



# Bons Sonhos, Maestro

Sweet Dreams, Maestro

MICHELE FERNÁNDEZ

## Instrumentation

Full Score	1
Alto Saxophone 1	1
Alto Saxophone 2	1
Tenor Saxophone 1	1
Tenor Saxophone 2	1
Baritone Saxophone	1
Trumpet 1	1
Trumpet 2	1
Trumpet 3	1
Trumpet 4	1
Trombone 1	1
Trombone 2	1
Trombone 3	1
Trombone 4	1
Guitar	1
Piano	1
Bass	1
Drums	1
Vibraphone/Flute (optional)	1
Auxiliary Percussion	1
Wind Chimes, Triangle, Suspended Cymbal, Shaker	



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## About the Composer



Michele Fernández is an active guest clinician/conductor, adjudicator, instrumental music composer and performer. Her compositions have been premiered at Midwest, IAJE and Regional Honor/All-State venues. Most recently she is publishing original works for jazz ensemble through Excelcia, Hal Leonard, JW Pepper, Print Music Source and also serves as a staff composer for the “Jazz Zone” book/music library series (authored by J. Richard Dunscomb).

Michele frequently serves as a guest clinician/conductor for Regional and All-state groups and honors Jazz/Symphonic groups. She has appeared as a Midwest Clinic lecturer on rehearsal techniques ('07 & '16), as well as being frequent FMEA Conference lecturer, clinician for Clark College Annual Festival (WA), and holds a yearly clinician/conductor position for FSU summer camps. Michele is a sponsored Hal Leonard clinician, HAPCO Foundation staff clinician and in the past has also served as guest clinician/conductor/guest lecturer for various universities, including UNCo, UNT, UM Frost, UF and others. She is also a recent co-founder of “Your Jazz Education Connection” consulting, along with J. Richard Dunscomb, providing both in-person and virtual guidance for educators and their students on various topics.

Michele recently retired from full-time teaching after serving Florida’s public education system full-time since 1989, where her Miami Senior High ensembles consistently earned top honors and gained international acclaim. Her groups have been selected for appearances at the Midwest Clinic (Chicago '93 & '98), IAJE (Boston '94 & NYC '97), Montreux Jazz Festival (Switzerland '96), FMEA Conference (Tampa '94 & '97) and have been featured in several national publications. Michele has been the subject of a documentary spot on “CBS Sunday Morning”, was featured as the cover story in Band Director’s Guide and featured as an outstanding educator in Downbeat Magazine. In the past, Michele has also taught Exceptional Student Ed, HS English and tutored Chemistry. She is an active oboist and percussionist in the Miami area and spent several years as a pianist and rhythm section member of a busy local Latin ensemble.

## Bons Sohños, Maestro Sweet Dreams, Maestro

Sometimes a person you barely know plants a seed that does not sprout its first bud until much later. This piece was begun on the day after a dear friend and mentor passed away. Rodester Brandon was a prolific director in Florida who ignited thousands of students to strive to reach their potential. When I was only 16, he visited our band room, pulled me aside to talk after the clinic (we were both double reed players). He told me I should forget my law school plans. “You’re a musician!” A few years later I did exactly that when my HS principal called me out the blue just before my college graduation to offer me a job as a director at my same high school. In the years that followed, Rodester came by on occasion to clinic my groups, and even conducted my own daughter (principal flute) in various high schools community honor groups. The morning I read that Rodester lost his battle with cancer 2021, I got up silently and started writing. No plan: it just flowed. Into a piece that blended two composers he had cited to me during two conversations (30 years apart), and so Chopin’s Prelude #4 is set as the background to a haunting Trombone melody and an accompaniment tapestry reminiscent of Antonio Carlos Jobim. This piece is a dreamy Samba that holds compassion, hope, an igniting (and yes, even demanding) drive, and joviality- before winding down into peace and tranquility. A life well lived. Listen to the quiet seeds of encouragement that well-intentioned people may sprinkle at your feet, because sometimes, they can see things in us that we yet cannot. When they have finally left us, it might be too late to tell them that you remembered those seeds. Well... maybe not.

