

**Grade 2**

**ZB472F**

**Director Score**

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# **Firewalker**

**by Dean Sorenson**

**First Place for Jazz - Charts**



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## THE COMPOSER

**Dean Sorenson** is Associate Professor and Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Minnesota as well as a prolific and highly sought-after composer, arranger, trombonist, educator, and clinician. Mr. Sorenson's recent works include *First Place for Jazz*, a new and innovative method for beginning jazz players. He is also the author of *Excellence in Jazz Pedagogy*, a series of instructional texts covering focused topics in jazz pedagogy. Both are published by the *Neil A. Kjos Music Company*. His latest recording is *Colors of the Soul*, the debut recording of the Dean Sorenson Sextet. For more information please visit [www.deansorensonmusic.com](http://www.deansorensonmusic.com).

## THE COMPOSITION

*Firewalker* is a samba that should be played with plenty of rhythmic drive. Exaggerate all attacks and play on the front part of the beat.

The chart opens with the winds alone, playing a series of suspended chords without a rhythm section accompaniment. It is important for the winds to establish a solid rhythm groove here, so make certain that all articulations match. The melody played by the bass instruments beginning in bar 9 leads into the full groove at bar 17. Bar 33 features a busier melodic line and a faster harmonic rhythm, so be sure the players are aware of this textural change. Do not lose tempo here. The suspended chords from the opening reappear at bar 49 in a slightly different orchestration before leading to the solo section. The drum solo in bars 65–73 should begin strongly and end with the drummer playing a diminuendo and re-establishing the samba groove. Throughout bars 73–88, the dynamics between the contrapuntal wind lines should be well-balanced. The drum fills in bars 102, 104, and 107 should cleanly set up the ensemble entrances that follow them.

All charts in the *First Place for Jazz* series feature flexible instrumentation. They can be performed by the full jazz ensemble, or will sound full and complete with as few as nine players: 1st and 2nd Alto Saxophone, 1st Tenor Saxophone, 1st and 2nd Trumpet, 1st Trombone, Piano, Bass, and Drums. Parts are also included for: Flute, Clarinet, F Horn, Tuba, and Baritone T.C.

## INSTRUMENTATION LIST

1 – 1st Alto Saxophone	1 – 1st Trombone	1 – Vibes
1 – 2nd Alto Saxophone	1 – 2nd Trombone	1 – Flute
1 – 1st Tenor Saxophone	1 – 3rd Trombone	1 – Clarinet
1 – 2nd Tenor Saxophone	1 – 4th Trombone	1 – French Horn
1 – Baritone Saxophone	1 – Guitar	1 – Baritone T.C. (Trombone 2 T.C.)
1 – 1st Trumpet	1 – Piano	1 – Tuba
1 – 2nd Trumpet	1 – Bass	1 – Full Conductor Score
1 – 3rd Trumpet	1 – Drums	
1 – 4th Trumpet		

## IMPROVISING SOLOS ON FIREWALKER

Improvisation is the essence of the jazz experience and students should be encouraged to improvise solos. The solo section for *Fire-walker* is found in bars 57—64. Students can improvise a solo using only the notes of the concert G aeolian scale. For soloists who wish not to improvise, there is a suggested solo provided in all of the parts. The suggested solo contains color tones that are not a part of this scale, and you are also free to add those if you wish. Remember that both the suggested solo and the scale are mere starting points for you. Any instrument can solo, and the solo section can be repeated as many times as necessary. Backgrounds can be cued at any time.

### G AEOLIAN SCALE

GUITAR, PIANO, FLUTE (8VA), VIBES: G AEOLIAN

CONCERT TREBLE

TROMBONE, BASS, TUBA (8VB): G AEOLIAN

CONCERT BASS

ALTO AND BARITONE SAXOPHONES: E AEOLIAN (CONCERT G AEOLIAN)

E♭ INSTRUMENTS

TRUMPET, TENOR SAXOPHONE, CLARINET, BARITONE T.C.: A AEOLIAN (CONCERT G AEOLIAN)

B♭ INSTRUMENTS

F INSTRUMENTS

SAMPLE

# FIREWALKER

FULL CONDUCTOR SCORE  
APPROX. PERFORMANCE TIME - 3:20

DEAN SORENSEN

SAMBA  $\text{d} = 104$

ALTO SAX 1

ALTO SAX 2

TENOR SAX 1

TENOR SAX 2

BARITONE SAX

FLUTE

CLARINET

TRUMPET 1

TRUMPET 2

TRUMPET 3

TRUMPET 4

TROMBONE 1

TROMBONE 2

TROMBONE 3

TROMBONE 4

F HORN

TUBA

(9)

