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LADY MAC FROM 'SUCH SWEET THUNDER' BY DUKE ELLINGTON AND BILLY STRAYHORN

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FULL SCORE

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NOTES ON PLAYING ELLINGTON

At least 95% of modern-day large ensemble jazz playing comes out of three traditions: Count Basie's band, Duke Ellington's band, and the orchestrations of small groups. Those young players interested in jazz will be drawn to small groups for the opportunity to improvise and for practical reasons (it is much easier to organize 4 or 5 people than it is 15). Schools have taken over the task (formerly performed by dance bands) of training musicians to be ensemble players. Due to the Basie Band's popularity and its simplicity of style and emphasis on blues and swing, the better educators have almost exclusively adopted this tradition for teaching jazz ensemble playing. As wonderful as Count Basie's style is, it doesn't address many of the important styles developed under the great musical umbrella we call jazz. Duke Ellington's comprehensive and eclectic approach to music offers an alternative.

The stylistic richness of Ellington's music presents a great challenge to educators and performers alike. In Basie's music, the conventions are very nearly consistent. In Ellington's, there are many more exceptions to the rules. This calls for greater knowledge of the language of jazz. Clark Terry, who left Count Basie's band to join Duke Ellington, said, "Count Basie was college, but Duke Ellington was graduate school." Knowledge of Ellington's music prepares you to play any big band music.

The following is a list of performance conventions for the great majority of Ellington's music. Any deviations or additions will be spelled out in the individual performance notes which follow.

1. Listen carefully many times to the Ellington recording of these pieces. There are many subtleties that will elude even the most sophisticated listener at first. Although it was never Ellington's wish to have his recordings imitated, knowledge of these definitive versions will lead musicians to make more educated choices when creating new performances. Ellington's music, though written for specific individuals, is designed to inspire all musicians to express themselves. In addition, you will hear slight note differences in the recording and the transcriptions. This is intentional, as there are mistakes and alterations from the original intent of the music in the recording. You should have your players play what's in the score.

2. General use of swing phrasing. The triplet feel prevails except for ballads or where notations such as even eighths or Latin appear. In these cases, eighth notes are given equal value.

3. There is a chain of command in ensemble playing. The lead players in each section determine the phrasing and volume for their own section, and their section-mates must conform to the lead. When the saxes and / or trombones play with the trumpets, the lead trumpet is the boss. The lead alto and

trombone must listen to the first trumpet and follow her. In turn, the other saxes and trombones must follow their lead players. When the clarinet leads the brass section, the brass should not overblow him. That means that the first trumpet is actually playing "second." If this is done effectively, there will be very little balancing work left for the conductor.

4. In Ellington's music, each player should express the individuality of his own line. He must find a musical balance of supporting and following the section leader and bringing out the character of the underpart. Each player should be encouraged to express his or her personality through the music. In this music, the underparts are played at the same volume and with the same conviction as the lead.

5. Blues inflection should permeate all parts at all times, not just when these opportunities occur in the lead.

6. Vibrato is used quite a bit to warm up the sound. Saxes (who most frequently represent the sensual side of things) usually employ a heavy vibrato on harmonized passages and a slight vibrato on unisons. Trumpets (who very often are used for heat and power) use a little vibrato on harmonized passages and no vibrato on unisons. Trombones (who are usually noble) do not use slide vibrato. A little lip vibrato is good at times. Try to match the speed of vibrato. Unisons are played with no vibrato.

7. Crescendo as you ascend and diminuendo as you descend. The upper notes of phrases receive a natural accent and the lower notes are ghosted. Alto and tenor saxophones need to use sub-tone in the lower part of their range in order to blend properly with the rest of the section. This music was originally written with no dynamics. It pretty much follows the natural tendencies of the instruments; play loud in the loud part of the instrument and soft in the soft part of the instrument. For instance, a high C for a trumpet will be loud and a low C will be soft.

8. Quarter notes are generally played short unless otherwise notated. Long marks above or below a pitch indicate full value; not just long, but full value. Eighth notes are played full value except when followed by a rest or otherwise notated. All notes longer than a quarter note are played full value, which means if it is followed by a rest, release the note where the rest appears. For example, a half note occurring on beat one of a measure would be released on beat three.

