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# Sugar Hill Penthouse

(from *Black, Brown and Beige*)

Duke Ellington

As performed by Duke Ellington and his Orchestra

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Full Score

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## NOTES ON PLAYING ELLINGTON

At least 95% of modern-day large ensemble jazz playing comes out of three traditions: Count Basie's band, Duke Ellington's band, and the orchestrations of small groups. Those young players interested in jazz will be drawn to small groups for the opportunity to improvise and for practical reasons (it is much easier to organize 4 or 5 people than it is 15). Schools have taken over the task (formerly performed by dance bands) of training musicians to be ensemble players. Due to the Basie Band's popularity and its simplicity of style and emphasis on blues and swing, the better educators have almost exclusively adopted this tradition for teaching jazz ensemble playing. As wonderful as Count Basie's style is, it doesn't address many of the important styles developed under the great musical umbrella we call jazz. Duke Ellington's comprehensive and eclectic approach to music offers an alternative.

The stylistic richness of Ellington's music presents a great challenge to educators and performers alike. In Basie's music, the conventions are very nearly consistent. In Ellington's music there are many more exceptions to the rules. This calls for greater knowledge of the language of jazz. Clark Terry, who left Count Basie's band to join Duke Ellington, said, "Count Basie was college, but Duke Ellington was graduate school." Knowledge of Ellington's music prepares you to play any big band music.

The following is a list of performance conventions for the great majority of Ellington's music. Any deviations or additions will be spelled out in the individual performance notes which follow.

1. Listen carefully many times to the Ellington recording of these pieces. There are many subtleties that will elude even the most sophisticated listener at first. Although it was never Ellington's wish to have his recordings imitated, knowledge of these definitive versions will lead musicians to make more educated choices when creating new performances. Ellington's music, though written for specific individuals, is designed to inspire all musicians to express themselves. In addition, you will hear slight note differences in the recording and the transcriptions. This is intentional, as there are mistakes and alterations from the original intent of the music in the recording. You should have your players play what's in the score.
2. General use of swing phrasing. The triplet feel prevails except for ballads or where notations such as even eighths or Latin appear. In these cases, eighth notes are given equal value.
3. There is a chain of command in ensemble playing. The lead players in each section determine the phrasing and volume for their own section, and their section-mates must conform to the lead. When the saxes and / or trombones play with the trumpets, the lead trumpet is the boss. The lead alto and trombone must listen to the first trumpet and follow him. In turn, the other saxes and trombones must follow their lead players. When the clarinet leads the brass section, the brass should not overblow him. That means that the first trumpet is actually playing "second." If this is done effectively, there will be very little balancing work left for the conductor.

4. In Ellington's music, each player should express the individuality of his own line. He must find a musical balance of supporting and following the section leader and bringing out the character of the underpart. Each player should be encouraged to express his or her personality through the music. In this music, the underparts are played at the same volume and with the same conviction as the lead.
5. Blues inflection should permeate all parts at all times, not just when these opportunities occur in the lead.
6. Vibrato is used quite a bit to warm up the sound. Saxes (who most frequently represent the sensual side of things) usually employ vibrato on harmonized passages and no vibrato on unisons. The vibrato can be either heavy or light depending on the context. Occasionally saxes use a light vibrato on unisons. Trumpets (who very often are used for heat and power) use a little vibrato on harmonized passages and no vibrato on unisons. Trombones (who are usually noble) do not use slide vibrato. A little lip vibrato is good on harmonized passages at times. Try to match the speed of vibrato. In general unisons are played with no vibrato.
7. Crescendo as you ascend and diminuendo as you descend. The upper notes of phrases receive a natural accent and the lower notes are ghosted. Alto and tenor saxophones need to use sub-tone in the lower part of their range in order to blend properly with the rest of the section. This music was originally written with no dynamics. It pretty much follows the natural tendencies of the instruments; play loud in the loud part of the instrument and soft in the soft part of the instrument. For instance, a high C for a trumpet will be loud and a low C will be soft.
8. Quarter notes are generally played short unless otherwise notated. Long marks above or below a pitch indicate full value: not just long, but full value. Eighth notes are played full value except when followed by a rest or otherwise notated. All notes longer than a quarter note are played full value, which means if it is followed by a rest, release the note where the rest appears. For example, a half note occurring on beat one of a measure would be released on beat three.
9. Unless they are part of a legato background figure, long notes should be played somewhat *fp* (forte-piano); accent then diminish the volume. This is important so that the moving parts can be heard over the sustained notes. Don't just hold out the long notes, but give them life and personality: that is, vibrato, inflection, crescendo, or diminuendo. There is a great deal of inflection in this music, and much of this is highly interpretive. Straight or curved lines imply non-pitched glisses, and wavy lines mean scalar (chromatic or diatonic) glisses. In general, all rhythmic figures need to be accented. Accents give the music life and swing. This is very important.
10. Ellington's music is about individuality: one person per part—do not double up because you have extra players or need more strength.

