

# FRIDAY NIGHT SWING

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This jump swing chart (a la Sing, Sing Sing) came into existence when a young drummer was being helped to learn the different swing beats often used in jazz music, many of which are used throughout this song.

For the majority of this chart, many instruments perform a ‘background’ bass guitar riff that should be kept light. Always make sure the main melody (introduced by the trumpets at measure 12) is always dominant over this riff. Also, be sure that students don’t clip the staccatos as they are meant to keep the feel light, but not choppy.

Solos can be played as written, or improvised using a C minor concert scale.

During the build up section following the solos, make sure players do not purposely play louder as each section enters. Let the music build up naturally.

Since the left hand on the piano doubles the bass guitar, the pianist can leave it out in order to focus on playing the right hand part. If there is no bass player present in the ensemble, then it is important to have the piano player perform the left hand. When playing chords, rhythms are written out for the guitar player to perform, to be sure the comping does not conflict with the piano rhythms.

## Instrumentation

- \*Alto Sax 1
- \*Alto Sax 2
- \*Tenor Sax 1
- Tenor Sax 2
- Baritone Sax
- \*Trumpet 1
- \*Trumpet 2
- Trumpet 3
- \*Trombone 1
- Trombone 2
- Trombone 3
- Guitar
- \*Piano
- Bass Guitar
- \*Drum Set

*\* required instrument*

## The Writer

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Ryan began studying music at the age of seven through private guitar lessons. During his years in elementary and secondary school, he gained experience in several families of instruments. Focusing on music education and theory (including composition and orchestration), he attended McMaster University to achieve his honours degree in music. Ryan is currently a teacher for the Halton District School Board in Ontario, where he continues to compose and arrange.

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## Alternate Parts

Sometimes there may be players who wish to join the band who do not play a standard jazz band instrument (flute, clarinet, tuba, etc). Also, there may be situations when one of the listed required instruments is not present. On our website, under each piece, is a list of alternate and substitute parts that are available as a free download for use with the ensemble.

Some of the parts provided: Flute, Bass Clarinet, F Horn, Baritone Treble Clef and Tuba.

If there is an alternate part or a substitute part (Tenor Sax covering Trombone 1 for example) that would help make your ensemble work, please email and request one. We will send customized PDFs to round out your group and fill holes as necessary - free of charge.

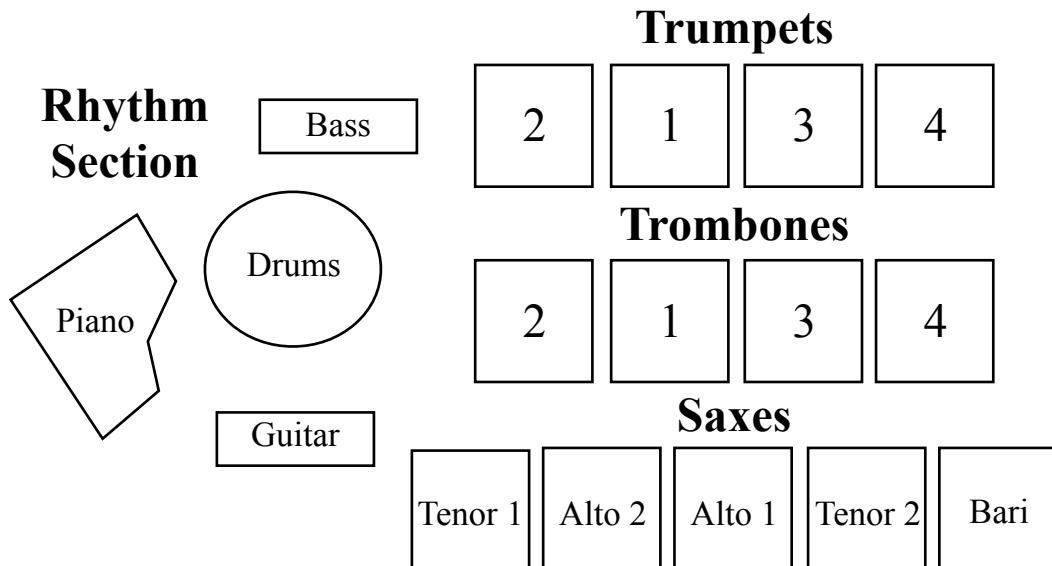
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## Getting Started

