Extra Conductor Score: 032-4779-01

Style: Swing • Grade Level: 1

SWING, BAND, SWING!

Composed and Arranged by **Todd Phillips**

The Jazz Starters! Series includes easy level charts especially designed to introduce younger musicians to the jazz ensemble experience. These charts sound great with standard, limited and/or extended instrumentation. Non-standard jazz instrument parts are provided to get everyone involved. Rhythm section parts are fully written out. Solo sections are simple, with suggested solos included to encourage first steps toward improvisation. A great way to get young musicians started and excited about jazz!

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Instrumentation

1st Alto Sax 2nd Alto Sax

Tenor Sax (2)

Bari Sax (optional)

Trumpet (4)

Trombone/Baritone B.C. (4)

Guitar (optional)

Piano

Bass

Drum Set

Congas/Tambourine (optional)

Parts also included for

Flute/Vibes (2) Clarinet

F Horn

Baritone T.C.

Tuba

Written suggested solos provided for

C Instruments T.C.

C Instruments B.C.

B¹ Instruments 1

B¹ Instruments 2

E Saxes

F Horn

About this Series

A common concern among directors when beginning a jazz ensemble is that the wind players can handle the easier charts, but the rhythm section parts are still too difficult or vaquely written. Often, it is the rhythm section members who have little or no playing experience. There are also students who want to participate in the jazz band but do not play a traditional jazz instrument. This new series addresses these concerns and gives young ensembles a positive first experience.

Designed for Success

- Lots of ensemble playing to assist in reinforcing style
- Easy limited chord changes
- Playable with or without solos
- Fully written out piano part
- Rhythmic guides for the guitar
- Easy bass line with fingering grid
- Basic drum set patterns with attention to phrase changes
- Auxiliary percussion part written out
- Quick and easy to put together with limited rehearsal time

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Program Notes

Are you ready for a toe-tapping blast from the past? Do you love the sounds of the Glenn Miller Band? Enjoy the fun of big band swing music with Swing, Band, Swing!

Rehearsal Suggestions

For an authentic 1940's swing groove, it is important that all of the accents in the floor tom be played. When the horns enter at bar 9 it is important that they observe all articulations. For the accented notes, the syllable "dah" should be used: full value and accented. For the tenuto notes the syllable "doo" should be used. The marcato notes should be played short and accented using the syllable "daht." You may want to have students sing their parts using those syllables to help them get the idea for the style. For example, bar 9 = "doo, dah, dah, doo, dah. dah."

At bar 17 the brass players have a traditional plunger part. The "+" means that the bell is covered and "o" means the bell is open. Performers can use their hand or a plunger. The trombones are in first position so they can hold their bell with the same hand they hold the plunger.

At bar 33 the arrangement opens up for 4-bar solos. The background figures written in the parts do not have to be played for each solo. Enjoy experimenting with which parts accompany each solo. For those not quite ready for improvisation, suggested two bar riffs are provided and should be played in bars 33-34 with the backgrounds being played at bars 35-36. This provides a safe way to start the soloing experience with success.

I hope you and your students enjoy playing Swing, Band, Swing!



About the Composer/Arranger

Todd Phillips hails from Northeast Indiana. At the age of six, he picked up his father's



trumpet and has been playing ever since. His love of music and the ability to pass it on to future generations is manifested in his varied teaching career.

Todd Phillips is the band director for several Lutheran Elementary schools in the Fort Wayne area as well as the Jazz Band Director at Concordia Lutheran High School. Todd also assists with the state level Concordia High School Marching Band.

Over his 24 years of teaching, Todd has taught students from kindergarten through college and has been arranging and composing pieces for a variety of groups for over 25 years. His students are always excited to debut new pieces that were written or arranged for their bands.

Todd received a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Indiana University-Purdue University. Fort Wayne and a Master of Arts in Music from Ball State University. He has also continued his education at the Vandercook College of Music.

As a freelance musician, Todd has been featured on his trumpet, keyboard, and trombone in groups ranging from the nationally known Sammy Kay Orchestra to the Box Tops and as the opening act for Three Dog Night. He regularly plays around the Fort Wayne area with numerous groups and as a solo artist. Todd also lends his talents to two contemporary church groups and the Fort Wayne Area Community Band.