More than one on a part makes it sound more like a concert band and less like a jazz band.

11. This is acoustic music. Keep amplification to an absolute minimum; in the best halls, almost no amplification should be necessary. Everyone needs to develop a big sound. It is the conductor's job to balance the band. When a guitar is used, it should be a hollow-body, unamplified rhythm guitar. Simple three-note voicings should be used throughout. An acoustic string bass is a must. In mediocre or poorly designed halls, the bass and piano may need a bit of a boost. I recommend miking them and putting them through the house sound system. This should provide a much better tone than an amplifier. Keep in mind that the rhythm section's primary function is to accompany. The bass should not be as loud as a trumpet. That is unnatural and leads to over-amplification, bad tone, and limited dynamics. Stay away from monitors. They provide a false sense of balance.
12. We have included chord changes on all rhythm section parts so that students can better understand the overall form of each composition. It is incumbent upon the director to make clear what is a composed part versus a part to be improvised. The recordings should make this clear but in instances where it is not; use your best judgment and play something that sounds good, is swinging, and is stylistically appropriate to the piece. Sometimes, a student may not have the technical skill to perform a difficult transcription, especially in the case of one of Duke's solos, in that case, it is best to have the student work something out that is appropriate. Written passages should be studied and earned when possible, as they are an important part of our jazz heritage and help the player understand the function of his particular solo or accompaniment. All soloists should learn the chord changes. Solos should be looked at as an opportunity to further develop the interesting thematic material that Ellington has provided.
13. The notation of plungers for the brass means a rubber toilet plunger bought in a hardware store. Kirckhill is a very good brand (especially if you can find one of their old hard rubber ones, like the one I loaned Wynton and he lost). Trumpets use 5" diameter and trombones use 6" diameter. Where Plunger/Mute is notated, insert a pixie mute in the bell and use the plunger over the mute. Pixies are available from Humes & Berg in Chicago. Tricky Sam Nanton and his successors in the Ellington plunger trombone chair did not use pixies. Rather, each of them employed a Nonpareil (that's the brand name) trumpet straight mute. Nonpareil has gone out of business, but the Tom Crown Nonpareil trumpet straight mute is very close to the same thing. These mute/plunger combinations create a wonderful sound (very close to the human voice), but they also can create some intonation problems which must be corrected by the lip or by using alternate slide positions. It would be easier to move the tuning slide, but part of the sound is in the struggle to correct the pitch. If this proves too much, stick with the pixie—it's pretty close.

14. The drummer is the de facto leader of the band. He establishes the beat and controls the volume of the ensemble. For big band playing, the drummer needs to use a larger bass drum than he would for small group drumming. A 22" or 24" is preferred. The bass drum is played softly (nearly inaudible) on each beat. This is called feathering the bass drum. It provides a very important bottom to the band. The bass drum sound is not a boom and not a thud—it's in between. The larger size drum is necessary for the kicks; a smaller drum just won't be heard. The key to this style is to just keep time. A rim knock on two and four (chopping wood) is used to lock in the swing. When it comes to playing fills, the fewer, the better.
15. The horn players should stand for their solos and solis. Brass players should come down front for moderate to long solos, surrounding rests permitting. The same applies to the pep section (two trumpets and one trombone in plunger/mutes).
16. Horns should pay close attention to attacks and releases. Everyone should hit together and release together.
17. Above all, everyone's focus should remain at all times on the swing. As the great bassist Chuck Israels says, "The three most important things in jazz are rhythm, rhythm, and rhythm, in that order." Or as Bubber Miley (Ellington's first star trumpeter) said, "It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing."

## GLOSSARY

The following are terms which describe conventions of jazz performance, from traditional New Orleans to the present avant garde.