Starting a jazz band can seem like a huge task. You may or may not have any jazz playing experience and are not quite sure where to start. Here are some general things to think about:

- Try to have the minimum instrumentation covered, even if it means that you do not have the instrumentation of a ‘traditional’ jazz band (use alternate parts if necessary). In order to arrange a chart so that it is playable with minimum instrumentation, sometimes the range of the 3rd trumpet/trombone is higher than the 2nd. If you have a full band, have a stronger player on the 3rd part, rather than the 2nd.
- Look over the score and select a section in which all players play (especially a unison section). First, have the rhythm section lay down the groove. Next, have the horn sections sing their rhythms with articulations. Finally, have the horns play their parts along with the rhythm section. Try to get your band to play with the correct feel before trying to conquer the notes of the entire piece.
- Know your players. Select charts that your students will be able to play successfully, but will also provide a challenge so they will not get bored easily and will learn something new. Include different styles of jazz music in your repertoire.

## Traditional Set-Up



## Jazz Terms

**break** - A brief solo passage during a cessation of the accompaniment, usually only one or two bars in length.

**call and response** - The performance of musical items in alternation between two distinct groups of musicians or between a soloist and a group.

**comping** - to provide a chordal accompaniment for a soloist.

**fall off** - A gliss which falls from the end of a chord or note.

**lay back** - To play slightly behind the beat.

**riff** - A short melodic idea which is repeated as an accompaniment behind a soloist.

**shout chorus** - a climactic chorus of a band arrangement.

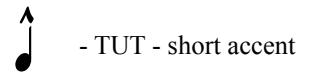
**stop time** - when the rhythm section stops playing for part of one or more bars, while the soloist continues unaccompanied.

**swing eighths** - a triplet subdivision feel where the first eighth note is held longer than the second (although written the same).

## Suggested Articulations



- DAH - long



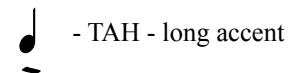
- TUT - short accent



- DIT - short



- DAHT - long-stop



- TAH - long accent



- DOO-DAH - swing

# **Role of the Rhythm Section**

The rhythm section (drums, bass, piano and optional guitar) is key. These players keep the time, provide the harmony and create the groove for each piece.

**TIME** - keeping the time steady; creating the pulse

**GROOVE** - providing the sub-division for the style; creating rhythmic interaction with the band

**HARMONY** - providing the harmonic progression for the melody or improvisation

## Drums

- supply the stylistic foundation
  - lock in the groove with the bass
  - embellish the rhythm with the guitar and piano

Bass

- creates the groove with the drums
  - provides the harmonic progression

# Guitar

- creates a harmonic groove by providing the progression, while playing a rhythmic groove
  - has a delicate relationship with the piano

## Piano

- creates harmonic groove with the guitar, but the two should not conflict with each other
  - uses comping rhythms

# STANDARD DRUM SET NOTATION

# Jazz Styles

# Swing

- characterized by a triplet subdivision and uses ‘uneven’ eighth notes
  - subtle stress of beats 2 and 4

# Rock

- relies on a solid backbeat (emphasis on beats 2 and 4)
  - straight eighth subdivision
  - repeated patterns

## Shuffle

- a cross between swing and rock styles by stressing the backbeat and using the triplet subdivision
  - groove primarily created by bass and drums

## Mambo

- Afro-Cuban style with stress on the ‘and of 2’
  - straight-eighth subdivision

# Samba

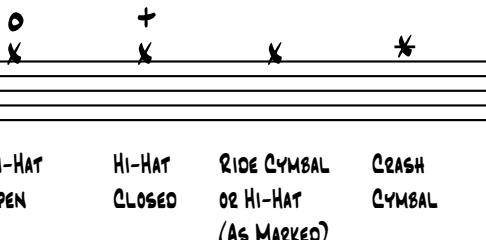
- a light, Brazilian-based style with stress is ON beat 3
  - relies on straight-eighth subdivision and a *partito alto* (chordal) rhythm