9. Unless they are part of a legato background figure, long notes should be played somewhat *fp*; accent then diminish the volume. This is important so that the moving parts can be heard over the sustained notes. Don't just hold out the long notes, but give them life and personality: that is, vibrato, inflection,

crescendo, or diminuendo. There is a great deal of inflection in this music, and much of this is highly interpretive. Straight or curved lines imply non-pitched glisses, and wavy lines mean scalar (chromatic or diatonic) glisses. In general, all rhythmic figures need to be accented. Accents give the music life and swing. This is very important.

10. Ellington's music is about individuality: one person per part—do not double up because you have extra players or need more strength. More than one on a part makes it sound more like a concert band and less like a jazz band.

11. This is acoustic music. Keep amplification to an absolute minimum; in the best halls, almost no amplification should be necessary. Everyone needs to develop a big sound. It is the conductor's job to balance the band. When a guitar is used, it should be a hollow-body, unamplified rhythm guitar. Simple three-note voicings should be used throughout. An acoustic string bass is a must. In mediocre or poorly designed halls, the bass and piano may need a bit of a boost. I recommend miking them and putting them through the house sound system. This should provide a much better tone than an amplifier. Keep in mind that the rhythm section's primary function is to accompany. The bass should not be as loud as a trumpet. That is unnatural and leads to over-amplification, bad tone, and limited dynamics. Stay away from monitors. They provide a false sense of balance.

12. Solos and rhythm section parts without chord changes should be played as is or with a little embellishment. Solos and rhythm section parts with chord changes should be improvised. However, written passages should be learned because they are an important part of our jazz heritage and help the player understand the function of his particular solo or accompaniment. Soloists should learn the chord changes. Solos should not be approached as opportunities to show off technique, range, or volume, but should be looked at as a great opportunity to further develop the interesting thematic material that Ellington has provided.

13. The notation of plungers for the brass means a rubber toilet plunger bought in a hardware store. Kirkhill is a very good brand (especially if you can find one of their old rubber ones, like the one I loaned Wynton and he lost). Trumpets use 5" diameter and trombones use 6" diameter. Where Plunger/Mute is notated, insert a pixie mute in the bell and use the plunger over the mute. Pixies are available from Humes & Berg in Chicago. Tricky Sam Nanton and his successors in the Ellington plunger trombone chair did not use pixies. Rather, each of them employed a Nonpareil (that's the brand name) trumpet straight mute. Nonpareil has gone out of business, but the Tom Crown Nonpareil trumpet straight mute is very close to the same

thing. These mutes create a wonderful sound (very close to the human voice), but they also create some intonation problems which must be corrected by the lip only. It would be easier to move the tuning slide, but part of the sound is in the struggle to correct the pitch. If this proves too much, stick with the pixie—it's pretty close.

14. The drummer is the de facto leader of the band. He establishes the beat and controls the volume of the ensemble. For big band playing, the drummer needs to use a larger bass drum than he would for small group drumming. A 22" is preferred. The bass drum is played softly (nearly inaudible) on each beat. This is called feathering the bass drum. It provides a very important bottom to the band. The bass drum sound is not a boom and not a thud—it's in between. The larger size drum is necessary for the kicks; a smaller drum just won't be heard. The key to this style is to just keep time. A rim knock on two and four (chopping wood) is used to lock in the swing. When it comes to playing fills, the fewer, the better.

15. The horn players should stand for their solos and solis. Brass players should come down front for moderate to long solos, surrounding rests permitting. The same applies to the pep section (two trumpets and one trombone in plunger/mutes).

16. Horns should pay close attention to attacks and releases. Everyone should hit together and end together.

17. Brass must be very precise when playing short notes. Notes must be stopped with the tongue, à la Louis Armstrong!!

18. Above all, everyone's focus should remain at all times on the swing. As the great bassist Chuck Israels says, "The three most important things in jazz are rhythm, rhythm, and rhythm, in that order." Or as Bubber Miley (Ellington's first star trumpeter) said, "It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing."

GLOSSARY

The following are terms which describe conventions of jazz performance, from traditional New Orleans to the present avant garde.

Break: within the context of an ongoing time feel, the rhythm section stops for one, two, or four bars. Very often a soloist will improvise during a break.

Call and response: repetitive pattern of contrasting exchanges (derived from the church procedure of the minister making a statement and the congregation answering with "amen"). Call-and-response patterns usually pit one group of instruments against another. Sometimes we call this "trading fours," "trading twos," etc., especially when it involves improvisation. The

numbers denote the amount of measures each soloist or group plays. Another term frequently used is "swapping fours."

