Don't Steal My Stuff

GORDON GOODWIN

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
Bass Trombone
Guitar Chords
Guitar
Piano
Bass
Drums
Auxiliary Percussion

Auxiliary Percussion (Congas, Shaker)

Optional/Alternate Parts

C Flute

Vibraphone

Tuba (Doubles Bass)

Horn in F (Doubles 1st Trombone)

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





NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

This funky little tune has a driving groove and is a nice feature for your trumpet and trombone soloists. While the rhythm section (as always) has the responsibility to set the pace with a solid and steady groove, the horn players should also commit to playing all the eighth-note figures in this chart with precision, accurate articulation, and time. When the entire band locks into the groove, the energy becomes infectious, and the chart comes alive!

The trumpet and trombone soloists should play their parts with a sense of spirit and fun. Remember that the written parts are only a starting place. The players need to play with their own style and personality, especially in the improvised solo sections.

The ensemble should carefully observe articulations and dynamics. Make sure we can hear the difference between the *marcato* or rooftop accents, as in m. 34, and *staccato* accents, as in m. 33. *Staccatos* are short but not clip ped, while rooftop accents are detached and accented—think "daht." Observing the written dynamic markings is another way to add interest to a chart like this, as in m. 53, where the saxes play that figure softly, but are quickly answered powerfully by the rest of the band. Another great effect is the **£2** accent that will add energy to the ensemble, as in m. 67 and m. 70. The guys in the Big Phat Band really sting accents like these, and so should you!

The solo section at m. 75 can be repeated as many times as you want. If your soloist is on a hot streak, let them play! But the rhythm section should listen closely to the soloist and look for ways to vary the energy, color, and mood of the groove. The driving pulse as notated in this chart is cool, but it's always good to find ways to bring contrast to charts like this. In the end, however, you will want to gather your energy up and push this chart to its exciting finish. The Colina Middlle School Jazz Ensemble and director Mike Gangemi commissioned this chart, and the student players came up with the title. This sentiment is one that most of us can get behind!

I hope that you enjoy this chart and that you do not steal any of my stuff!

—Gordon Goodwin





Gordon Goodwin started composing at the age of three. No masterpieces at that time, but he kept at it and wrote his first big band chart at age 13. It was good enough to convince him that he could possibly keep doing this. Flash cut 20 years later and Gordon is working in Hollywood, writing for television and film, playing sessions on keyboards and woodwinds, and working with artists like Ray Charles, Christina Aquilera, Johnny Mathis, Toni Braxton, John Williams, Natalie Cole, David Foster, Sarah Vaughan, Mel Torme, Brian McKnight, and Quincy Jones, to name a few. Goodwin's cinematic scoring and orchestration craft can be heard on such films as The Sorcerer's Apprentice, Escape to Witch Mountain, Get Smart, Glory Road, National Treasure, The Incredibles, Remember the Titans, Armageddon, The Majestic, Con Air, Gone In 60 Seconds, Enemy of the State, Star Trek Nemesis, and even the classic cult film Attack of the Killer Tomatoes.

In 2000, Goodwin formed The Big Phat Band, an eighteen piece jazz ensemble, which quickly gained a reputation as one of the most exciting large jazz ensembles on the planet. To date, the BPB has released five records, Swingin' For The Fences (2000), XXL (2003), The Phat Pack (2006), Act Your Age (2008), and That's How We Roll (2011). The albums have featured state-of-the-art guest artists like Arturo Sandoval, Eddie Daniels, Take 6, Brian McKnight, Johnny Mathis, Michael Brecker, Dianne Reeves, David Sanborn, Chick Corea, Dave Grusin, Lee Ritenour, Patti Austin, Art Tatum, Dave Koz, Gerald Albright, and Marcus Miller.

Goodwin's work has garnered him three Emmy Awards and eleven Grammy® nominations, with three Grammy wins for his work on the Pixar film *The Incredibles* (2006) and his arrangements of "Rhapsody in Blue" (2012) and "On Green Dolphin Street" (2014). His charts are played all over the world, and along with his method books and CDs, have been a robust source of inspiration and learning for thousands of young musicians.



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