

JAZZ BAND SERIES

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Fowl Play

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INSTRUMENTATION

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

Optional Alternate Parts

C Flute (Optional)
Tuba (Optional)
Horn in F (Doubles 1st Trombone)
1st Baritone T.C. (Doubles 1st Trombone)
2nd Baritone T.C. (Doubles 2nd Trombone)
3rd Baritone T.C. (Doubles 3rd Trombone)

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

“Fowl Play” is funky! Tight, clean, and accurate execution of the figures is very important throughout this chart. The underlying rhythmical groove is sixteenth notes. I suggest working with the rhythm section first to get a comfortable feel and ask the horn players to feel the sixteenths and mentally play their parts. When ready, then add the horns. For reference to this style, check out some Tower of Power recordings.

Try to play the figures as relaxed as possible, but I caution not to let anything lay back; otherwise, it will drag down the tempo. Measure 8 requires the dotted eights to be played accurately, and be sure to give all notes their full value—don’t cut them short. Speaking of short, notice that the last sixteenth in a group is always short—but don’t rush it. There are other spots where the tendency is to rush: for example, in measure 6, be sure to wait until beat 4 to play the written figure. Measure 14 has some slight bends written; keep these quick, but they will need consistency from all players to be effective.

Trombones can dig into measure 27. Check out the unison sections in measures 36 and 44; these sections may need to be rehearsed slower and then gradually increased in tempo as they become more comfortable. I strongly suggest ghosting notes to make these lines smoother. Observe the dynamics in measure 53.

The guitar player should play the written lines to add color, not dominate the blend. The comping sections can be a rhythmic patten groove. When comping, avoid conflict with the piano because it will sound cluttered.

The solo in measure 58 can be played by any player and can be opened up as needed. Try to keep the rhythmic section and backgrounds under the soloist.

If you like this chart, check out some of my other charts, such as “The Chicken” and “Tastes Like Chicken.”

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1st Bb TRUMPET
2ND Bb TRUMPET
3RD Bb TRUMPET
4TH Bb TRUMPET
1st TROMBONE
2ND TROMBONE
3RD TROMBONE
4TH TROMBONE
GUITAR
PIANO
BASS
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