



Bartók Takes the Trane

Based on #3 from *10 Easy Piano Pieces*

BÉLA BARTÓK

Arranged by KRIS BERG

Instrumentation

Full Score	1
Alto Saxophone 1	1
Alto Saxophone 2	1
Tenor Saxophone 1	1
Tenor Saxophone 2	1
Baritone Saxophone	1
Trumpet 1	1
Trumpet 2	1
Trumpet 3	1
Trumpet 4	1
Trombone 1	1
Trombone 2	1
Trombone 3	1
Trombone 4	1
Guitar	1
Piano	1
Bass	1
Drums	1

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About the Arranger



Kris Berg is an international best-selling composer and arranger. He has written charts for Kurt Elling, Sean Jones, Veronica Swift, Delfeayo Marsalis, Wayne Bergeron and Chris Vadala, for honors bands in Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, South Carolina, Maine, Maryland and Missouri, and for professional, college and public school bands around the globe.

A recipient of 8 Global Music Awards, Mr. Berg has released two highly acclaimed CD's (MAMA Records) as leader of the Metroplexity Big Band. "Time Management" and "This Time/Last Year" feature his unique writing and arranging. "Perspectives", his new CD, was released in 2021. He has appeared or recorded with the likes of Wayne Bergeron, Phil Woods, Kurt Elling, Randy Brecker, Peter Erskine, Delfeayo Marsalis, and Bob Mintzer and has directed All-State Jazz Bands in Nebraska, Montana, Oklahoma, Maine, South Carolina, Arkansas, South Dakota, Nevada, Kentucky, Ohio, Arizona, Texas and Wyoming.

Kris is currently the Jazz Program Director for the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra program and Music Director at Willow Bend Church in Plano, Texas. He taught college for almost 30 years and is the founder of the award-winning Jazz Program at Collin College including the Collin Jazz Fest and the Texas All-Star Jazz Camp.

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This is an up-tempo swing chart that will take your jazz band to the next level. A real showstopper, this chart features burnin' rhythm section, powerful ensemble and a super Sax soli. If you have the horses this is the chart to bring the house down at any festival, competition, or concert.

As the Jazz Program Director for the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra, a long-running classical program, I am always looking for classical pieces that I can arrange into the jazz genre. In a recent search, I was looking at piano melodies and came across Bartók's *Ten Easy Pieces*. Number 3 grabbed my attention, especially it's almost minor blues chord progression. The melody reminded me a little of *Mr. PC*, when sped up, which then inspired me to do some inspirational listening to Coltrane. And thus, a chart idea was born. Is it interesting to see a wacky mind at work?!

The beginning of *Bartók Takes the Trane* is just piano, playing *Number 3* as originally conceived. It will be most effective if the performer strives to capture the classical concept here. There are numerous recordings of this work on YouTube, and I encourage you to make use of listening to them.

At 23, the rhythm sections charges ahead. Not too loud, but certainly with a *forte* attitude. There are lots of running 1/8th notes in this chart. At this tempo, I encourage players to really strive to even them out and go for flow and accents. This makes the chart swing better. Rhythm section and brass have quick 1/8th note punches in measures 47-49. Notice the accent is on the downbeat. Pop the first note and let the second note sort of "bounce" off the beat. Don't try to accent the second note. Drums should be very crisp here to help the articulations.

At 54, make sure the echoes in the melody match in volume. 62 relaxes for a moment before building into the BIG hits that send us off to our lead Alto solo. Especially important are the breath markings in measures 73 and 74. Your horns should listen to the lead Trumpet and match.

Both solo sections are open with backgrounds on cue. I like to cue the backgrounds for the last 2 choruses before going on, but feel free to shape this as you like. Soloists don't have to go crazy as they work on soloing at this tempo, but they should absolutely be sure to play in time. Utilizing the written solo, scale choices and the original melody are all ways to approach these sections. 93 provides some new ensemble. Like 54, be sure the volumes of the echoing melodies match throughout the crescendo.

