He has also arranged for the bands of Ray Anthony, Les Brown and many others. In the late '70s and early '80s he played lead trombone with Ray Anthony and later with Les Brown.



