**Break** • within the context of an ongoing time feel, the rhythm section stops for one, two, or four bars. Very often a soloist will improvise during a break.

**Call and response** • repetitive pattern of contrasting exchanges (derived from the church procedure of the minister making a statement and the congregation answering with "amen"). Call-and-response patterns usually pit one group of instruments against another. Sometimes we call this "trading fours," "trading twos," etc., especially when it involves improvisation. The numbers denote the amount of measures each soloist or group plays. Another term frequently used is "swapping fours."

**Coda** • also known as the "outro." "Tags" or "tag endings" are outgrowths of vaudeville bows that are frequently used as codas. They most often use deceptive cadences that finally resolve to the tonic or they go from the sub-dominant and cycle back to the tonic.

**Comp** • improvise accompaniment (for piano or guitar).

**Groove** • the composite rhythm. This generally refers to the combined repetitive rhythmic patterns of the drums, bass, piano, and guitar, but may also include repetitive patterns in the horns. Some grooves are standard (i.e., swing, bossa nova, samba), while others are manufactured (original combinations of rhythms).

**Head** • melody chorus.

**Interlude** • a different form (of relatively short length) sandwiched between two chorus forms. Interludes that set up a key change are simply called modulations.

**Intro** • short for introduction.

**Ride pattern** • the most common repetitive figure played by the drummer's right hand on the ride cymbal or hi-hat.



**Riff** • a repeated melodic figure. Very often, riffs repeat verbatim or with slight alterations while the harmonies change underneath them.

**Shout chorus** • also known as the "out chorus," the "sock chorus," or sometimes shortened to just "the shout." It is the final ensemble passage of most big band charts and where the climax most often happens.

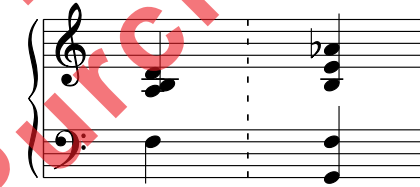
**Soli** • a harmonized passage for two or more instruments playing the same rhythm. It is customary for horn players to stand up or even move in front of the band when playing these passages. This is done so that the audience can hear them better and to provide the audience with some visual interest. A soli sound particular to Ellington's music combines two trumpets and trombone in plungers/mutes in triadic harmony. This is called the "pep section."

**Stop time** • a regular pattern of short breaks (usually filled in by a soloist).

**Swing** • the perfect confluence of rhythmic tension and relaxation in music creating a feeling euphoria and characterized by accented weak beats (a democratization of the beat) and eighth notes that are played as the first and third eighth notes of an eighth-note triplet. Duke Ellington's definition of swing: when the music feels like it is getting faster, but it isn't.

**Vamp** • a repeated two- or four-bar chord progression. Very often, there may be a riff or riffs played on the vamp.

**Voicing** • the specific spacing, inversion, and choice of notes that make up a chord. For instance, two voicings for G7 could be:



Note that the first voicing includes a 9th and the second voicing includes a 9th and a 13th. The addition of 9ths, 11ths, 13ths, and alterations are up to the discretion of the pianist and soloist.

## THE FOUR ELEMENTS OF MUSIC

The following are placed in their order of importance in jazz. We should never lose perspective on this order of priority.

**Rhythm** • meter, tempo, groove, and form, including both melodic rhythm and harmonic rhythm (the speed and regularity of the chord changes).

**Melody** • a tune or series of pitches.

**Harmony** • chords and voicings.

**Orchestration** • instrumentation and tone colors.

—David Berger

## SUGAR HILL PENTHOUSE • INSTRUMENTATION

Reed 1 – Alto Sax

Reed 2 – Alto Sax/Clarinet

Reed 3 – Tenor Sax/Clarinet

Reed 4 – Tenor Sax

Reed 5 – Bari Sax/Clarinet

Trumpet 1

Trumpet 2

Trumpet 3

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Trombone 3

Piano

Bass

Drums

## ORIGINAL RECORDING INFORMATION

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**Arranger** • Duke Ellington

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**Personnel** • Duke Ellington (leader, piano); Cat Anderson, Cootie Williams, Herbie Jones, Paul Serrano, Ray Nance (trumpet); Buster Cooper, Lawrence Brown, Chuck Connors (trombone); Jimmy Hamilton (clarinet, tenor sax); Russell Procope (alto sax, clarinet); Johnny Hodges (alto sax); Paul Gonsalves (tenor sax); Harry Carney (baritone sax); John Lamb (bass); Sam Woodyard (drums)