### Rehearsal Notes to the Conductor

1. Drummer must observe the 2-bar SAMBA pattern written in the part. A straight Bossa pattern should be avoided, as this would clash with samba patterns written in the horns.
2. The Piano MUST play “as written” solo sections as such. No improv. Those written lines are key to the musical tapestry.
3. Accents in the winds should be ignored and simply “imagined”. To play them as accents would render the piece too harshly articulated. It must flow effortlessly, like a gentle brook, or a paper airplane gliding across a room.
4. Saxes must use an extreme warm, straight tone with absolutely no bending or scooping, except where specifically written.
5. Phrasing and expression is key. Crescendos rise from nothingness and decrescendos fade into the same.
6. Staccatos should be played gently as a “dih” (not an “dit”), with a “fluffy” lift.
7. Avoid using congas. Auxillary percussion should use the instruments indicated. The aux. perc. is vital to the spiritual effect of this piece and if there is no extra perc but an extra wind player, they should cover the aux perc part with the instruments noted. If a third percussionist is present, bongo may be used with eighth note patterns that mimic the Drum set’s crosstick pattern.



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Full Score

# Bons Sohnos, Maestro

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MICHELE FERNÁNDEZ

Samba ballad  $\text{♩} = 62 - 68$

Always smoothly, warm tone

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The musical score is arranged for a full band. The instruments and their parts are as follows:

- Saxophones:** Alto Sax 1 & 2, Tenor Sax 1 & 2, Baritone Sax. Tenor Sax 1 has a C-clef and a fermata.
- Trumpets:** Trumpet 1, 2, 3, 4. Trumpets 1 and 3 have C-clefs and fermatas.
- Trombones:** Trombone 1, 2, 3, 4. Trombone 2 has a C-clef and a fermata.
- Other Instruments:** Vibes/Flute, Guitar, Piano, Bass, Drum Set, Percussion (Wind Chimes).

Key performance instructions include "Solo (as written, smoothly)" for Trombone 1 and "Accents gently, staccatos lightly" for the Guitar. Chord progressions for the guitar and bass include Fm, Bdim, C7, Fm, Bdim, Fm, Fm, Gm7b5, and Gdim. The score is divided into 8 measures.

Bons Sohns, Maestro - Full Score

13

A. Sx. 1  
A. Sx. 2  
T. Sx. 1  
T. Sx. 2  
B. Sx.  
Tpt. 1  
Tpt. 2  
Tpt. 3  
Tpt. 4  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
Tbn. 3  
Tbn. 4  
Vibes  
Gtr.  
Pno.  
Bass  
Drums  
Perc.

Bons Sohns, Maestro - Full Score

21

A. Sx. 1  
A. Sx. 2  
T. Sx. 1  
T. Sx. 2  
B. Sx.  
Tpt. 1  
Tpt. 2  
Tpt. 3  
Tpt. 4  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
Tbn. 3  
Tbn. 4  
Vibes  
Gtr.  
Pno.  
Bass  
Drums  
Perc.

Flugelhorn

Chord progression: Eb7, Eb9, Ebdim7, Dbmaj7#5, Bbm, C7sus, C7, Bbm6

With Tbn.

Fill

Bons Sohns, Maestro - Full Score

29

A. Sx. 1  
A. Sx. 2  
T. Sx. 1  
T. Sx. 2  
B. Sx.  
Tpt. 1  
Tpt. 2  
Tpt. 3  
Tpt. 4  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
Tbn. 3  
Tbn. 4  
Vibes  
Gtr.  
Pno.  
Bass  
Drums  
Perc.

Chord progression: C7, Bbm6, C+7(#9), Fm, Gm7b5, C7#9, Fminadd9, Gm7b5, C7b5.

Performance instructions: No trill, Fill, Triangle.

Bons Sohns, Maestro - Full Score

33

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

- String section: A. Sx. 1, A. Sx. 2, T. Sx. 1, T. Sx. 2, B. Sx.
- Woodwinds: Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2, Tpt. 3, Tpt. 4, Tbn. 1, Tbn. 2, Tbn. 3, Tbn. 4.
- Vibes
- Gtr.
- Pno.
- Bass
- Drums
- Perc.

The score spans measures 33 to 40. A large diagonal watermark 'Preview Only Publishing' is overlaid across the center of the page. The percussion part includes a 'Fill' in measure 39 and 'Sus Cym.' in measure 40.

