

Christmas Tree Ride

TRADITIONAL

Arranged by VICTOR LÓPEZ

INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor	1st Trombone
1st E \flat Alto Saxophone	2nd Trombone (Optional)
2nd E \flat Alto Saxophone	Guitar Chords
1st B \flat Tenor Saxophone	Guitar (Optional)
2nd B \flat Tenor Saxophone (Optional)	Piano
1st B \flat Trumpet	Bass
2nd B \flat Trumpet (Optional)	Drums

Optional/Alternate Parts

1st C Flute
2nd C Flute
1st B \flat Clarinet
2nd B \flat Clarinet
E \flat Baritone Saxophone
Auxiliary Percussion (Shaker, Sleigh Bells)
Vibraphone
Tuba (Doubles Bass)
Horn in F (Doubles 1st Trombone)
Baritone Horn T.C./B \flat Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 1st Trombone)

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NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Christmas trees are harvested and transported to various destinations, often many miles away from their growing fields. Many times the trees are transported via helicopter—hence the title “Christmas Tree Ride.” The arrangement is based on the traditional carol “O Christmas Tree,” or “O Tannenbaum.”

This chart is written in a bossa nova style throughout except for mm. 29–36, which is written in a $\frac{3}{4}$ jazz waltz style. A simple explanation of these two styles may be necessary if the ensemble is fairly young. You could direct students to research the two meters and styles for further discussion.

Measures 1–12 serve as an extended introduction that sets up the relaxed bossa nova groove.

If time permits, consider rehearsing the rhythm section first to establish the bossa feel, and then add the winds. Make certain the dynamic markings are followed carefully and that all players begin and finish the *crescendos* and *diminuendos* together.

The jazz waltz feel at m. 29 should have a relaxed flow. Hopefully the meter change to $\frac{3}{4}$ will not cause any conceptual difficulties, as it flows well. Regarding articulation, *staccato* notes should not be played too short; avoid clipping or chopping the notes. The *marcato*, or rooftop, accents are detached and accented with full value—think “daht.”

At m. 47, during the alto saxophone solo, keep the backgrounds dynamically under the soloist. Although improvisation is always encouraged, a suggested solo has been written for the inexperienced player.

The *tutti/unison* section follows the alto solo and starts at m. 63. The ensemble should focus on blend and balance, and each player should strive to listen to his or her section and the entire ensemble.

Ride on!

—Victor López



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Victor López is a highly acclaimed educator, composer, arranger, and adjudicator. He holds music degrees from the University of Florida and Florida International University, with an Ed.D. in Educational Administration and Supervision. He has served as director of bands at the middle and senior high school levels and as an administrator in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools. He has recorded and performed with various artists and has appeared in numerous music videos. He has over 450 compositions/arrangements published as an exclusive composer, arranger and clinician for Alfred Music.

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CHRISTMAS TREE RIDE

Traditional
Arranged by Victor López (ASCAP)

BOSSA NOVA ♩ = 132

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

H.H.

FILL TOMS

1 2 3 4 5 6

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CHRISTMAS TREE RIDE

This musical score is for the piece "Christmas Tree Ride" and is page 2 of a 14-page set. It is arranged for a conductor and a full orchestra. The instruments included are Flute 1 and 2, Clarinet 1 and 2, Alto 1 and 2, Tenor 1 and 2, Trumpet 1 and 2, Trombone 1 and 2, Guitar, Piano, Bass, and Drums. The score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat major or D minor). A large red watermark "Legal Use Requires Purchase" is overlaid diagonally across the page. The conductor part is at the top, followed by the woodwinds, brass, guitar, piano, bass, and drums. The guitar part includes chord diagrams and specific chord names: E^b6/9, F^b6/9, C13(b9), Fmaj9, A^b6/9, D^bmaj9, G^b13(#11), F^bmaj7, and Gm7. The piano part shows a rhythmic accompaniment with chords. The bass part provides a steady bass line. The drums part features a consistent pattern with some variations, including a "Toms" section starting at measure 12. Measure numbers 7 through 14 are indicated at the bottom of the page.

