

JAZZ BAND SERIES



Isfahan

(from *Impressions of the Far East Suite*)

DUKE ELLINGTON and BILLY STRAYHORN

Arranged by ALAN BAYLOCK

INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor	1st Trombone
1st E♭ Alto Saxophone	2nd Trombone
2nd E♭ Alto Saxophone	3rd Trombone
1st B♭ Tenor Saxophone	Bass Trombone
2nd B♭ Tenor Saxophone	Guitar Chords
E♭ Baritone Saxophone	Guitar
1st B♭ Trumpet	Piano
2nd B♭ Trumpet	Bass
3rd B♭ Trumpet	Drums
4th B♭ Trumpet	

Optional Alternate Parts

C Flute
Tuba
Horn in F (Doubles 1st Trombone)
1st Baritone T.C./B♭ Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 1st Trombone)
2nd Baritone T.C./B♭ Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 2nd Trombone)
3rd Baritone T.C./B♭ Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 3rd Trombone)

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

This setting of the gorgeous Ellington/Strayhorn composition, *Isfahan*, is all about the solo alto player. It is of primary importance that everyone in the band has an opportunity to listen to this tune on Duke Ellington's *Far East Suite* recording. It is the quintessential arrangement and by imitating this unique sound, this new arrangement can really make your band and alto soloist shine.

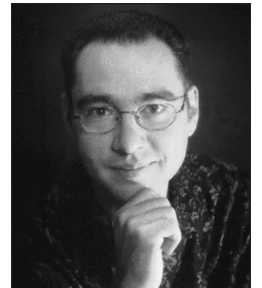
Make sure the soloist doesn't feel restricted to the written rhythms or even all of the written notes. The solo player can be expressive and, although simplicity is best in this arrangement, encourage him or her to go beyond the written music.

It will be most effective if the band does not get loud until the pick-ups to measure 38, although the end of measure 4 can get pretty close to the same dynamic. From measure 44 to the end, the subdued feel should be a focus. Strive to have the band play soft, but not weak. By keeping all the rhythms accurate, making the most of the phrases, and always playing with a warm, full sound, this can be achieved more easily. Other critical elements are blend and balance—direct the band to listen and adjust as needed. Relax and let this chart flow! Don't rush, but don't lay back too much, either. You can listen to the full length version at alfred.com/downloads.

Thanks for your interest and I sincerely hope you and your band enjoy this arrangement.

—Alan Baylock

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