**Soloists** • Duke Ellington (piano intro); Harry Carney (baritone sax); Paul Gonsalves (tenor sax); Duke Ellington (piano [ending])

## REHEARSAL NOTES

- There are a handful of landmark years in Ellington's long career: opening at the Cotton Club in 1927, the Newport Jazz Festival explosion of 1956, the Victor recordings that started in 1940, and without a doubt, 1943. On January 23<sup>rd</sup> of that year, Ellington played his first of a series of annual Carnegie Hall concerts. After years of international recognition as one of the world's greatest composers, Ellington finally had the chance to showcase his compositions and orchestra at what was at the time the most respected concert hall in his native land. The highlight of the concert was the premiere of Ellington's longest extended composition, *Black, Brown and Beige*, which he referred to as "a tone parallel to the history of the American Negro."
- **Sugar Hill Penthouse** is multi-themed and should be approached as a mini-suite with contrasting moods and levels of intensity, all of which never go beyond a moderate dynamic level. This calls for serious attention to subtle gradations within a predetermined limit. One way of doing this is to have the players draw a horizontal map of the piece tracking the levels of dynamics and intensity; this will ensure that everyone is on the same wavelength all the way through.
- Harry Carney's sound and phrasing were an indispensable element of Ellington's music for over 45 years. In order to truly make this piece come to life, have the soloist practice along with the original recording (it's the 1958 Columbia LP version—not the earlier ones). Try and match the precise phrasing, dynamics, and even the sound (easier said than done!).
- The great majority of the ensemble and section backgrounds and figures starting at **A** are to play with more of an even eighth feel that swing eighths. Many of the brass passages (trombones at **B** for example, can be played in the stands to give them a distant, French horn type of sound). Trombones can come out of the stands to add rhythmic emphasis at **C**.
- Pay close attention to the piano intro and then the punctuations through **C**—they are small but vital parts of the picture. Ellington chose his spots carefully whenever the ensemble was playing, and regular comping doesn't usually work when playing his music.
- Saxes—pay attention to the rhythms three measures before **D**. You may want to rehearse this separately with a metronome.
- The feel of the trumpet soli that starts at **E** is very different from what you usually get in a big band arrangement. Listen carefully to how the Ellington band interpreted it and try to play with that specific mood and attack. As always, the lower parts must blend and match the lead so it sounds like one player.
- The sax soli at **F** should mirror the bari sax phrasing at **A**. Prepare for the clarinet lead four measures before **G**, with the lead clarinet and other reeds blended underneath. If you choose to bend the first note, decide precisely when you will attack it and how long to scoop it.
- Trumpets in hats at **G** should strive for a French horn sound with a very legato attack. The trombone counterpoint, even though note-y, must be subordinate.
- Throughout the piece, pay close attention to all of the dynamic shifts and exaggerate them. The shifts from *mp* to *mf* to *f* and back and forth must be identifiable aurally.
- The reeds may want to make a crescendo over the first four measures of **K** to underline the rise in intensity.

—Loren Schoenberg

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# SUGAR HILL PENTHOUSE

(from Black, Brown and Beige)

Duke Ellington  
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Swing ♩ = 96

Reed 1 Alto Sax

2 Alto Sax

3 Tenor Sax

4 Tenor Sax

5 Baritone Sax

Trumpets 1

2

3

Trombones 1

2

3

Piano

Bass

Drums

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**A**

*p*

*mp*

*mf*

*ped.*

straight eighths

bell

let ring

swing

F

Gm7

C7(9)

F

C6

1/2 open HH

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Sugar Hill Penthouse

C

The musical score for 'Sugar Hill Penthouse' (page 3) features the following parts and details:

- Vocalists:** Alto (2 staves), Tenor (2 staves), Bari (1 staff). The vocal lines include triplets and various rhythmic patterns.
- Instrumentation:** Tpts. 1-3 (3 staves), Tbns. 1-3 (3 staves), Pno. (2 staves), Bs. (1 staff), and Drs. (1 staff).
- Chord Progression (Bs. staff):** F/C, Gm/C, F/C, Bb/C, F/C, Bb/C, F, Dmaj7, D9, Bbmaj7, Bb7.
- Drum Part (Drs. staff):** Features a pattern of eighth notes, with a 'sw. 8th' (swung eighth) instruction.
- Other Annotations:** A 'loco' marking is present in the piano part, and an '8va' marking is present in the tuba part.