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CHRISTMAS TREE RIDE

This musical score is for the piece "Christmas Tree Ride" and is page 3 of the conductor's edition. It features a variety of instruments and a conductor's part. The instruments include Flute 1 and 2, Clarinet 1 and 2, Alto 1 and 2, Tenor 1 and 2, Trumpet 1 and 2, Trombone 1 and 2, Guitar, Piano, Bass, and Drums. The score is written in 4/4 time and includes a key signature of one flat (Bb). A large red watermark "Preview Requires Purchase" is overlaid diagonally across the page. The conductor's part is at the top, followed by the woodwinds, brass, guitar, piano, bass, and drums. The guitar part includes chord diagrams for Am7, D7(b9), Gmi7, C7(b9), Fmi9, Ab6, Dmi9, Gb13(#11), Fmi7, and Gmi7. The drums part includes a tom-tom section marked "Toms" starting at measure 20. Measure numbers 15 through 22 are indicated at the bottom of the page.

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CHRISTMAS TREE RIDE

25 WALTZ STYLE (ONE FEEL) (♩=♩)

Musical score for CONDUCTOR, featuring parts for FLUTE 1, FLUTE 2, CLAR. 1, CLAR. 2, ALTO 1, ALTO 2, TENOR 1, TENOR 2, TRP. 1, TRP. 2, TBN. 1, TBN. 2, GTR., PNO., BASS, and DRUMS. The score includes a large red watermark: "Preview Only! Legal use requires purchase".

Chord progression for GTR.:

- 23: Am7
- 24: E9(11)
- 25: D7(b9)
- 26: Gm7
- 27: C7(b9)
- 28: F#9
- 29: C13(b9)
- 30: Fmaj7
- 30: D7/F#

Drum notation includes "Toms" at measure 28.

Measure numbers: 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

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37 BOSSA NOVA (♩=♩)

CHRISTMAS TREE RIDE

This musical score is for the piece "CHRISTMAS TREE RIDE" and is page 5 of the conductor's edition. It features a variety of instruments including Flute 1 & 2, Clarinet 1 & 2, Alto 1 & 2, Tenor 1 & 2, Trumpet 1 & 2, Trombone 1 & 2, Guitar, Piano, Bass, and Drums. The score is in 4/4 time and includes a key signature change from one sharp (F#) to one flat (Bb) at measure 37. A tempo change to "BOSSA NOVA" is indicated at measure 37, with a note that the quarter note equals the quarter note (♩=♩). The conductor's part is at the top, and the instrument parts follow. A large red watermark "Preview Only" is overlaid diagonally across the page. Measure numbers 31 through 38 are printed at the bottom of the page.

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CHRISTMAS TREE RIDE

47

FLUTE 1

FLUTE 2

CLAR. 1

CLAR. 2

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54

Chords: Dmaj7, Em7, F#m7, B7(b9), Em7, A7(b9), Dmaj7, F#m7, Gmi7, Am7, D7(b9), Gmi7, C7(b9), F#m7, Gb, Ab

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CHRISTMAS TREE RIDE

FLUTE 1

FLUTE 2

CLAR. 1

CLAR. 2

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62

END OF SOLO

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Chord symbols: Dmi7, Emi7, F#mi7, C9(#11), B9, Emi7, A7(b9), Dmi9, F#9, Bmi9, Eb9(#11)

Chord symbols: Fmi7, Gmi7, Ami7, Eb9(#11), D9, Gmi7, C7(b9), Fmi9, Ab9, Dmi9, Gb9(#11)

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CHRISTMAS TREE RIDE

63 Tutti/UNISON

FLUTE 1

FLUTE 2

CLAR. 1

CLAR. 2

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

GTR. Fmaj7 Gm7 Am7 D7(b9) Gm7 C7(b9) Fmaj7 D^b G^b

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70



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CHRISTMAS TREE RIDE

71

FLUTE 1

FLUTE 2

CLAR. 1

CLAR. 2

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78

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CHRISTMAS TREE RIDE

79

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

79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86

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CHRISTMAS TREE RIDE

Musical score for 'CHRISTMAS TREE RIDE' featuring various instruments and a conductor part. The score includes parts for Flute 1 & 2, Clarinet 1 & 2, Alto 1 & 2, Tenor 1 & 2, Trumpet 1 & 2, Trombone 1 & 2, Guitar, Piano, Bass, and Drums. The conductor part is marked with measure numbers 87 through 95. A large red watermark 'Preview Only Requires Purchase' is overlaid diagonally across the page.

Handwritten guitar chords are present above the guitar staff:

- 87: Fmaj7
- 88: Gmi7
- 89: Ami7
- 90: Eb9(11)
- 91: D9
- 92: Gmi7
- 93: C7(b9)
- 94: F6
- 95: Eb6

Measure numbers 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, and 95 are indicated at the bottom of the page.

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