





HUNTING WABBITS 2 (A BAD HARE DAY)

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INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor

B_b Soprano Saxophone E Alto Saxophone 1st B Tenor Saxophone 2nd B Tenor Saxophone E Baritone Saxophone 1st B Trumpet 2nd B Trumpet 3rd B Trumpet

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

Auxiliary Percussion 1

ALTERNATE PARTS

1st E Alto Saxophone (Soprano Saxophone) 2nd E Alto Saxophone (Flute, Piccolo) 1st B Tenor Saxophone (B) Clarinet) 2nd B Tenor Saxophone (B Clarinet) E Baritone Saxophone (Bass Clarinet)

4th B Trumpet

OPTIONAL PARTS

Violin 1 Violin 2 Viola Cello Harp

Auxiliary Percussion 2

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NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

You should have seen the looks on the faces of the guys in the Big Phat Band when I brought this one in! It is arguably the most difficult chart in our book, but as we lived with it, the licks and time changes and various complexities became more natural to us. It will for you too!

There are a variety of ways you can approach the instrumentation for this chart. The version the Big Phat Band plays uses the saxophone/woodwind parts with doubles for piccolo, flute, clarinet and bass clarinet. If the saxes don't have those doubles, there are substitute saxophone only parts included. Depending on the situation, consider bringing in some woodwind players from the concert band to play the woodwind parts. Or, if you really want to go all the way, we've included string parts to really make this chart a production!

Let's face it, this is one unusual chart. But if the band commits to the work, it can be an engaging and hilarious experience for you and the audience. This arrangement has a lot of precise puzzle parts that need to fit together. I strongly suggest that each person practice their parts on their own so you aren't dealing with technical issues at each rehearsal.

The piano and guitar get things started and need to play with good solid time. The brass should make sure they have all the right mutes so that the top of the chart has the right amount of quirkiness. Keep it light and fun, and as the theme starts to build around measure 41, the players can dig in and get more sassy. Remember, the phrasing for the first half of this chart should be light and precise. Things start to get a little odd around measure 49. The alto solo should be in a classical style, with the appropriate vibrato, and no, those aren't wrong notes, they're supposed to sound kooky! The tenor sax and guitar should pay close attention to playing together because the drums have dropped out, so those instruments are keeping the tempo together. The 7/8 measures (55, 56, 63–66) should be counted as two quarter notes followed by three eighth notes. The pattern is 1-2, 1-2-3. The bass trombone has a moment at measure 57, where he or she barges in on the party with some weird low notes. The bass bone player should be unafraid and pound 'em out!

At measure 91 the groove changes to a more contemporary feel, and so can the phrasing for the horns. It can be hipper, and jazzier. Even though the two chords (measure 90 and 91) leading into this section should be loud and powerful, the groove can start at a moderate volume and build from there. Your soloist will need to study these chord changes so they know all the twists and turns. You can check out Eric Marienthal's solo on the Big Phat Band's version of this tune, and there's even a transcription of it in the "Special Features" section on the accompanying DVD.

The original feel returns at measure 139 and when the theme is restated at measure 151, the energy should go up a notch. Give the band a heads-up for the double-tongue eighth notes at measure 161. If the band can't execute those, playing single eighth notes is fine, just make sure the band makes the crescendo into the quarter notes in measure 162.

It stays pretty crazy all the way to the end, and the band will need all their energy to propel things to the last note. But if the band works hard, they will master this chart and revel in the weird looks from audience which may include parents and the band boosters. It'll be great!

You can hear the Big Phat Band's version of *Hunting Wabbits 2 (A Bad Hare Day)* on our Immergent Records CD and DVD *The Phat Pack*.

Enjoy!

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