Coda: also known as the "outro." "Tags" or "tag endings" are outgrowths of vaudeville bows that are frequently used as codas. They most often use deceptive cadences that finally resolve to the tonic, or they go from the tonic to the sub-dominant and cycle back to the tonic: I V/IV IV #IV° I (second inversion) V/II V/V V I.

Comp: improvise accompaniment (for piano or guitar).

Groove: the composite rhythm. This generally refers to the combined repetitive rhythmic patterns of the drums, bass, piano, and guitar, but may also include repetitive patterns in the horns. Some grooves are standard (i.e., swing, bossa nova, samba), while others are manufactured (original combinations of rhythms).

Head: melody chorus.

Interlude: a different form (of relatively short length) sandwiched between two chorus forms. Interludes that set up a key change are simply called modulations.

Intro: short for "introduction".

Ride pattern: the most common repetitive figure played by the drummer's right hand on the ride cymbal or hi-hat.



Riff: a repeated melodic figure. Very often, riffs repeat verbatim or with slight alterations while the harmonies change underneath them.

Shout chorus: also known as the "out chorus," the "sock chorus," or sometimes shortened to just "the shout." It is the final ensemble passage of most big band charts and where the climax most often happens.

Soli: a harmonized passage for two or more instruments playing the same rhythm. It is customary for horn players to stand up or even move in front of the band when playing these passages. This is done so that the audience can hear them better and to provide the audience with some visual interest. A soli sound particular to Ellington's music combines two trumpets and a trombone in plungers/mutes in triadic harmony. This is called the "pep section."

Stop time: a regular pattern of short breaks (usually filled in by a soloist).

Swing: the perfect confluence of rhythmic tension and relaxation in music creating a feeling euphoria and characterized by accented weak beats (a democratization of the beat) and eighth notes that are played as the first and third eighth notes of an eighth-note triplet. Duke Ellington's definition of swing: when the music feels like it is getting faster, but it isn't.

Vamp: a repeated two- or four-bar chord progression. Very often, there may be a riff or riffs played on the vamp.

Voicing: the specific spacing, inversion, and choice of notes that make up a chord. For instance, two voicings for G7 could be:



Note: that the first voicing includes a 9th and the second voicing includes a b9 and a 13. The addition of 9ths, 11ths, 13ths, and alterations are up to the discretion of the pianist and soloist.

THE FOUR ELEMENTS OF MUSIC

The following are placed in their order of importance in jazz. We should never lose perspective on this order of priority.

Rhythm: meter, tempo, groove, and form, including both melodic rhythm and harmonic rhythm (the speed and regularity of the chord changes).

Melody: what players play a tune or series of notes.

Harmony: chords and voicings.

Orchestration: instrumentation and tone colors.

LADY MAC

INSTRUMENTATION

Reed 1 - Alto Sax	Trumpet 1	Trombone 1	Piano
Reed 2 - Alto Sax	Trumpet 2	Trombone 2	Bass
Reed 3 - Tenor Sax	Trumpet 3	Trombone 3	Drums
Reed 4 - Tenor Sax	Trumpet 4		
Reed 5 - Baritone Sax			

ORIGINAL RECORDING INFORMATION

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Personnel: Duke Ellington, *piano*; Ray Nance, Willie Cook, Clark Terry, William "Cat" Anderson, *trumpets*; John Sanders, Quentin Jackson, Britt Woodman, *trombones*; Johnny Hodges, Russell Procope, Paul Gonsalves, Jimmy Hamilton, Harry Carney, *reeds*; Jimmy Woode, *bass*; Sam Woodyard, *drums*.

Soloists: Duke Ellington, *piano*; Russell Procope, *alto saxophone*; Clark Terry, *flugelhorn*

REHEARSAL NOTES

Lady Mac (short for "Macbeth") is the fourth movement of Ellington and Strayhorn's Shakespearean Suite, 'Such Sweet Thunder'. In actuality this movement was composed and arranged by Strayhorn, although for contractual reasons the two split credits on the entire suite rather than claiming individual movements.

