As Recorded by Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band

The Jazz Police

GORDON GOODWIN

INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor 1st El-Alto Saxophone 2nd E Alto Saxophone 1st B Tenor Saxophone 2nd B Tenor Saxophone Eb Baritone Saxophone 1st B^J Trumpet 2nd Bb Trumpet 3rd Bb Trumpet 4th Bb Trumpet

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1st Trombone 2nd Trombone 3rd Trombone 4th Trombone **Guitar Chords** Guitar Piano Bass Drums



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NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

When playing a chart like this one, you'd better tank up—this kind of music works best when it's played with tons of energy. With that idea in mind, you shouldn't throw all subtlety out the window, since there's plenty of opportunity for dynamics (measures 20, 36, 40, and 58, to name a few), phrasing (the accents and scoops in measures 9, 10, and 36), and articulation throughout, all of which are important factors in keeping your performance a nuanced one. Listen carefully during the unison sections; articulate, phrase, bend, and tune together. In this chart, it's very important to play all the eighth notes on top of the beat, never laid-back, and always pushing forward. Everybody in the band will need to pitch in to push this chart to the finish line. In particular, the lead trumpet, drummer, and baritone sax play a big role in determining the success of this chart.

During the solo section, which can be opened up for additional soloists if you wish, the rhythm section can change things up by varying the groove somewhat. For example, try a half-time feel for a while, or vary the bass line from the written pattern. You can check out the Big Phat Band's approach on our CD XXL on Silverline Records. Our rhythm section, led by drummer Bernie Dressel, propels the chart relentlessly. Even though the groove never relents, there is shape to it with peaks and valleys throughout the chart. But you know, rock 'n' roll is rock 'n' roll. So above all, play this chart with spirit and have fun.

-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-ofthe-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 a win for his work on the Pixar film *The Incredibles*. 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.



































