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Barnhouse Jazz Ensemble

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THE VIEW LOOKING UP

Composed and Arranged by **Craig Skeffington**

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Instrumentation

1st Alto Sax
2nd Alto Sax
1st Tenor Sax
2nd Tenor Sax
Bari Sax

1st Trumpet
2nd Trumpet
3rd Trumpet
4th Trumpet

1st Trombone
2nd Trombone
3rd Trombone
4th Trombone

Guitar
Piano
Bass
Drums

Program Notes

The View Looking Up was commissioned by the Old Town (Maine) Music Department, and dedicated to the memory of long-time director and mentor Dale Huff. The directors, Amanda Marquis, Shianne and Jeffrey Priest are some of my favorite people. Old Town is my alma mater, and I love seeing the success they've had over the years at every level! It was Jeff who gave me a start in writing, asking for a chart (my first) many years ago.

Rehearsal Notes

This chart is a swing-8th piece with the bass guitar as the main feature. Be careful not to let the volume get too loud, or to rush. In general, with swing pieces, the wind players need to be more "behind" the beat – unlike in rock or pop, where they're taught to be more "on top." The piece works at a variety of tempos - find a pocket your drummer can play it in, although the limit though should be around quarter = 140 or so, as the figures lay better there. The bridge of the tune, which first appears at bar 25, is a different groove altogether - more straight and almost hip hop like. Listen to the reference recording at barnhouse.com to get a sense of the part.

As you get deeper into the chart, identify the areas which are unison, and which ones are harmonized. Treat the two differently; unison can be backed off, and anything voiced can be louder. The solo section at 54 gives your bass player some room to shine. Work hard to keep everything under the bass, especially as the backgrounds are layered in. The reference recording features an electric set up, but it would be perfectly fine for upright too.

As you build towards the end, the peak of the piece is the section at bar 95. That shout section turns a corner at 107 and builds back up to the last note. Work to shaping the piece with highs and lows; don't be afraid to make the loud parts sound more effective by overdoing the softs a little. While I've written for big bands for several decades, this is the first piece I've written with the bass as the feature instrument, and I'm very proud of the way it came out. I hope that you find it working for your band.

I'm honored you've chosen to perform **The View Looking Up**! Please feel free to contact me through my composer page at barnhouse.com.



About the Composer/Arranger



Craig Skeffington has been an active New England composer, arranger and educator for three decades with music in the jazz, marching and wind band genres. A high school band director since 1992, Craig was the 2003 MMEA Teacher of the Year and is currently on the faculty of the University of Southern Maine as an instructor in applied jazz arranging. His published pieces with the Neil A. Kjos Music

Company, Alfred/Belwin Jazz and CL Barnhouse have appeared in the International Association of Jazz Educators and NYSSMA manuals and consistently receive "Editor's Choice" in the JW Pepper music catalog. In 2007 and again in 2010, his music was performed at the prestigious Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, Ill. He is both a past president of the Maine Band Directors Association and jazz activities chair for the Maine Music Educators Association. Craig is currently serving MMEA as the instrumental jazz chairperson and at the national level with NAFME as the Eastern Division representative.

As a trumpet player Craig has played with Barry Manilow, the Glenn Miller Orchestra, Natalie Cole, Johnny Mathis, Colin Raye, The Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra from Washington D.C., Kris Berg and the Metroplexity Big Band (from Dallas TX) and toured nationally with the Artie Shaw Orchestra. As a soloist, he has appeared with Grammy award winning artists Wayne Bergeron, Eric Marienthal and Bob Mintzer as well as Grammy nominated artist Bobby Shew.

Locally, he works with the Seacoast Big Band, the Portland Jazz Orchestra and the Larry Williams Band. Craig lives in South Portland with his wife Carrie and their two daughters, Hannah and Molly. His music can be found on the Portland Jazz Orchestra's latest CDs – "Nor Easter" and "Generations" available on iTunes and CD baby.