SAMBA  $\text{d} = 104$

GUITAR 2

PIANO

BASS

Drums

VIBES

CLOSED HI HAT

(9)

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(17)

ALTO SAX 1

ALTO SAX 2

TENOR SAX 1

TENOR SAX 2

BARITONE SAX

FLUTE

CLARINET

TRUMPET 1

TRUMPET 2

TRUMPET 3

TRUMPET 4

TROMBONE 1

TROMBONE 2

TROMBONE 3

TROMBONE 4

F HORN

TUBA

GUITAR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

VIBES

(17)

G M17

F M17

G M17

F M17

CROSS-STICK

FILL

20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

**(25)**

ALTO SAX 1  
ALTO SAX 2  
TENOR SAX 1  
TENOR SAX 2  
BARITONE SAX  
FLUTE  
CLARINET  
TRUMPET 1  
TRUMPET 2  
TRUMPET 3  
TRUMPET 4  
TROMBONE 1  
TROMBONE 2  
TROMBONE 3  
TROMBONE 4  
F HORN  
TUBA

**SAMPLE**

G<sub>M17</sub> A<sub>Bm7</sub> G<sub>M17</sub> F<sub>M17</sub>

**(25)**

G<sub>M17</sub> A<sub>Bm7</sub> G<sub>M17</sub> F<sub>M17</sub>

**DRAWS**

VIBES

(33)

ALTO SAX 1  
ALTO SAX 2  
TENOR SAX 1  
TENOR SAX 2  
BARITONE SAX  
FLUTE  
CLARINET  
TRUMPET 1  
TRUMPET 2  
TRUMPET 3  
TRUMPET 4  
TROMBONE 1  
TROMBONE 2  
TROMBONE 3  
TROMBONE 4  
F HORN  
TUBA

(33)

G<sub>M</sub>i7      A<sub>B</sub>ma7      A<sub>H</sub>i7(b5)      D7(b9)      B<sub>b</sub>ma7      E<sub>B</sub>ma7      A<sub>H</sub>i7(b5)  
 G<sub>M</sub>i7      A<sub>B</sub>ma7      A<sub>H</sub>i7(b5)      D7(b9)      B<sub>b</sub>ma7      E<sub>B</sub>ma7      A<sub>H</sub>i7(b5)  
 G<sub>M</sub>i7      A<sub>B</sub>ma7      A<sub>H</sub>i7(b5)      D7(b9)      B<sub>b</sub>ma7      E<sub>B</sub>ma7      A<sub>H</sub>i7(b5)  
 BASS  
DRUMS  
VIBES

38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46

**CHORDS:**

G Major 7 (G7)      A Minor 7 (A7)      B Flat Major 7 (B7)      A Minor 7 (A7)

D7 (D7)      G Major 7 (G7)      A Minor 7 (A7)      B Flat Major 7 (B7)      E Flat Major 7 (E7)      D7sus4

D7 (D7)      G Major 7 (G7)      A Minor 7 (A7)      B Flat Major 7 (B7)      D7 (D7)      G Major 7 (G7)      A Minor 7 (A7)      B Flat Major 7 (B7)      E Flat Major 7 (E7)      D7sus4

FILL

(49)

ALTO SAX 1

ALTO SAX 2

TENOR SAX 1

TENOR SAX 2

BARITONE SAX

FLUTE

CLARINET

TRUMPET 1

TRUMPET 2

TRUMPET 3

TRUMPET 4

TROMBONE 1

TROMBONE 2

TROMBONE 3

TROMBONE 4

F HORN

TUBA

GUITAR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

VIBES

(49)

The musical score consists of 18 staves of music for various instruments. The instruments listed are: ALTO SAX 1, ALTO SAX 2, TENOR SAX 1, TENOR SAX 2, BARITONE SAX, FLUTE, CLARINET, TRUMPET 1, TRUMPET 2, TRUMPET 3, TRUMPET 4, TROMBONE 1, TROMBONE 2, TROMBONE 3, TROMBONE 4, F HORN, TUBA, GUITAR, PIANO, BASS, DRUMS, and VIBES. The score is numbered 47 at the top left and 49 at the bottom center. Measure numbers 48, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, and 56 are indicated above the staves. The PIANO staff has a tempo marking of 168 BPM. The DRUMS staff includes a 'FILL' instruction.