Jazz waltzes were a rarity until the mid-50's when they started to come into vogue. Besides the odd time signature, Lady Mac also has an unusual form. Each chorus consists of 20 measures. The first chorus is piano, followed by saxophones for a chorus, ensemble (call and response between the three horn sections) for a chorus, then a 8-bar interlude that leads to the **B** theme played by the solo alto sax (8 bars + 8 bars). Next is a flugelhorn solo on the changes of the **A** theme (20 bars) + the **B** theme (16 bars). Next is a repeat of the 8-bar interlude followed by a shout chorus based on the 20-bar **A** theme. There is a 2-bar coda, which I suspect was added to create unity with other movements of the suite.

The opening piano solo may be played as written or reduced to the bare melody (as played by the saxophones at **C** and **D**). Embellishments may be added to taste. Note that the bass stays

in one throughout the entire piece. The drums are also very simple and consistent throughout. Although I think it is important for the bass to stay in one, the drums may take liberties without disrupting the foundation of the groove.

The saxophones at **C** and **D** should slur except for the syncopations, which should be tongued and accented (for example, the 1st measure of letter **C**). The top notes of eighth note phrases should receive breath accents (for example, the 7th measure of letter **C** on the upbeat of 2).

The dynamics of each of the sections at **E** should be in balance with the others. Do not overplay, save the volume for the 7th through 9th measures of letter **E**. If your 1st trumpet lacks the chops to play the high D's, just give each trumpet the next voice down in the chord and give the 4th trumpet the octave below the high D. Similarly at the 5th measure of letter **G** the 1st trumpet may play these three bars down the octave with the other trumpets. There should be a very gradual crescendo throughout **G** as the line rises.

The style of the alto solo at **H** is somewhat classical and straight and should be played as written. The accompanying saxophones should be soft, but diminuendo and crescendo slightly as their lines rise and fall.

At **J** the flugelhorn solo and piano should feel free to improvise as Ellington and Clark Terry were improvising. **N** is the same as **G**. The ensemble should explode at **O** and **P** for the shout chorus. If the trumpet parts are too high in the 10th and 11th measure of **P**, have each player play the next note lower in the chord and give the 4th trumpet the 1st part down the octave.

Keep in mind that there should be a light feel, a lilt, to this piece. This will come from the drummer playing lightly and the horns playing softly with accents. Ellington said that he suspected that Lady Macbeth "had a little ragtime in her soul."

Notes on playing Ellington, Glossary and Rehearsal Notes written by David Berger.

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LADY MAC

from "Such Sweet Thunder"

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Medium Jazz Waltz ♩ = 120

A

Reeds 1 Alto Sax

2 Alto Sax

3 Tenor Sax

4 Tenor Sax

5 Baritone Sax

Trumpets 1

2

3

4

Trombones 1

2

3

Piano

Bass

Drums

Sticks on HH

Solo

mf

F B \flat 7 F C7 F D7+9 G7 C7

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Lady Mac

B

This page contains the musical score for rehearsal mark B of the piece "Lady Mac". The score is arranged for a large ensemble and includes the following parts:

- Vocalists:** Alto (two staves), Tenor (two staves), and Bari (one staff).
- Trumpets:** Four staves labeled Tpts. 1, 2, 3, and 4.
- Trombones:** Three staves labeled Tbns. 1, 2, and 3.
- Piano (Pno.):** Two staves showing a complex accompaniment with various chords and melodic lines.
- Bass:** One staff with a simple bass line.
- Drums (Drs.):** One staff with a drum pattern.

The score is marked with a large red watermark that reads "Preview Only" and "Legal Use Requires Purchase". The rehearsal mark "B" is indicated in a box above the first staff. The piano part includes chord markings: F7, Bb, Bm7-5, F/C, Bb, Dm7/A, and Gm7. There are also fingering numbers (3, 5, 6) and a triplet marking (+ 3) in the piano part.

Lady Mac

C

The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral layout. The vocal parts (Alto, Tenor, Bari) feature a melodic line with triplets and a dynamic marking of *f*. The piano part includes a complex rhythmic pattern in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, with a 5-measure rest in the first measure. The bass part provides a steady accompaniment. The drum part includes a triplet and a 'Ride crown' pattern. The score is overlaid with a large red watermark that reads 'Preview Only - Legal Use Requires Purchase'.