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The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral layout. It includes five vocal staves (Alto, Alto, Tenor, Tenor, Bari), three trumpet staves (Tpts. 1, 2, 3), three trombone staves (Tbns. 1, 2, 3), a piano part (Pno.), a bass line (Bs.), and a drum part (Drs.). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The score is marked with dynamics such as *mf* and *mp*. A large red watermark 'Preview Only' is overlaid diagonally across the page. A copyright notice '© 2011 by Hal Leonard Music Publishing Co.' is visible in the bottom right corner.

*f*



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**D**

Alto *p*

Alto *p*

Tenor *p*

Tenor *p*

Bari

Tpts. 1  
2  
3 to cup mute

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Pno.

Bs. *mp* Bb G9 F G9 F/C Gm/C F/C Gm/C F/C Bb/C F/C Bb/C

Drs. *mp*

E

Alto

Alto

Tenor

Tenor

Bari

to Clarinet

Tpts. 1

cup mute

mf

2

cup mute

mf

3

cup mute

mf

Tbns. 1

mp

2

mp

3

mp

Pno.

Bs.

F maj7

Drs.

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F

The musical score for "Sugar Hill Penthouse" on page 7 features the following parts and markings:

- Vocalists:** Alto (2 staves), Tenor (2 staves), and Bari (1 staff). All vocal parts are marked *mp* (mezzo-piano).
- Instrumentation:** Tpts. 1-3 (3 staves), Tbns. 1-3 (3 staves), Pno. (2 staves), Bs. (1 staff), and Drs. (1 staff).
- Chord Progression (Bs. staff):** Fmaj7, Gm7, C7(s9), Fmaj7, Gm7, C7(s9), Fmaj7, C7.
- Drum Part (Drs. staff):** A rhythmic pattern of eighth notes with accents.

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straight eighths

Alto

Alto

Tenor

Tenor

Bari

Clarinets

to hat

hat

mp

hat

mp

hat

mp

Tpts. 1

2

3

Tbns. 1

2

3

Pno.

Fmaj9 D9 Gm7 G9 C7sus D7 G7 C9(5) F7

Bs.

Drs.

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Detailed description of the musical score: The score is for a jazz ensemble. It includes parts for Alto (two staves), Tenor (two staves), Bari (one staff), Clarinets (one staff), Tpts. 1, 2, and 3 (three staves), Tbns. 1, 2, and 3 (three staves), Pno. (two staves), Bs. (one staff), and Drs. (one staff). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into measures, with dynamics such as *f* (forte), *mf* (mezzo-forte), and *mp* (mezzo-piano) indicated. Articulations like 'straight eighths' and 'to hat' are noted. A large red watermark 'Legal Use Only Requires Purchase' is overlaid diagonally across the page.

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**G**

Alto

Alto to Clarinet

Tenor to Clarinet

Tenor Solo boudoir tenor C F/C C G13(+9)/C C F/C 3 3 C C# C G7(#5) C F/C 3 C G9 C C7

Bari to Bari Sax

Tpts. 1

2

3

Tbns. 1

2

3

Pno.

Bs. Bb Eb/Bb Bb F13(+9)/Bb Bb Eb/Bb Bb B Bb F7(#5) Bb Eb/Bb Bb F9 Bb B Bb F7 Bb7

Drs.

[H]

The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral layout. It includes parts for Alto (two staves), Tenor (two staves), Bari (one staff), Tpts. 1-3 (three staves), Tbns. 1-3 (three staves), Pno. (grand staff), Bs. (bass line), and Drs. (drum set). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The score contains various musical notations such as notes, rests, slurs, and triplets. A large red watermark reading "Preview Only" is overlaid diagonally across the page. Chord symbols are provided above the Tenor and Bass staves.

Chord symbols: F, Dm7(65), C, D9, C, F/C, C, G13(9)

Chord symbols: Eb, Cm7(65), Bb, C9, Bb/F, Eb/F, Bb, F13(9)/F

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The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral format. The top section includes vocal parts for Alto, Tenor, and Bari, and woodwind parts for Clarinet and Tpt. 1, 2, and 3. The middle section features Tbn. 1, 2, and 3. The bottom section includes Piano (Pno.), Bass (Bs.), and Drums (Drs.).