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MEDIUM SWING (♩ = 140+)

1ST ALTO SAX *mf*

2ND ALTO SAX *mf*

1ST TENOR SAX *mf*

2ND TENOR SAX *mf*

BARI SAX *mf*

1ST TRUMPET *mf*

2ND TRUMPET *mf*

3RD TRUMPET *mf*

4TH TRUMPET *mf*

1ST TROMBONE *mf*

2ND TROMBONE *mf*

3RD TROMBONE *mf*

4TH TROMBONE *mf*

GIITAR *mf* *SOLI*

PIANO *mf* *SOLI*

BASS *mf* *SOLI*

DRUMS *mf* (CRASH) HI HAT

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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This image shows a page of a musical score for a jazz ensemble. The score is written for the following instruments:

- SAX 1** (Alto Saxophone)
- SAX 2** (Alto Saxophone)
- T SAX 1** (Tenor Saxophone)
- T SAX 2** (Tenor Saxophone)
- BARI** (Baritone Saxophone)
- TRPT 1** (Trumpet)
- TRPT 2** (Trumpet)
- TRPT 3** (Trumpet)
- TRPT 4** (Trumpet)
- TBN 1** (Trombone)
- TBN 2** (Trombone)
- TBN 3** (Trombone)
- TBN 4** (Trombone)
- GTR** (Guitar)
- PNO.** (Piano)
- BASS** (Double Bass)
- DRUMS** (Drum Set)

The score is written in 4/4 time and includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings (e.g., *mf*, *fz*). A large diagonal watermark reading "For reference only. Not valid for performance" is overlaid across the page. The page number "13" is visible in the top right corner.

25

A SAX 1

A SAX 2

T SAX 1

T SAX 2

BARI

TRPT 1

TRPT 2

TRPT 3

TRPT 4

TBN 1

TBN 2

TBN 3

TBN 4

GTR

PNO

BASS

DRUMS

Am7(b9) D7(b9) Gm7 C7(b9) F#7b9 Gbm7 Gm7 Am9 D9 Gm7 Am9

Am7(b9) D7(b9) Gm7 C7(b9) F#7b9 Gbm7 Gm7 Am9 D9 Gm7 Am9

SOLO

SOLO MELODY

FUNKY

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19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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This image shows a page of a musical score for a jazz ensemble. The score is written for the following instruments:

- SAX 1** (Soprano Saxophone)
- SAX 2** (Alto Saxophone)
- SAX 3** (Tenor Saxophone)
- SAX 4** (Baritone Saxophone)
- TRPT 1** (Trumpet 1)
- TRPT 2** (Trumpet 2)
- TRPT 3** (Trumpet 3)
- TRPT 4** (Trumpet 4)
- TBN 1** (Trombone 1)
- TBN 2** (Trombone 2)
- TBN 3** (Trombone 3)
- TBN 4** (Trombone 4)
- GTR** (Guitar)
- PNO.** (Piano)
- BASS** (Double Bass)
- DRUMS** (Drum Set)

The score includes musical notation, dynamics (e.g., *mf*), and a large diagonal watermark reading "Not valid for reference". The page number "33" is visible in the top right corner.

42

A SAX 1

A SAX 2

T SAX 1

T SAX 2

BARI

TRPT 1

TRPT 2

TRPT 3

TRPT 4

TBN 1

TBN 2

TBN 3

TBN 4

GTR

PNO

BASS

DRUMS

37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44

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This musical score page covers rehearsal marks 37 through 44, with a specific focus on mark 42. The instrumentation includes four saxophones (Alto 1 & 2, Tenor 1 & 2), four trumpets, four trombones, guitar, piano, bass, and drums. The score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). Rehearsal mark 42 begins at measure 37 and continues through measure 44. The saxophone section features complex melodic lines with many slurs and ties. The brass section provides harmonic support with sustained notes and rhythmic patterns. The guitar and piano parts include specific chord voicings such as Bbm9, Eb9, Abm9, Am7(b9), D7(b9), Gm9, C13(b9), Fm9, Gm9, Ab13, and F#m. The piano part also includes a 'SOLI' section starting at measure 42. The bass line follows a steady eighth-note pattern. The drum part features a consistent groove with snare, hi-hat, and kick drum patterns. A large, diagonal watermark reading 'For reference only' is overlaid across the center of the page.

Score for Saxophones, Trumpets, Trombones, Guitar, Piano, Bass, and Drums. The score is divided into measures 45 through 53.