Lady Mac

The musical score for 'Lady Mac' is arranged for a full band and vocal ensemble. It consists of the following parts:

- Vocalists:** Alto (two parts), Tenor (two parts), and Bari (Baritone).
- Brass:** Trumpets (Tpts. 1-4) and Trombones (Tbns. 1-3).
- Piano (Pno.):** Includes chord symbols: F, D7⁹/₅, G7, C7, F7, B^b, and Bm7-5.
- Bass (Bass):** Features a triplet figure in the first measure.
- Drums (Drs.):** Shows a simple drum pattern with slashes indicating rhythmic notation.

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Lady Mac

D

The musical score for 'Lady Mac' is arranged for a full band and vocal ensemble. The vocal parts (Alto, Tenor, Bari) feature a melodic line with eighth-note patterns and accents. The brass section (Trumpets 1-4 and Trombones 1-3) provides harmonic support with sustained notes and rhythmic patterns. The piano part includes a bass line and chords, with a specific voicing for the 8^{va} register. The bass part features a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The drum part includes a snare drum pattern with triplets and a ride cymbal pattern.

Chord progression: F/C, 8^{va}, Bb, Dm7/A, Gm7, F, C7, F.

Drum notation: + 3, + 3, + Ride crown +

Lady Mac

E

This musical score is for the piece 'Lady Mac' and is page 6 of a larger work. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The score is arranged for a large ensemble, including vocalists and instrumentalists. The vocal parts consist of two Alto voices, two Tenor voices, and one Bari (Baritone) voice. The instrumental parts include four Trumpets (Tpts.), three Trombones (Tbns.), Piano (Pno.), Bass, and Drums (Drs.). The piano part includes chord symbols: F, Bb7, F, C7, F, D7+5, G7, and C7. The drum part features a specific rhythmic pattern in the first measure, indicated by a '+' sign above a triplet of eighth notes, followed by a slash indicating a repeating pattern. A large, diagonal red watermark reading 'Preview Only - Legal Use Requires Purchase' is overlaid across the entire page.

Lady Mac

F

The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral layout. It includes parts for Alto (two staves), Tenor (two staves), Bari (one staff), Tpts. 1-4 (four staves), Tbns. 1-3 (three staves), Pno. (grand staff), Bass (one staff), and Drs. (one staff). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. A large red watermark reading "Preview Only" is overlaid diagonally across the score. A box containing the letter "F" is located at the top left of the first staff. The piano part includes chord symbols: F, C7/F, F7-9, Bb, Bm7-5, F, C7sus4, and F/C. The drum part includes a triplet of eighth notes in the first measure.

Lady Mac

G

This musical score is for the piece 'Lady Mac'. It includes parts for vocalists (Alto, Tenor, Bari), a brass section (Trumpets 1-4, Trombones 1-3), piano, bass, and drums. The score is written in a key with one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. A large red watermark is overlaid diagonally across the page, reading 'Preview Only - Legal Use Requires Purchase'. The piano part features triplets in the first few measures. The bass part includes fretting diagrams for triplets. The drum part is marked with a slash, indicating a specific drum pattern. The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines.

Lady Mac

H

The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral format. It includes the following parts:

- Vocalists:** Alto, Tenor, and Bari. The Alto part features a solo section starting in the fifth measure.
- Brass:** Trumpets (Tpts. 1-4) and Trombones (Tbns. 1-3).
- Piano (Pno.):** Includes a melodic line and a bass line. Chord symbols are provided above the staff: F, D7, G7, C7, F, B°, C7, F. The instruction "loco" is written below the first measure.
- Bass:** A single bass line.
- Drums (Drs.):** A drum set part with various rhythmic patterns and rests.

Dynamic markings include *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *p* (piano). A large red watermark "Legal Use Requires Purchase" is overlaid diagonally across the score.

Lady Mac

I

The musical score for 'Lady Mac' includes the following parts:

- Vocalists:** Alto (two staves), Tenor (two staves), and Bari (one staff).
- Brass:** Trumpets (Tpts. 1-4) and Trombones (Tbns. 1-3).
- Piano (Pno.):** Accompanying piano part with chord symbols: B^b, Gm/F, B^b, C[#]°, Dm7, C[#]°, Dm7, Bm7-5, C[#]°, Dm7, G7, F[#]°.
- Bass:** Bass line with triplets and accents.
- Drums (Drs.):** Drum set notation with triplets and accents.

J

Alto

Alto

Tenor

Tenor

Bari.