# Funk

- sixteenth note subdivision and syncopation, particularly in the bass
  - beats 2 and 4 prominent in snare drum
  - often complex, unison lines performed by horns

## Ballad

- a slow tempo, jazz ballad flows seamlessly through various subdivisions (straight-eighth, triplet, or double time)
  - needs space; laid back feel



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*Preview 1*

Sheet music for a ten-piece band. The instrumentation includes:

- E♭ ALTO SAX 1
- E♭ ALTO SAX 2
- B♭ TENOR SAX 1
- B♭ TENOR SAX 2
- E♭ BARITONE SAX
- B♭ TRUMPET 1
- B♭ TRUMPET 2
- B♭ TRUMPET 3
- TROMBONE 1
- TROMBONE 2
- TROMBONE 3
- GUITAR
- PIANO
- BASS
- DRUM SET

The score shows measures 1 through 9. Measures 1-5 are mostly rests. Measures 6-9 feature rhythmic patterns on various instruments. The piano part starts in measure 6. The bass part starts in measure 6. The drum set part starts in measure 6, with specific instructions for the hi-hat and low tom.

Measure 6: DRUM SET (LOW TOM, HI-HAT WITH FOOT)

Measure 7: DRUM SET (LOW TOM, HI-HAT WITH FOOT)

Measure 8: DRUM SET (LOW TOM, HI-HAT WITH FOOT)

Measure 9: DRUM SET (LOW TOM, HI-HAT WITH FOOT)

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BASSI

TRP 1

TRP 2

TRP 3

TBN 1

TBN 2

TBN 3

GTR

PNO

BASS

DRUMS

OP. SOLO  
ME  
OP. SOLO  
ME  
OP. SOLO  
ME



10      11      12      13      14      15      16      17      18      19

Rehearsal marks: **TUTTI**, **F.M7**, **C.M7**, **RIDE**

Instrumentation: ALTO 1, ALTO 2, TENOR 1, TENOR 2, BASSI, TPT 1, TPT 2, TPT 3, TBN 1, TBN 2, TBN 3, GTR, PNO, BASS, DRUMS

Measure numbers: 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29

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ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BASS 1

TPT 1

TPT 2

TPT 3

TBN 1

TBN 2

TBN 3

GTR

PNO

BASS

DRUMS

D7(15) G7 C7 F7 C7 D7(15) G7 N.C.

30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39

## TO CODA

Rehearsal Mark 1

ALTO 1  
ALTO 2  
TENOR 1  
TENOR 2  
BASS  
TPT 1  
TPT 2  
TPT 3  
TBN 1  
TBN 2  
TBN 3  
GTR  
PNO  
BASS  
DRUMS

SOLO Dm7 C7 Bb7 Ab7 G7 F#m7

HH w/ RIM KNOCKS SIMILE

40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49

ALTO 1  
 ALTO 2  
 A7 Dm7 A7  
 END SOLO  
 TENOR 1  
 TENOR 2  
 BASSI  
 TPT 1  
 TPT 2  
 TPT 3  
 SOLO Cm7 Bb7 Ab7 G7 Fm7 G7 Cm7 G7 Cm7  
 TBON 1  
 TBON 2  
 TBON 3  
 GTR  
 PNO  
 BASS  
 DRUMS

*Review*

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BASSI

TPT 1

TPT 2

TPT 3

TBN 1

TBN 2

TBN 3

GTR

PNO  
N.C.

BASS

DRUMS

60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69

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Previews

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BASSI

TPT 1

TPT 2

TPT 3

TBN 1

TBN 2

TBN 3

GTR

PNO

BASS

DRUMS

70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79

(D.S. AL CODA)

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BASS

TPT 1

TPT 2

TPT 3

TBN 1

TBN 2

TBN 3

GTR

PNO

BASS

DRUMS

80

81

82

83

84

85

86

87

88

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BASSI

TPT 1

TPT 2

TPT 3

T2BN 1

T2BN 2

T2BN 3

GTR

PNO

BASS

DRUMS

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