

JAZZ READING SESSION

Presented for the 2021 MMEA Virtual Conference
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Saturday, January 30, 2021
9:00 a.m.

The tunes assembled for this year's reading session focus on arrangements that can be played by ensembles smaller than a traditional big band. In many schools around the state, students are not attending in person, and band programs have had to adjust. It is an ongoing challenge in many schools to find the players for a full big band and now, with Covid-19, putting together a big band is even more difficult. Hopefully the tunes presented here will provide a starting point for directors to find suitable arrangements for a smaller ensemble.

One of the reasons for emphasizing arrangements for "little big band" was the fact that we had to limit the size of the reading band, maintain social distancing, and take other precautions for the session. While the reading band is composed of experienced players, we hope the performance demonstrates how effective charts for a smaller group can be.

The rhythm section (piano, bass, drums, and at times guitar) is key for these arrangements to work well. Hopefully meeting the challenge of putting together a rhythm section will not prove too daunting.

There are three lists of tunes in this handout. These should provide the information you need to find a wide range of charts for small ensembles. The first page is the list of tunes that will be performed. The second page is a list of additional published tunes that will not be played. The third page is a list of tunes for smaller ensembles that were used in the last two years' reading sessions.

INSTRUMENTATION GUIDE

* The Alternate Parts included in many arrangements allow for more flexible instrumentation, and, if more players are included, for interesting doubling.

LITTLE BIG BAND:	<i>ATB, 2 TRP, TB, G, P, B, D (with Alternate Parts)</i>
STANDARD:	<i>AATTB, 4 TRP, 4 TRB, G, P, B, D (VIBES, AUX)</i>
STANDARD, PLUS:	<i>Optional Added FL, CL, HRN, TUBA, VIBES, etc.</i>
EXPANDED:	<i>Some Larger Sections (i.e., 5 TRP, 5 TRB)</i>
REDUCED:	<i>Some Smaller Sections (i.e., 3 TRB)</i>

SERIES GUIDE

BELWIN YOUNG JAZZ ENSEMBLE SERIES	<i>Developing Groups (usable with smaller groups)</i>
BELWIN JAZZ BAND SERIES	<i>High School/Advanced Middle School</i>
DOUG BEACH JAZZ FOUNDATIONS SERIES	<i>Beginning Groups</i>
DOUG BEACH MUSIC THRESHOLD SERIES	<i>Medium</i>
DOUG BEACH MUSIC JAZZ ENSEMBLE SERIES	<i>Medium Advanced</i>

HAL LEONARD DISCOVERY JAZZ SERIES	<i>Developing Groups (usable with smaller groups)</i>
HAL LEONARD JAZZ CLASSICS FOR THE YOUNG ENSEMBLE	<i>Medium</i>
HAL LEONARD JAZZ ENSEMBLE LIBRARY	<i>Medium Advanced</i>
HAL LEONARD PROFESSIONAL EDITIONS JAZZ ENSEMBLE	<i>Advanced</i>
KENDOR JAZZ QUEST SERIES	<i>Beginning Groups</i>
KENDOR JAZZ JOURNEY SERIES	<i>Advancing Groups</i>
KENDOR VJO SIGNATURE EDITIONS	<i>Advanced, from Vanguard Jazz Orchestra</i>
KJOS FIRST PLACE FOR JAZZ	<i>Middle School/Developing Groups (usable with smaller groups)</i>
SIERRA MUSIC BENNY CARTER BIG BAND SERIES	<i>Advanced, reissues from name composers/arrangers</i>
SIERRA MUSIC OLIVER NELSON BIG BAND SERIES	<i>Advanced, reissues from name composers/arrangers</i>

DIFFICULTY GUIDE

<i>Beginning Groups</i>	DOUG BEACH JAZZ FOUNDATIONS SERIES
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<i>Medium Advanced</i>	HAL LEONARD JAZZ ENSEMBLE LIBRARY
<i>Advanced</i>	HAL LEONARD PROFESSIONAL EDITIONS JAZZ

	ENSEMBLE
<i>Advanced, from Vanguard Jazz Orchestra</i>	<i>KENDOR VJO SIGNATURE EDITIONS</i>
<i>Advanced, reissues from name composers/arrangers</i>	<i>SIERRA MUSIC BENNY CARTER BIG BAND SERIES</i>
	<i>SIERRA MUSIC OLIVER NELSON BIG BAND SERIES</i>