Tpts. 1

2

3

4

Tbns. 1

2

3

Pno.

Bass

Drs.

mf

mp

mp

mp

Flugel - Solo

D7

G

C7

G

D7-5

G7

Dm7/G

C7/G

F#°

C7

F6

Bb7

F6

C7-5

(Still in one)

3

3

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This musical score is for the piece 'Lady Mac' and is arranged for a large ensemble. The score includes the following parts:

- Vocalists:** Alto (two staves), Tenor (two staves), and Bari (one staff).
- Woodwinds:** Flugelhorn (one staff).
- Brass:** Tbn. 1, 2, 3 (three staves); Pno. (Piano, two staves); Bass (one staff).
- Drums:** Drs. (one staff).

The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into measures, with various musical notations including notes, rests, and accidentals. A large red watermark reading 'Preview Only' is overlaid diagonally across the page. Chord symbols are provided for the Flugelhorn and Piano parts.

Flugelhorn Chords: G, E7, A7, D7sus4, G, D#7-5, C, C#m7-5.

Piano Chords: F6, D7, G7, C7sus4, F6, B7-5, Bb6, Bm7-5.

Drum Notation: The first measure shows a specific drum pattern with a '+' sign above the first two notes and a '3' above the next two notes, indicating a triplet. Subsequent measures contain a slash symbol, likely representing a cymbal or a specific drum sound.

K

The musical score for 'Lady Mac' is arranged for a full band and vocalists. The score includes the following parts:

- Vocalists:** Alto (two staves), Tenor (two staves), and Bari (one staff).
- Brass:** Trumpets 1 & 2 (two staves), and Trombones 1, 2, & 3 (three staves).
- Woodwinds:** Flute (Flug) (one staff).
- Piano:** Piano (Pno) (two staves).
- Bass:** Bass (one staff).
- Drums:** Drums (Drs) (one staff).

The score features a large red watermark that reads "Preview! Only Legal Use Requires Purchase" diagonally across the page. The music is in the key of G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The piano part includes the following chord changes: F/C, Bb, F/A, Gm7, F, C7sus4, F, and F/C. The flute part includes the following chord changes: G/D, C, G/B, Am7, G, D7sus4, and G. The bass part includes a triplet of eighth notes in the first measure.

L

The musical score for 'Lady Mac' is arranged for a full orchestra and vocal ensemble. The vocal parts include Alto, Tenor, and Bari, with dynamic markings of *mp* and *p*. The woodwind section features a Flute (Flug) with a melodic line and various ornaments, including a triplet and a grace note. The brass section consists of Trumpets (Tpts) and Trombones (Tbns). The piano (Pno) part provides harmonic support with chords such as F, B^o, Cm7, F7, Bbmaj7, Bb6/F, Bbmaj7, and C#^o. The bass part includes a triplet and a grace note. The drum part (Drs) features a triplet and a grace note.

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M

The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral layout. It includes the following parts:

- Vocalists:** Alto (top two staves), Tenor (middle two staves), and Bari (bottom staff). The vocal lines are primarily whole and half notes, with some eighth-note passages in the final measure. Dynamics include *mp*.
- Woodwinds:** Flugelhorn (Flug.) with a melodic line in the final measure, accompanied by a bass line. Chord symbols above the staff include Em7, D#°, Em7, A7, A7, A7sus4, A7-9, and D7.
- Brass:** Trumpets (Tpts. 1 & 2) and Trombones (Tbns. 1, 2, & 3) are present but have no notation on this page.
- Piano (Pno.):** Provides harmonic support with chords Dm7, C#°, Dm7, G7, and C7. An 8va dynamic marking is present in the final measure.
- Bass:** Provides a steady bass line with some triplet markings.
- Drums (Drs.):** Indicated by a drum set icon and slash marks, suggesting a consistent rhythmic pattern.

N

The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral layout. It includes the following parts:

- Vocalists:** Alto (two staves), Tenor (two staves), and Bari (one staff). The vocal lines are in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).
- Brass:** Trumpets (Tpts. 1 and 2), Flugel (Flug. 4), and Trombones (Tbns. 1, 2, and 3). The Flugel part includes performance instructions: "to Tpt." at the beginning, "Tpt." in the middle, and "to Flugel" at the end.
- Piano (Pno.):** Features a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. Chord symbols F, D7, G7, and C7sus4 are indicated above the staff. A "loco" marking is present under the first measure of the piano's right-hand part.
- Bass:** A single staff in bass clef providing a steady accompaniment.
- Drums (Drs.):** A single staff in bass clef with a drum set notation.