Instrument Parts:

- A SAX 1 & 2:** Melodic lines with dynamics *mf*, *crusc.*, and *f*.
- T SAX 1 & 2:** Melodic lines with dynamics *mf*, *crusc.*, and *f*.
- BARI:** Melodic line with dynamics *mf*, *crusc.*, and *f*.
- TRPT 1, 2, 3, & 4:** Harmonic lines with dynamics *mf*, *crusc.*, and *f*.
- TBN 1, 2, 3, & 4:** Harmonic lines with dynamics *mf*, *crusc.*, and *f*.
- GTR:** Rhythmic accompaniment with dynamics *mf*, *crusc.*, and *f*.
- PNO:** Chordal accompaniment with dynamics *mf*, *crusc.*, and *f*.
- BASS:** Rhythmic accompaniment with dynamics *mf*, *crusc.*, and *f*.
- DRUMS:** Rhythmic accompaniment with dynamics *mf*, *crusc.*, and *f*.

Measure 45: Chords: Cm^9 , F^9 , Bb^9 , Eb^9 . Dynamics: *mf*.

Measure 46: Chords: $Am^7(b9)$, $D7(b9)$. Dynamics: *mf*.

Measure 47: Chords: Gm^9 . Dynamics: *mf*.

Measure 48: Chords: Gm^9 . Dynamics: *mf*.

Measure 49: Chords: Gm^9 . Dynamics: *mf*.

Measure 50: Chords: Gm^9 . Dynamics: *mf*.

Measure 51: Chords: Gm^9 . Dynamics: *mf*.

Measure 52: Chords: Gm^9 . Dynamics: *mf*.

Measure 53: Chords: Gm^9 . Dynamics: *mf*.

Annotations:

- SOLO BREAK:** Indicated above measure 52.
- F#:** Indicated below measure 52.

54

BASS SOLO

A SAX 1

A SAX 2

T SAX 1

T SAX 2

BARI

TRPT 1

TRPT 2

TRPT 3

TRPT 4

TBN 1

TBN 2

TBN 3

TBN 4

BASS SOLO

STAY UNDER BASS SOLO

GTR

PNO.

BASS

STAY UNDER BASS SOLO

FUNKY

54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63

[illegible]

78

A SAX 1

A SAX 2

T SAX 1

T SAX 2

BARI

TRPT 1

TRPT 2

TRPT 3

TRPT 4

TBN 1

TBN 2

TBN 3

TBN 4

GTR

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81

Am⁹ Ebm⁹/Bb Bbm⁹/C Fm⁹ Bbm⁹/C Gm⁷ Am⁹ D⁹ Gm⁷ Am⁹

Am⁹ Ebm⁹/Bb Bbm⁹/C Fm⁹ Bbm⁹/C Gm⁷ Am⁹ D⁹ Gm⁷ Am⁹

Am⁹ Ebm⁹/Bb Bbm⁹/C Fm⁹ Bbm⁹/C AS IS

SWING! (RIDE)

(4)

86

A SAX 1

A SAX 2

T SAX 1

T SAX 2

BARI

TRPT 1

TRPT 2

TRPT 3

TRPT 4

TBN 1

TBN 2

TBN 3

TBN 4

GTR

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91

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A SAX 1
 A SAX 2
 T SAX 1
 T SAX 2
 BARI
 TRPT 1
 TRPT 2
 TRPT 3
 TRPT 4
 TBN 1
 TBN 2
 TBN 3
 TBN 4
 GTR
 PNO
 BASS
 DRUMS

Am7(b9) D7(b9) Gm9 C13(b9) Fm9 Gm9 Ab13 F#9 C#m9 F#9 Bb9 Eb9 Eb9(b11)

92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100

115

A SAX 1

A SAX 2

T SAX 1

T SAX 2

BARI

TRPT 1

TRPT 2

TRPT 3

TRPT 4

TBN 1

TBN 2

TBN 3

TBN 4

GTR

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116

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For Reference only. Not valid for performance

A SAX 1

A SAX 2

T SAX 1

T SAX 2

SAXI

TRPT 1

TRPT 2

TRPT 3

TRPT 4

TBN 1

TBN 2

TBN 3

TBN 4

GTR

PNO

BASS

DRUMS

SOLI

mp

sfz

Qm3

(No crash)

117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124