

JAZZ BAND SERIES



Naima

JOHN COLTRANE

Arranged by CRAIG SKEFFINGTON

INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor	1st Trombone
1st E♭ Alto Saxophone	2nd Trombone
2nd E♭ Alto Saxophone	3rd Trombone
1st B♭ Tenor Saxophone	Bass Trombone
2nd B♭ Tenor Saxophone	Guitar Chords
E♭ Baritone Saxophone	Guitar
1st B♭ Trumpet	Piano
2nd B♭ Trumpet	Bass
3rd B♭ Trumpet	Drums
4th B♭ Trumpet	

Optional/Alternate Parts

C Flute
Tuba
Horn in F (Doubles 1st Trombone)
1st Baritone T.C./B♭ Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 1st Trombone)
2nd Baritone T.C./B♭ Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 2nd Trombone)
3rd Baritone T.C./B♭ Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 3rd Trombone)

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Naima is recognized as a beautifully constructed melody and truly a classic jazz standard. It was composed by the late and great tenor saxophonist, John Coltrane, and recorded by countless artists. Although the original 1959 version was recorded as a ballad, this arrangement is slightly more up-tempo, in a more contemporary straight-eighth note style reminiscent of ECM (record label) artists such as guitarist Pat Metheny and trumpeter Kenny Wheeler.

The introduction, which draws on borrowed melodic and harmonic material from the main theme, should begin quietly and build. Caution the band not to overplay the sound and color of the muted trumpets. After the alto soloist states the melody, keep the brass underneath the sax melody at measure 21, and work the contrasts of the lines as they diminuendo and crescendo. The bridge section begins at measure 29. I suggest developing this section by directing the phrase to peak in the last few measures. The ensemble lead-in to the tenor solo should be strong. Throughout the sax solo, keep the background dynamic under the soloist so that the crescendo into 93 will have more impact. During this 16-bar ensemble shout, pay careful attention to the articulation style, especially the isolated staccato and marcato notes.

The return of the bridge material at measure 109 should be a dramatic change from the previous ensemble section. Direct the players to listen and balance the rich, dissonant chords in the sax voicing. The closing ensemble sections at measures 125 and 133 are the high points of the piece. The high lead trumpet is certainly optional, but very effective if you have a player with the range.

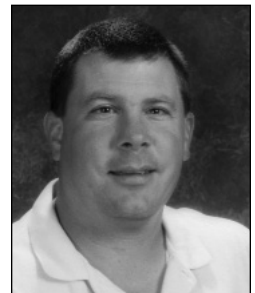
The vamp at the end is similar to the introduction but longer, so begin at a comfortable *mf* level so the band can build dynamically. The optional solo in the guitar over the vamp fits well with the style of piece, but can also be done without the guitar solo if needed. Make the most of the subito volume change in the last measure for dynamic contrast.

As always, try to check out the original recording of an arrangement; in this case the Coltrane album is *Giant Steps*. This recording is a must-have full of virtuosic playing all around.

I enjoyed doing this arrangement and hope that the chart works well for you!

Enjoy!

—Craig Skeffington



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CONDUCTOR
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BOSSA/ECM GROOVE ♩ = 110-140

NAIMA

By JOHN COLTRANE
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1st E♭ ALTO SAXOPHONE

2ND E♭ ALTO SAXOPHONE

1st B♭ TENOR SAXOPHONE

2ND B♭ TENOR SAXOPHONE

E♭ BARITONE SAXOPHONE

1st B♭ TRUMPET

2ND B♭ TRUMPET

3RD B♭ TRUMPET

4TH B♭ TRUMPET

1st TROMBONE

2ND TROMBONE

3RD TROMBONE

BASS TROMBONE

QUIET

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

QUASI SOLO

CUP MUTE

HARMON MUTE

GRAD. CRESCENDO

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

mp3

CONDUCTOR

113

- 2 -

NAIMA

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TPT. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

SOLO

To OPEN

To OPEN

To OPEN

To OPEN

AB^b9 F#m3/G G^b9 F7(#9) E^bm3(#11) B^bm13 E^bm13 B13(#11) A13(#11)

AB^b9 F#m3/G G^b9 F7(#9) E^bm3(#11) B^bm13 E^bm13 B13(#11) A13(#11)

FILL

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

CONDUCTOR

- 8 -

NAIMA

SOLI

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPR. 1

TPR. 2

TPR. 3

TPR. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

29

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPtr. 1

TPtr. 2

TPtr. 3

TPtr. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36

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This page of the musical score contains the following parts and measures:

- Vocal Parts:**
 - ALTO 1, ALTO 2, TENOR 1, TENOR 2, BARI. (Measures 37-40)
 - TPT. 1, TPT. 2, TPT. 3, TPT. 4 (Measures 37-40)
 - TEN. 1, TEN. 2, TEN. 3, BASS TEN. (Measures 37-40)
- Instrumental Parts:**
 - GTR. (Measures 37-40)
 - PNO. (Measures 37-40)
 - BASS (Measures 37-40)
 - DRUMS (Measures 37-40)

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ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TP. 1

TP. 2

TP. 3

TP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

SOLO C#19

F#19

C#15(#11)

B15(#11)

B#19

Bb19

Eb19

B15(#11)

A15(#11)

A#19

B15(#11)

A15(#11)

A#19

B15(#11)

A15(#11)

A#19

SOLO SECTION FOR TENOR, AD LIB. AS NEEDED

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54

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01

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPR. 1

TPR. 2

TPR. 3

TPR. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68

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ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1 C#maj9

TENOR 2 (Bucko) m2

BARI.

TPR. 1

TPR. 2

TPR. 3

TPR. 4

TBN. 1 m2

TBN. 2 m2

TBN. 3 m2

BASS TBN. m2

GTR. Bmaj9

PNO. Bmaj9

BASS Bmaj9

DRUMS

69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78

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ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BAR.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88

NAIMA

[illegible]

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPR. 1

TPR. 2

TPR. 3

TPR. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

97

98

99

100

101

102

103

104

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ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BAR.

TPR. 1

TPR. 2

TPR. 3

TPR. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

SOLO

115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124

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125

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPC. 1

TPC. 2

TPC. 3

TPC. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

125 126 127 128 129 130 131 132

8b9#19 Eb9#19 Bb15#11 A15#11 Ab9#19

8b9#19 Eb9#19 Bb15#11 A15#11 Ab9#19

133

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BAR.

TPR. 1

TPR. 2

TPR. 3

TPR. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

CLAR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140 141

142 143 144 145 146 147 148 149 150

[illegible]

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPR. 1

TPR. 2

TPR. 3

TPR. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TEN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

160

161

162

163

164

165

166

167

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SUBITO m_2

AP m_2

F#7/G

G#9

F7#9

E major(H)

Set Up

LIGHT FILL

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