

# Jazz Concerto

*for Soprano Sax & Wind Ensemble*

*Composed by Jeff Tyzik*

## 1. Joyride

Duration Approx. 4:00

**Jazz Concerto for Soprano Sax and Wind Ensemble**  
*For Chris Vadala and Ray Ricker*

Eastman graduate Chris Vadala was a childhood friend who encouraged me to come to the Eastman School. Years later we both worked and toured with Eastman Graduate Chuck Mangione. Chris' soprano sax playing was stellar as was his ability to "double" on many members of the woodwind family.

While at Eastman, I was in a jazz quintet with Eastman Graduate and Professor of Saxophone Ray Ricker. Once again, I was treated to hearing the phenomenal artistry on soprano sax from Ray. That coupled with my love of legendary jazz saxophonist Wayne Shorter was an inspiration to compose Jazz Concerto for Soprano Sax and Wind Ensemble to be premiered by next generation soprano sax artist and Eastman Graduate Alexa Tarantino.

I've always been interested in the crossover of jazz and classical musical styles. I had to decide if this would be a classical piece that had jazz influences or a jazz piece with classical influences. Improvisation had to be part of the musical tapestry as well. I struggled with this question until I began to start composing. As it always does with me, the inspiration for these movements became my guide and the musical story of this concerto began to take shape. In the process I would turn the Eastman Wind Ensemble into a large "Jazz Wind Ensemble."

**1. Joy Ride**

This is a fast tempo straight ahead jazz movement with a lot of interaction between soloist, rhythm section and wind ensemble. Jazz motifs are traded back and forth between soloist and wind ensemble and there are a significant amount of traditional jazz "call and answer" moments in the piece.

**2. The Weather Report is Cool**

During my time at Eastman, I was exploring and listening to all genres of music.

On the jazz side, I was a big fan of Miles Davis and the band Weather Report.

Both of these innovative ensembles prominently featured saxophonist Wayne Shorter. I decided to write a movement that would conjure up some of the "cool" musical "grooves" that are evocative of Miles Davis and Weather Report.

**3. PARIS On That Misty Night**

I love slow movements and ballads. The atmospherics in the orchestration give space and time to explore the beauty of the saxophone in a romantic mood. As I was working on this movement, I played the introduction and theme for my wife, Jill. She said, "It sounds like Paris."

At that moment, I remembered a misty night when we strolled around Paris. That memory inspired this movement and it became a musical reflection of that magical night.

The whole movement is based on a 16 bar complex harmonic progression.

After an ethereal introduction, the saxophone plays the theme and then a variation. The chords and orchestration become lush with an ensemble tutti inspired by one of my musical heroes Gil Evans. Once again, the saxophone recaps an earlier statement of the melody and the piece fades to a peaceful end.

**4. SAN MIGUEL**

I wanted to include a piece with Latin influences in the concerto. I wrote this piece after spending time in San Miguel de Allende, a World Heritage colonial-era city in Mexico's central highlands.

SAN MIGUEL is a Latin jazz journey that is rhythmically exciting. The saxophone states the theme. A "call and response" section follows the theme. The orchestra will play four bar phrases: the call. The Soloist will improvise a musical answer to those phrases: the response.

The middle pastoral section, also based on the basic harmonic framework of this movement, is very lyrical and neoclassic. The main theme returns to an exciting ending.

Jeff Tyzik  
April, 2024

**Instrumentation:**

**Soprano Sax Solo**

**Jazz Rhythm Section:**

Piano

Amplified String Bass

Drum Set

Piccolo

Flute 1,2

Oboe 1, 2

E. Horn

Bassoon 1 & 2

Contra Bassoon

Bb Clarinet 1,2,3

Bb Bass Clarinet

Contra Bass Clarinet

Alto Sax 1 & 2

Tenor Sax

Baritone Sax

F Horn 1,2,3,4

Bb Trumpet 1,2,3

Trombone 1,2,3

Euphonium

Tuba

2 Percussion

(Shaker,Agogo Bells)