(optional notes)

A. Sax. 1  
 A. Sax. 2  
 T. Sax. 1  
 T. Sax. 2  
 B. Sax.  
 Tpt. 1  
 Tpt. 2  
 Tpt. 3  
 Tpt. 4  
 Tbn. 1  
 Tbn. 2  
 Tbn. 3  
 Tbn. 4  
 Vibes  
 Gtr.  
 Pno.  
 Bass  
 Drums  
 Perc.

Chord progression for Gtr., Pno., and Bass:  
 C7sus4 C7b9 Abmaj7#5 Fm Bbm9 Bbm6 C7sus Bbm6 C7sus Bbm6 C7sus Bbm6 C7sus Bbm6 C7sus C7

Measure numbers: 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48



Bons Sohns, Maestro - Full Score

This musical score is for the piece "Bons Sohns, Maestro" and spans measures 49 to 56. The instrumentation includes:

- Strings:** A. Sx. 1 & 2, T. Sx. 1 & 2, B. Sx.
- Woodwinds:** Tpt. 1, 2, 3, 4; Tbn. 1, 2, 3, 4; Vibes.
- Brass:** Gtr. (Guitar), Bass.
- Percussion:** Pno. (Piano), Drums, Triangle.

The score features a variety of musical notations, including melodic lines, harmonic accompaniment, and dynamic markings. A large watermark "Excelcia Music Publishing" is overlaid diagonally across the page. Chord symbols are provided for the guitar and bass parts, including  $D^b$ ,  $C7sus$ ,  $Fm$ ,  $D^b7$ , and  $C7$ . A "Solo (as written)" instruction is present above the piano part in measure 50. The page number "9" is located in the top right corner, and the score identifier "ZJE2301FS" is in the bottom left corner.

A. Sx. 1  
A. Sx. 2  
T. Sx. 1  
T. Sx. 2  
B. Sx.  
Tpt. 1  
Tpt. 2  
Tpt. 3  
Tpt. 4  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
Tbn. 3  
Tbn. 4  
Vibes  
Gtr.  
Pno.  
Bass  
Drums  
Perc.

Solo (as written or ad lib)  
Fmadd2  
C7  
C7b9  
Eb6  
F7b9#5  
Fminadd9  
Fmadd2  
C7(#5)  
C7b9  
Solo (as written)  
Fminadd9  
Fmadd2  
C7(#5)  
C7b9  
Eb6  
F7b9  
Ride Cym.  
Shaker

Bons Sohns, Maestro - Full Score

This musical score page includes parts for the following instruments: A. Sax. 1 & 2, T. Sax. 1 & 2, B. Sax., Tpt. 1-4, Tbn. 1-4, Vibes, Gtr., Pno., Bass, Drums, and Perc. The score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats. A large, diagonal watermark reading 'Excelsia Music Publishing' is overlaid across the center of the page. The bottom of the page features a measure grid with measure numbers 65 through 72.

A. Sax. 1  
 A. Sax. 2  
 T. Sax. 1  
 T. Sax. 2  
 B. Sax.  
 Tpt. 1  
 Tpt. 2  
 Tpt. 3  
 Tpt. 4  
 Tbn. 1  
 Tbn. 2  
 Tbn. 3  
 Tbn. 4  
 Vibes  
 Gtr.  
 Pno.  
 Bass  
 Drums  
 Perc.

Chord symbols: C7b9#5, C7b9, Fminadd9, Fmadd2, C7, Ebdim, Ebm, F7b9#5.

Performance instructions: Solo continues (or second soloist), Optional solo, Fill, Triangle.

A. Sax. 1  
A. Sax. 2  
T. Sax. 1  
T. Sax. 2  
B. Sax.  
Tpt. 1  
Tpt. 2  
Tpt. 3  
Tpt. 4  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
Tbn. 3  
Tbn. 4  
Vibes  
Gtr.  
Pno.  
Bass  
Drums  
Perc.