Our Sax soli starts with 4 measures alone. Be sure to not drag! Be aggressive. Match your lead Alto. Balance. Use melodic shape to create dynamics. 5 play as 1!!! All of these concepts will lead to success!! Coming out of the soli, be sure to again notice the breath marks in measures 156-158. These are important as they clean up the hits and provide punch and clarity.

177 is the shout chorus and should be big, but balanced. 203 allows your lead Trumpet to shine for a bit as we head towards our ending. All the band under the lead Trumpet should really exaggerate the *crescendos* and *decrescendos* for best effect. After that, we recap the intro into a full band fermata with aggressive drums. As you cut this off, let it ring. Don't be in a hurry to have the Piano come back in (I like drama!). Piano quotes the end of *Number 3*, but this time at a slightly slower tempo with a *ritard*. Last band note is very soft with some high register piano effects.

Bartók Takes the Trane is an instant favorite of mine. I feel blessed for the original idea and how it flushed out. I hope you will accept the challenge and make this a feature for your program. Please feel free to contact me with your questions and comments: kris@krisbergjazz.com



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Full Score

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Based on No. 3 from 10 Easy Piano Pieces

BÉLA BARTÓK
Arranged by KRIS BERG
(ASCAP)

"Classical" ♩ = 142

2
4

Alto Sax 1

Alto Sax 2

Tenor Sax 1

Tenor Sax 2

Baritone Sax

Trumpet 1

Trumpet 2

Trumpet 3

Trumpet 4

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Trombone 3

Trombone 4

Guitar

Piano

Bass

Drum Set

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Solo (as written)

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A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx. 1

T. Sx. 2

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tbn. 4

Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Drums

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11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

mf

dim.

f

23 Fast swing ♩ = 250

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The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral format. The top staves are for the woodwinds and brass: A. Sx. 1 & 2, T. Sx. 1 & 2, B. Sx., Tpt. 1-4, and Tbn. 1-4. Below these are the Guitar (Gtr.), Piano (Pno.), Bass, and Drums. The score spans measures 30 to 38. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 4/4. The music features a complex interplay of instruments, with the saxophones and trumpets playing melodic lines, the trombones providing harmonic support, and the piano and bass playing a rhythmic foundation. The drums enter in measure 37 with a fill.

30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38

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39

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx. 1

T. Sx. 2

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tbn. 4

Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Drums

2nd time only

2nd time only

2nd time only

2nd time only

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39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47

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The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral format. The top staves are for the woodwinds and brass, followed by the strings and percussion. The score is divided into measures, with measure numbers 48 through 56 indicated at the bottom. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 4/4. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings. A large diagonal watermark 'For Preview Only' is overlaid across the score.

48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56

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62

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A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx. 1

T. Sx. 2

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tbn. 4

Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Drums

57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66

"Two" feel

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A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx. 1

T. Sx. 2

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tbn. 4

Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Drums

Swing hard

Fill

67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76

11

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92

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx. 1

T. Sx. 2

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tbn. 4

Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Drums

Chords: Dm^9 , $A+7(\sharp 9)$, F^{13} , $E+7(\sharp 9)$, Am^9 , G^9 , Am^9 , F^{MAT^9} , G^9 , Am^9

Chords: Fm^9 , $C+7(\sharp 9)$, A^b13 , $G+7(\sharp 9)$, Cm^9 , B^b9 , Cm^9 , A^bMAT^9 , B^b9 , Cm^9

Chords: Fm^9 , $C+7(\sharp 9)$, A^b13 , $G+7(\sharp 9)$, As written

Rehearsal mark: m^2

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Bartók Takes the Trane - Full Score

This image shows a page of a musical score, likely for a concert band or orchestra. The score is written for multiple instruments, including Saxophones (A. Sax. 1 & 2, T. Sax. 1 & 2, B. Sax.), Trumpets (Tpt. 1-4), Trombones (Tbn. 1-4), Guitar (Gtr.), Piano (Pno.), Bass, and Drums. The music is in 4/4 time and features various musical notations, including notes, rests, and dynamic markings such as "cresc." (crescendo) and "mf" (mezzo-forte). A large, diagonal watermark reading "For Preview Only" is overlaid across the center of the page.