Jazz Concerto  
for Soprano Sax & Wind Ensemble

Jeff Tyzik

**Joyfully**  $\text{♩} = 132$

**I. Joyride**

The musical score consists of 27 instrument parts, each with its own staff. The instruments are listed on the left side of the page:

- Piccolo
- Flute 1
- Flute 2
- Oboe 1
- Oboe 2
- English Horn
- Bassoon 1
- Bassoon 2
- Contrabassoon
- Clarinet in Bb 1
- Clarinet in Bb 2
- Clarinet in Bb 3
- Bass Clarinet
- Contrabass Clarinet
- Alto Sax 1
- Alto Sax 2
- Tenor Sax
- Baritone Sax
- Solo Soprano Sax
- Piano
- Jazz Bass
- Drum Set
- Bb Trumpet 1
- Bb Trumpet 2
- Bb Trumpet 3
- F Horn 1
- F Horn 2
- F Horn 3
- F Horn 4
- Trombone 1
- Trombone 2
- Trombone 3
- Euphonium
- Tuba
- Agogo Bells
- Light Shaker

The score is divided into two main sections: the first section starts with all instruments silent (indicated by a dash) and ends with the Solo Soprano Sax playing a melodic line. The second section begins with the Drum Set playing a rhythmic pattern. The Solo Soprano Sax continues to play throughout the piece.

## 1. Joyride - Score

16

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

S. Sx.

Pno.

D. B.

D. S.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tuba

A. B.

L.S.

This page contains 16 staves of musical notation for a large orchestra. The instruments listed on the left are Picc., Flutes 1 & 2, Oboes 1 & 2, English Horn, Bassoons 1 & 2, Clarinets 1-3, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophones 1 & 2, Tenor Saxophone, Bass Saxophone, Soprano Saxophone, Piano, Double Bass, Double Bassoon, Trombones 1-3, Bass Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, and Bassoon/Bass Trombone. The music is divided into measures numbered 1 through 96. Measures 1 through 15 are mostly blank with short vertical dashes indicating note heads. Measure 16 begins with a melodic line for the Soprano Saxophone (B. Sx.) starting at measure 16.1, followed by the Piano (Pno.) at measure 16.2, and the Double Bass (D. B.) at measure 16.3. The Double Bassoon (D. S.) joins in at measure 16.4. Measures 16.5 through 16.16 are mostly blank. Measures 17 through 24 are mostly blank. Measures 25 through 32 are mostly blank. Measures 33 through 40 are mostly blank. Measures 41 through 48 are mostly blank. Measures 49 through 56 are mostly blank. Measures 57 through 64 are mostly blank. Measures 65 through 72 are mostly blank. Measures 73 through 80 are mostly blank. Measures 81 through 88 are mostly blank. Measures 89 through 96 are mostly blank.

## 1. Joyride - Score

3

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

S. Sx.

Pno.

D. B.

D. S.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tuba

A. B.

L.S.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

B♭M7♯5/C GM7♯5/A G9♯11 no 3rd E9♯11 no 3rd

mf

B♭M7♯5/C GM7♯5/A G9♯11 no 3rd E9♯11 no 3rd

mf

## 1. Joyride - Score

**29**

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

S. Sx.

Pno.

D. B.

D. S.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tuba

A. B.

L.S.

Measure 29 begins with a dynamic of *mp*. The woodwind section (Piccolo, Flutes, Oboes, Bassoon) has sustained notes. The brass section (C. Bn., B♭ Cl., B♭ Cl. 2, B♭ Cl. 3, B. Cl.) and strings (Cb. Cl., A. Sx. 1, A. Sx. 2, T. Sx., B. Sx., S. Sx.) enter with eighth-note patterns. The piano (Pno.) plays a complex harmonic progression: Gmaj9#7, Cmaj13, A♭maj9add13, Gmaj7#9. The brass section continues with eighth-note patterns. The woodwind section (Horns, Trombones, Euphonium, Tuba) enters with sustained notes. The bassoon (B. Cl.) has a prominent eighth-note pattern. The strings (A. B., L.S.) provide harmonic support with eighth-note patterns.

