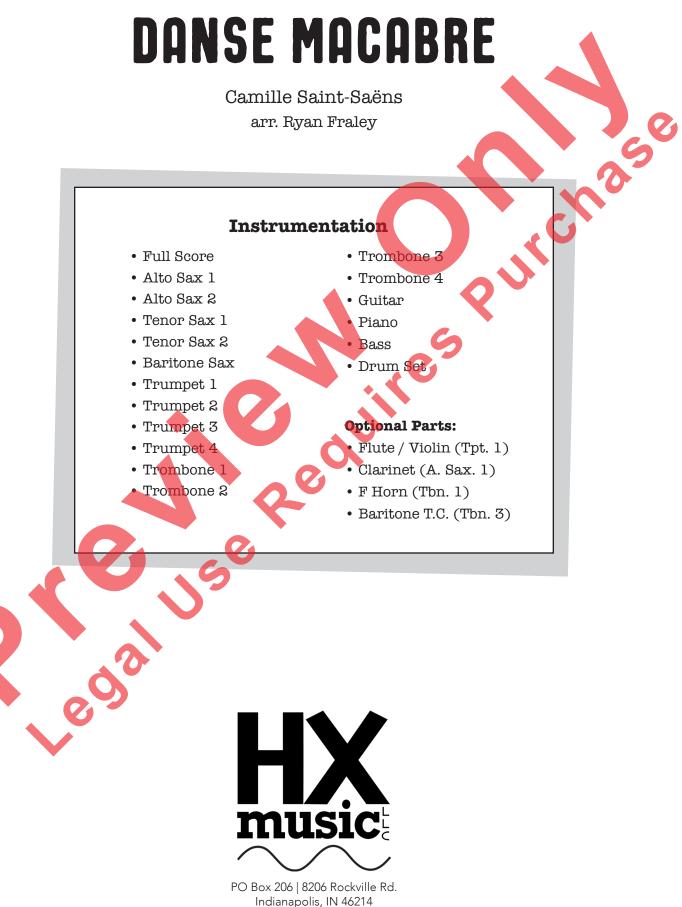
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Ryan Fraley (b. 1973) Ryan's compositions and arrangements have been performed worldwide by jazz ensembles, orchestras, and bands of all levels. He is the co-founder of Wave Mechanics Union, a studio jazz orchestra with two albums released. The most recent album, *Further to Fly*, was played in heavy rotation on Sirius / XM. Ryan has provided orchestrations for Jon Anderson (vocalist from the band Yes) for various solo projects, and is a frequent recipient of ASCAP Awards. His commissioned music has appeared in films, albums, commercials, and other media.

Fraley holds a master's degree in music composition from the State University of New York at Potsdam, and a bachelor's degree in music theory and composition from Ball State University.

Notes

Here's a spooky twist on Camille Saint-Saëns' symphonic tone poem, *Danse Macabre*, set in a vintagestyle swing treatment.

The piece opens with cheeky plunger solos from the trumpet and trombone. The recorded solos are notated in the score and parts, but soloists should be encouraged to find their own voices. Once the time kicks in, a reinterpretation of the tritones from the original violin solo are covered by the brass section in plungers, all wrapped up in that nostalgic, slightly hokey swing vibe from the 1930s. Don't be afraid to play it slightly "square." Listen to some Django Reinhardt or maybe even Squirrel Nut Zippers for inspiration. If you feel secure, try a faster tempo, too. The style works within a wide range of speeds.

Solos by Ryan Fraley (trombone) and Sandy Williams (guitar) are transcribed note-for-note and included in the back of this score and in the trombone 1 and guitar parts.



Listen to the recording of this work at www.ryanfraley.com

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DANSE MACABRE





HOT SWING "DJANGO REINHARDT" STYLE (J=152)

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