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Lady Mac

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The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral layout. It includes five vocal staves (Alto, Tenor, Bari), four trumpet staves (Tpts. 1-4), three trombone staves (Tbns. 1-3), piano (Pno.), bass, and drums (Drs.). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The score is marked with a circled 'O' at the beginning. A large red watermark 'Legal Use Requires Purchase' is overlaid diagonally across the page. The piano part includes chord symbols: F, B9, F, C7+5, F, D7+5, G9, and C7sus4. The drum part shows a pattern of eighth notes with a triplet of eighth notes in the first measure.

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This musical score is for the piece 'Lady Mac' and is arranged for a full band and vocal ensemble. The score is written in the key of D major and 4/4 time. It features the following parts:

- Vocalists:** Alto, Tenor, and Bari. The vocal lines consist of eighth and quarter notes, often with rests, and include some melisma-like flourishes.
- Woodwinds:** Four Trumpets (Tpts. 1-4) and three Trombones (Tbns. 1-3). The woodwinds play a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes, often in triplets, with some melodic lines in the later measures.
- Piano (Pno.):** Provides harmonic support with chords and arpeggiated figures. Chords include F, F7, Bb, B°, F, Bb, F/A, and Gm7.
- Bass:** Plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment.
- Drums (Drs.):** Features a simple drum pattern with a snare and hi-hat, including a 'Crash' and 'HH' (hi-hat) notation.

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This musical score is for the piece 'Lady Mac' and is arranged for a full orchestra and vocal ensemble. The score is written in the key of D major and 3/4 time. It includes parts for five vocalists (Alto, Tenor, and Bari), four Trumpets (Tpts. 1-4), three Trombones (Tbns. 1-3), Piano (Pno.), Bass, and Drums (Drs.). The vocal parts feature a melodic line with a crescendo leading to a fortissimo (ff) section. The instrumental parts provide harmonic support, with the piano part including a triplet and a C7+5/F chord. The bass and drums parts are also marked with crescendo and fortissimo. A large red watermark 'Preview Only' is overlaid diagonally across the score, and the text 'Legal Use Requires Purchase' is written in a smaller font below it.

ESSENTIALLY ELLINGTON

The *Essentially Ellington* High School Jazz Band Program (*EE*) is one of the most unique curriculum resources for high school jazz bands in the United States, Canada, and American schools abroad. *EE* extends the legacy of Duke Ellington and other seminal big band composers and arrangers by widely disseminating music, in its original arrangements, to high school musicians for study and performance. Utilizing this music challenges students to increase their musical proficiency and knowledge of the jazz language. *EE* consists of the following initiatives and services:

Supplying the Music: Each year Jazz at Lincoln Center (JALC) transcribes, publishes, and distributes original transcriptions and arrangements, along with additional educational materials including recordings and teaching guides, to high school bands in the U.S., Canada, and American schools abroad.

Talking about the Music: Throughout the school year, band directors and students correspond with professional clinicians who answer questions regarding the *EE* music. *EE* strives to foster mentoring relationships through email correspondence, various conference presentations, and the festival weekend.

Sharing Experiences: Students are encouraged to enter an essay contest by writing about an experience they have had with jazz music. The first place winner earns the honor of naming a seat in Frederick P. Rose Hall, the home of Jazz at Lincoln Center.

Professional Feedback: Bands are invited to submit a recording of their performance of the charts either for entry in the competition or for comments only. Every submission receives a thorough written assessment. Bands are also invited to attend *EE* Regional Festivals for an opportunity to perform and receive a workshop.

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Finalists and In-School Workshops: Fifteen bands are selected from competition entries to attend the annual Competition & Festival in New York City. To prepare, each finalist band receives an in-school workshop led by a professional musician. Local *EE* members are also invited to attend these workshops.

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Band Director Academy: This professional development session for band directors is designed to enhance their ability to teach and conduct the music of Duke Ellington and other big band composers. Led by prominent jazz educators each summer, this companion program to *EE* integrates performance, history, pedagogy, and discussion into an intensive educational experience for band directors at all levels.

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