THE JAZZ FOUNDATIONS SERIES

DOUG BEACH MUSIC PRESENTS

Blue Flu

style: swing • difficulty level: very easy • duration 4:00

by Doug Beach & George Shutack

PREVIEW

INSTRUMENTATION

Full Score

Solo Sheet

Flute (opt.)

Bb Clarinet (opt.)

Alto Sax 1

Alto Sax 2

Tenor Sax 1

Tenor Sax 2

Baritone Sax

Trumpet 1

Trumpet 2

Trumpet 3

Trumpet 4

Horn In F (opt.)

Trombone 1

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Trombone 2

Trombone 3

Trombone 4

Guitar

Piano

Bass

Drums

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TO THE DIRECTOR

The title of this chart references people who called in sick the day after the Chicago Cubs won the World Series in 2016. This swing chart kicks off with the full ensemble playing a II-V introduction to the Bb blues. At measure 9, the blues call-response melody begins with all parts playing a unison "call" and parts 3 and 4 providing the unison "response." The entire ensemble then comes together on the last 4 measures of the blues.

In the second chorus of the blues (measure 21), the ensemble plays a harmonized "call" with the unison "response". In measures 33-36, the rhythm section plays some chordal punches to accentuate the ensemble section. This chorus leads the chart into the solo section.

The written or ad lib solo section at measure 45 is open for solos with the horn backgrounds played on cue. Anyone may play here, and the chords are cued in all parts. After the solos, a soft shout section is played for 12 measures, which leads back to the ensemble section with the rhythm section punches at measure 69. The chart ends as it began with a restatement of the introduction II-V melody.

All charts in the Jazz Foundations Series are scored in a flexible format for four horns plus rhythm section to accommodate young jazz groups. Once each of these four parts are covered, the chart will sound full and complete. Additional players may be added to each basic part as long as some attention is paid to maintaining good overall balance. Optional parts are also provided for flute, clarinet and horn in f. A sheet of sample solos in transpositions for all instruments is also included with every chart.

SoloMate recordings are available at kendormusic.com for new Kendor and Doug Beach releases. This innovative resource lets students practice their solos by downloading professionally-recorded rhythm section accompaniment tracks. A full recording of this chart can be downloaded at www.kendormusic.com.

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Doug Beach has built a career that includes performing (trumpet), teaching, adjudicating, publishing and composing. Inspired by his interest in playing, writing and teaching, in 1975 he established the publishing company which bears his name. Three years later, Doug joined the faculty of Elmhurst College in Illinois as director of jazz studies; in the years since, his band has toured Europe often and has appeared with jazz greats Gary Smulyan, Dennis Mackrel, Nicholas Payton, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Patti Austin, Lee Konitz, Jeff Hamilton, Bobby Shew and others. In 1996, the Count Basie Orchestra and New York Voices recorded his arrangement of "Cottontail" on a CD that went on to win the Grammy Award for best large jazz ensemble.

George Shutack is widely regarded as one of the leading composers of jazz ensemble music for younger players. While he has written many more challenging works, he is best known for his charts at the grade 2-4 levels. A keyboard player living in the Chicago area, George has been writing for Doug Beach Music since 1978. In addition to being one of the core staff writers, he is also responsible for many of the decisions regarding the company's musical direction. With over 125 compositions to his credit, George is one of the most active writers in jazz education today.