## (57) OPEN FOR SOLOS

G<sub>M</sub>i7 58 A<sub>M</sub>i7(b5) 60 D<sub>7</sub>(b9) 61 G<sub>M</sub>i7 63 A<sub>M</sub>i7(b5) 64 D<sub>7</sub>(b9)

**Solo** | 
  
**Backgrounds on CUE**

**ALTO SAX 1**  
**ALTO SAX 2**  
**TENOR SAX 1**  
**TENOR SAX 2**  
**BARITONE SAX**  
**FLUTE**  
**CLARINET**  
**TRUMPET 1**  
**TRUMPET 2**  
**TRUMPET 3**  
**TRUMPET 4**  
**TROMBONE 1**  
**TROMBONE 2**  
**TROMBONE 3**  
**TROMBONE 4**  
**F HORN**  
**TUBA**

**SAMPLE**

## (57) OPEN FOR SOLOS

G<sub>M</sub>i7 A<sub>M</sub>i7(b5) D<sub>7</sub>(b9) G<sub>M</sub>i7 A<sub>M</sub>i7(b5) D<sub>7</sub>(b9)

**GUITAR** | 
  
**PIANO**  
**BASS**  
**DRUMS**  
**VIBES**

(65) 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 74

ALTO SAX 1  
ALTO SAX 2  
TENOR SAX 1  
TENOR SAX 2  
BARITONE SAX  
FLUTE  
CLARINET

TRUMPET 1  
TRUMPET 2  
TRUMPET 3  
TRUMPET 4

TROMBONE 1  
TROMBONE 2  
TROMBONE 3  
TROMBONE 4

F HORN  
TUBA

GUITAR  
PIANO  
BASS  
DRUMS  
VIBES

(73)

**SAMPLE**

(65) 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 74

75      76      77      78      79      80      81      82      83

**81**

GUITAR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

VIBES

(89)

ALTO SAX 1  
ALTO SAX 2  
TENOR SAX 1  
TENOR SAX 2  
BARITONE SAX  
FLUTE  
CLARINET

TRUMPET 1  
TRUMPET 2  
TRUMPET 3  
TRUMPET 4

TROMBONE 1  
TROMBONE 2  
TROMBONE 3  
TROMBONE 4

F HORN  
TUBA

GUITAR  
PIANO  
BASS  
DRUMS  
VIBES

(89)

Am7(b5)      D7(b9)      Bbmaj7

Am7(b5)      D7(b9)      Bbmaj7

Am7(b5)      D7(b9)      Bbmaj7

(FILL)

92  
ALTO SAX 1  
ALTO SAX 2  
TENOR SAX 1  
TENOR SAX 2  
BARITONE SAX  
FLUTE  
CLARINET  
TRUMPET 1  
TRUMPET 2  
TRUMPET 3  
TRUMPET 4  
TROMBONE 1  
TROMBONE 2  
TROMBONE 3  
TROMBONE 4  
F HORN  
TUBA

GUITAR  
PIANO  
BASS  
DRUMS  
VIBES

93  
94  
95  
96  
97  
98  
99

E7sus4 A7(15) D7(15) G7sus4 A7(15) B7sus4 A7(15) D7(15) B7sus4

E7sus4 A7(15) D7(15) G7sus4 A7(15) B7sus4 A7(15) D7(15) B7sus4

E7sus4 A7(15) D7(15) G7sus4 A7(15) B7sus4 A7(15) D7(15) B7sus4

100

ALTO SAX 1

ALTO SAX 2

TENOR SAX 1

TENOR SAX 2

BARITONE SAX

FLUTE

CLARINET

TRUMPET 1

TRUMPET 2

TRUMPET 3

TRUMPET 4

TROMBONE 1

TROMBONE 2

TROMBONE 3

TROMBONE 4

F HORN

TUBA

GUITAR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

VIBES

101

102

103

104

105

106

107

108

E<sub>b</sub>7  
D7sus4  
D7sus4  
D7sus4

E<sub>b</sub>7  
D7sus4  
D7sus4  
D7sus4

E<sub>b</sub>7  
D7sus4  
D7sus4  
D7sus4

FILL

FILL

FILL

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## SUGGESTED SOLO

### (57) OPEN FOR SOLOS

58

59 F#M17(b5)

60 B7(b9)

61 E

62

63 F#M17(b5)

64 B7(b9)

ALTO SAX

TENOR SAX

BARITONE T.C. (8VB)

BARITONE SAX

FLUTE

CLARINET

TRUMPET

TROMBONE

F HORN

TUBA

GUITAR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

MALLET PERCUSSION