Chord progression: Bbm9, Bbm7, G#, C7b9#5, C7, Fmadd2, Dbmaj7, Gbmaj7, G#

As Written

Bons Sohns, Maestro - Full Score

91 Funky samba feel (in 2)

A. Sax. 1  
 A. Sax. 2  
 T. Sax. 1  
 T. Sax. 2  
 B. Sax.  
 Tpt. 1  
 Tpt. 2  
 Tpt. 3  
 Tpt. 4  
 Tbn. 1  
 Tbn. 2  
 Tbn. 3  
 Tbn. 4  
 Vibes  
 Gtr.  
 Pno.  
 Bass  
 Drums  
 Perc.

Chord symbols: C7b9, C7b9, Fmadd2, C7, C7b9, Ebm6, F7b9#5, F7#5.

Performance instructions: Solo (as written), Fill.

Bons Sohns, Maestro - Full Score

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103

A full score for the piece "Bons Sohns, Maestro". The score is arranged for a large ensemble. The instruments listed on the left are: A. Sax. 1, A. Sax. 2, T. Sax. 1, T. Sax. 2, B. Sax., Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2, Tpt. 3, Tpt. 4, Tbn. 1, Tbn. 2, Tbn. 3, Tbn. 4, Vibes, Gtr., Pno., Bass, Drums, and Perc. The score is written in 4/4 time and features a variety of musical notations, including melodic lines, harmonic accompaniment, and rhythmic patterns. A large watermark "Excelcia Music Publishing" is overlaid diagonally across the score. The page number "15" is in the top right corner. Measure numbers 99 and 103 are highlighted in boxes at the top of the page.

107 111

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx. 1

T. Sx. 2

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tbn. 4

Vibes

Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Drums

Perc.

Solo (with Piano)

Solo (as written)

Solo (as written)

Shaker

PEO.



Bons Sohns, Maestro - Full Score

115

A full orchestral score for 'Bons Sohns, Maestro'. The score is arranged in a standard orchestral layout with the following parts from top to bottom: A. Sx. 1 & 2, T. Sx. 1 & 2, B. Sx., Tpt. 1, 2, 3, & 4, Tbn. 1, 2, 3, & 4, Vibes, Gtr., Pno., Bass, Drums, and Perc. The music is in 3/4 time and features complex rhythmic patterns, including triplets and sixteenth-note runs. A large diagonal watermark 'EXCERPTIA Music Publishing' is overlaid across the score. Chord symbols for guitar are provided: Fmadd2, Gm7b5, and Gb7b5. Performance instructions include 'As written' and 'With ensemble'.

122 126

A. Sax. 1  
A. Sax. 2  
T. Sax. 1  
T. Sax. 2  
B. Sax.  
Tpt. 1  
Tpt. 2  
Tpt. 3  
Tpt. 4  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
Tbn. 3  
Tbn. 4  
Vibes  
Gtr.  
Pno.  
Bass  
Drums  
Perc.

Chord symbols: C7sus, D7b9, C7sus, C7b9, Solo

Triangle

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Bons Sohns, Maestro - Full Score

130

135

A. Sx. 1  
 A. Sx. 2  
 T. Sx. 1  
 T. Sx. 2  
 B. Sx.  
 Tpt. 1  
 Tpt. 2  
 Tpt. 3  
 Tpt. 4  
 Tbn. 1  
 Tbn. 2  
 Tbn. 3  
 Tbn. 4  
 Vibes  
 Gtr.  
 Pno.  
 Bass  
 Drums  
 Perc.

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 Soli, "straight" blend warmly (no scoops)  
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 Soli, "straight" blend warmly (no scoops)  
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 Soli, "straight" blend warmly (no scoops)

F Fm D $\flat$ 9  
 C7sus C7 Fminadd9

This page contains the musical score for measures 136 through 143. The instruments are arranged as follows:

- Woodwinds:** A. Sax. 1, A. Sax. 2, T. Sax. 1, T. Sax. 2, B. Sax., Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2, Tpt. 3, Tpt. 4, Tbn. 1, Tbn. 2, Tbn. 3, Tbn. 4.
- Strings:** Vibes, Gtr., Pno., Bass.
- Percussion:** Drums, Perc.

The score features various musical notations including notes, rests, and dynamic markings. A large diagonal watermark reading "Excelcia Music Publishing" is overlaid across the center of the page.