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103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111

113

For Preview Only

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx. 1

T. Sx. 2

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tbn. 4

Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Drums

Fill

Sax soli

mc

Swing

FM⁹

CM⁹

112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120

128

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx. 1

T. Sx. 2

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tbn. 4

Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Drums

DM7(b9) G+7(#9) FM9 C+7(#9) A^b13 G+7(#9) CM9 B^b9 CM9 A^bMAT9 B^b9 CM9 CM9

DM7(b9) G+7 FM9 C+7 A^b13 G+7 CM9 B^b9 CM9 A^bMAT9 B^b9 CM9 CM9

121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129

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A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx. 1

T. Sx. 2

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tbn. 4

Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Drums

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For Preview Only

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx. 1

T. Sx. 2

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tbn. 4

Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Drums

For Preview Only

Chord symbols for Piano:

Measure	Chord Symbols
148	C_{M9}
149	C_{M9}
150	D_{M7b5}
151	$G+7$
152	F_{M9}
153	$C+7$
154	A^{b13}
155	$G7\sharp9$
156	C_{M9}

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For Preview Only

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax. 1

T. Sax. 2

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tbn. 4

Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Drums

On cue

On cue

On cue

On cue

On cue

Solo

D_M^9

C_M^9

C_M^9

C_M^9

$\text{G}+7(b9)$ F_M^9 B^bM^9 E^b13 $\text{G}+7(\sharp9)$ C_M^7

Time - Tpt solo

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A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx. 1

T. Sx. 2

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tbn. 4

Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Drums

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Chord symbols: G_M^9 , D_M^9 , E_M^{7b5} , $A+7(\sharp 9)$, G_M^9 , $D+7(\sharp 9)$, B^{b13} , $A+7(\sharp 9)$, D_M^9 , C^9 , D_M^9 , B^{bMAT^9} , C^9 , F_M^9 , C_M^9 , D_M^{7b5} , $G+7(\sharp 9)$, F_M^9 , $C+7(\sharp 9)$, A^{b13} , $G+7(\sharp 9)$, C_M^9 , B^{b9} , C_M^9 , A^{bMAT^9} , B^{b9} , C_M^9 , F_M^{b9} , C_M^{b9} , D_M^{b7b5} , $G+7(\sharp 9)$, F_M^{b9} , $C+7(\sharp 9)$, A^{b13} , $G+7(\sharp 9)$, C_M^9 , B^{b9} , C_M^9 , A^{bMAT^9} , B^{b9} , C_M^9 , F_M^9 , $C^{7\sharp 9}$, A^{b13} , $G^{7\sharp 9}$, C_M^{b7}

177

Last time only

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx. 1

T. Sx. 2

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tbn. 4

Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Drums

For Preview Only

1 2

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx. 1

T. Sx. 2

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tbn. 4

Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Drums

CM⁹ B^{b9} CM⁹ FM⁹ GM⁹ A^{b13} G^{b9}

185 186 187 188 189 190 191 192 193 194

203

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx. 1

T. Sx. 2

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tbn. 4

Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Drums

Lead (solo)

Big fill

3 2 3 2 3 2 3 2

A^bMAT⁹ B^{b9} C^{M9} B^bM/E^b A^{b9} D+7(♯9) G+7(♯9)

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A. Sx. 1
A. Sx. 2
T. Sx. 1
T. Sx. 2
B. Sx.
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tpt. 4
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Tbn. 3
Tbn. 4
Gtr.
Pno.
Bass
Drums

205 206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216

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For Preview Only

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx. 1

T. Sx. 2

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tbn. 4

Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Drums

217 218 219 220 221 222 223 224 225 226

$A^b MA7^9$ B^b9 $C M^9$ As written

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Measures 227 through 236 are shown. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

Measure 235 includes the following chord symbols: E^b9 , A^b13 , G^bM9 , and E^b13 .

molto rit.

On cue

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx. 1

T. Sx. 2

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tbn. 4

Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Drums

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