Key performance instructions and dynamics include:

- Alto:** *f*, *mf*
- Clarinet:** *mf*, *f*, *mf*
- Tenor:** *mf*, *f*, *mf*
- Bari:** *f*, *mf*
- Tpts. 1, 2, 3:** *f*, *open*, *to open*
- Tbns. 1, 2, 3:** *mf*
- Chords:** *BbF*, *EbF*, *Bb*, *F 13(+9)*, *BbF*, *F 7sus*, *Bbmaj 7*

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I

to Alto Sax

Alto Sax

*f*

*f*

*f*

Db Ab7 Db Abm7(b5) Fm7(b5) Db9

Detailed description: This is a page of a musical score for the piece "Sugar Hill Penthouse". The score is arranged for a large ensemble. At the top, there is a section marker "I". The instruments listed on the left are Alto (two staves), Clarinet (Clar.), Tenor (Tenor), Bari (Bari), Tpts. 1, 2, 3 (Trumpets), Tbns. 1, 2, 3 (Trombones), Pno. (Piano), Bs. (Bass), and Drs. (Drums). The Alto and Alto Sax parts have melodic lines with accents. The Tpts. and Tbns. parts feature complex rhythmic patterns, including triplets and slurs. The Pno. part is mostly rests. The Bs. part provides harmonic support with chords and bass lines. The Drs. part has a simple rhythmic pattern. A large red watermark "Preview Only" is overlaid diagonally across the entire page. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats), and the time signature is 4/4. The bottom of the page shows a series of chords: Db, Ab7, Db, Abm7(b5), Fm7(b5), and Db9.



**J**

Alto *mf*

Alto *mf*

Clar. *mf*

Tenor *mf*

Bari *mf*

Tpts. 1

2

3

Tbns. 1

2

3

Pno.

Cmaj Abm9 Db13 Abm7(65) Db9 Dm7 G13 D9 G7(69) C

Bs. *mp*

Drs. *mp*

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[K] *ritard.*

The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral format. It features a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a common time signature. The score is divided into several systems of staves. The top system includes parts for Alto, Clarinet, Tenor, and Bari. The middle system includes parts for Tpts. 1, 2, and 3, and Tbn. 1, 2, and 3. The bottom system includes parts for Pno., Bs., and Drs. The Alto, Clarinet, Tenor, and Bari parts have melodic lines with various ornaments and triplets. The Tpts. and Tbn. parts are mostly rests. The Pno. part is mostly rests. The Bs. part has a bass line with triplets and other rhythmic patterns. The Drs. part has a drum pattern. A large red watermark 'Preview Only Requires Purchase' is overlaid diagonally across the page.

**L**  $\text{♩} = 116$  *ritard.*

Alto

Alto

Clar.

Tenor

Bari

Tpts. 1

2

3

Tbns. 1

2

3

Pno.

Bs.

Drs.

*p* *espress.* *Ped.*

*ritard.*

$\text{♩} = 116$

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# ESSENTIALLY ELLINGTON

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Bands are invited to submit a recording of their performance of the charts either for entry in the competition or for comments only. Every submission receives a thorough written assessment. Bands are also invited to attend *EE* Regional Festivals for an opportunity to perform and receive a workshop.

## Finalists and In-School Workshops

Fifteen bands are selected from competition entries to attend the annual Competition & Festival in New York City. To prepare, each finalist band receives an in-school workshop led by a professional musician. Local *EE* members are also invited to attend these workshops.

## Competition & Festival

The *EE* year culminates in a three-day festival at Jazz at Lincoln Center's Frederick P. Rose Hall. Students, teachers, and musicians participate in workshops, rehearsals, and performances. The festival concludes with an evening concert that features the three top-placing bands, joining the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis in concert previewing next year's *EE* repertoire.

## Jazz at Lincoln Center Band Director Academy

This professional development session for band directors is designed to enhance their ability to teach and conduct the music of Duke Ellington and other big band composers. Led by prominent jazz educators each summer, this companion program to *EE* integrates performance, history, pedagogy, and discussion into an intensive educational experience for band directors at all levels.

As of May 2016, *EE* has distributed scores to more than 4,800 schools in the U.S. and abroad.

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