TROFEO DE BOLOS

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INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor

1st El Alto Saxophone

2nd El Alto Saxophone

1st Bl Tenor Saxophone

2nd Bl Tenor Saxophone

El Baritone Saxophone

1st Bl Trumpet

2nd Bl Trumpet

3rd Bl Trumpet

4th Bl Trumpet

1st Trombone 2nd Trombone 3rd Trombone 4th Trombone Guitar Chords Guitar

Piano Bass Drums

Optional Alternate Parts

C Flute

Tuba

Horn in F (Doubles 1st Trombone)

1st Baritone T.C./Bb Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 1st Trombone)
2nd Baritone T.C./Bb Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 2nd Trombone)
3rd Baritone T.C./Bb Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 3rd Trombone)





NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Trofeo de Bolos was commissioned by the Joseph A. Leonard band in Old Town, Maine, Shianne Wheeler and Jeff Priest, directors. This chart is played with a cut-time Latin feel. By the way, "Trofeo de Bolos" is a tongue-in-cheek Maine expression for bowling trophy, a nickname for that ubiquitous prize that drives music students and teachers to excel.

During the introduction as saxes play the opening melodic figure, caution them to hold the dynamics to *mf*. This is also an opportunity to establish the articulation style the ensemble will use throughout the piece with light, separated downbeats. When the brass and rhythm enter, direct them to stay under the sax melody line. At measure 17, strive for contrast by bringing the dynamics back down keeping the brass line under the saxophone melody. On the return of the main melody at measure 33, trumpets should match the saxophone articulation style played in the intro. As the dynamics increase at 41, maintain clarity in the accompaniment parts keeping the trumpet melody out front.

In the solo section, encourage the alto soloist to improvise beyond the written solo. A few tips: the soloist should first learn the melody, then recognize and hear the movement of the chord roots, then learn the notes of the chords and related scales. Typically, the jazz minor scale is the Dorian scale. The A minor Dorian scale (transposed) is based on the second tone of the G major scale (A, B, C, D, E, F-sharp, G). However for variety, I suggest using notes from the harmonic A minor scale (A, B, C, D, E, F, G-sharp) which will give the solo a more interesting harmonic color. Try them both!

The open section for percussion can be drumset only or augmented with Latin percussion such as claves or congas. Work for a strong groove from the rhythm section and layer the backgrounds to build to a strong conclusion in the last eightmeasure phrase with the full ensemble.

At measure 99, the rhythm section should establish a simple groove to cue the band back in. During the ensemble feature at measure 103, aim for clarity of the section parts especially inner saxophone and trumpet. Save some energy for the unison f figure at the end of this section.

At measure 150 bring the ensemble down for the last push to the end and finish strong with the descending pyramid in 155, making sure that the 2nd tenor, bari, 4th trumpet and 4th trombone finish their independent lines. Finally, work to tune and balance the dissonance in the last chord between lead trumpet and bari/4th trombone; and the 3rd trombone and 4th trumpet parts.

Thanks for taking the time to prepare and play this piece. Have a successful performance!

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TROFEO DE BOLOS By CRAIG SKEFFINGTON LATIN J = 110 157 E) ALTO SAXOPHONE END ED ALTO SAXOPHONE 1ST BY TENOR SAXOPHONE END BY TENDE SAXOPHONE E) BARITONE SAXOPHONE IST BY TEUMPET END BY TRUMPET SED BY TEUMPET 4TH B) TEUMPET IST TROMSONS END TROMBONE SED TEOMSONE 4TH TROMBONE GUITAR PIANO BASS DEUMS

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