39

Picc. *f*

Fl. 1 *f*

Fl. 2 *f*

Ob. 1 *f*

Ob. 2 *f*

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1 *mf*

Bsn. 2 *mf*

C. Bn.

B♭ Cl. 1 *mf*

B♭ Cl. 2 *mf*

B♭ Cl. 3 *mf*

B. Cl. *mf*

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. 1 *mf*

A. Sx. 2 *mf*

T. Sx. *mf*

B. Sx. *mf*

S. Sx. *mf*

Pno. *mf*

D. B. *mf*

D. S.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tuba

A. B. *mf*

L. S. *mf*

*B♭M7#5/C GM7#5/A G9#11 no 3rd E9#11 no 3rd Gmaj9#7 Cmaj13 A♭maj9add13*

*B♭M7#5/C GM7#5/A G9#11 no 3rd E9#11 no 3rd Gmaj9#7 Cmaj13 A♭maj9add13*

## 1. Joyride - Score

49

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

S. Sx.

D♭13b5      A♭m6/E♭      A♭II      G9+5

Pno.

D. B.

D. S.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tuba

A. B.

L.S.

## 1. Joyride - Score

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

S. Sx.

Pno.

D. B.

D. S.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tuba

A. B.

L.S.

arco

## 1. Joyride - Score

66

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

S. Sx.

Pno.

D.B.

D. S.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tuba

A. B.

L.S.

**ff**  
C 7sus      Dsus      Esus      Dsus      C7add13      Dsus      Esus      Dsus  
mf  
pizz 7sus      Dsus      Esus      Dsus      C7add13      Dsus      Esus      Dsus  
mf

## 1. Joyride - Score

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

S. Sx.

Pno.

D. B.

D. S.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tuba

A.B.

L.S.

C 7sus                    Dsus                    Esus                    Dsus                    C7add13                    sus                    Dsus                    Esus                    Fsus

C 7sus                    Dsus                    Esus                    Dsus                    C7add13                    sus                    Dsus                    Esus                    Fsus



Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

S. Sx.

B♭ maj9

A♭ maj9

G maj7#9

A maj7#9

G maj7#9

D. B.

D. S.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tuba

A. B.

L.S.

## 1. Joyride - Score

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

S. Sx.

Pno.

D. B.

D. S.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tuba

A. B.

L.S.

1. Joyride - Score

13

## 1. Joyride - Score

**111**

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

Bb Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

S. Sx.

Pno.

D. B.

D. S.

Bb Tpt. 1

Bb Tpt. 2

Bb Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tuba

A.B.

L.S.

**126**

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

S. Sx.

Pno.

D. B.

D. S.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tuba

A.B.

L.S.

126

Opt. with WW's

f

## 1. Joyride - Score

135

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

S. Sx.

Pno.

D. B.

D. S.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tuba

A.B.

L.S.

## 1. Joyride - Score

17

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

S. Sx.

Pno.

D.B.

D. S.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tuba

A.B.

L.S.

## 1. Joyride - Score

**156**

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

B♭ Cl. 1

*mf*

B♭ Cl. 2

*mf*

B♭ Cl. 3

*mf*

B. Cl.

*mf*

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

*mf*

A. Sx. 2

*mf*

T. Sx.

*mf*

B. Sx.

*mf* As is"

S. Sx.

B♭M7♯5/C GM7♯5/A G9♯11 no 3rd E9♯11 Gmaj9♯7 Cmaj13 A♭maj9add13

Pno.

*mf*

B. D.

D. S.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tuba

A. B.

L.S.

## 1. Joyride - Score

166

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

S. Sx.

D♭13b5      A♭m6/E♭      A♭11      G9+5

Pno.

D. B.

D. S.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tuba

A. B.

L.S.

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

S. Sx.

Pno.

D.B.

D. S.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tuba

A.B.

L.S.

arco

## 1. Joyride - Score

183

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

S. Sx.

Pno.

D. B.

D. S.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tuba

A. B.

L.S.

## 1. Joyride - Score

23

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

S. Sx.

Pno.

D.B.

D. S.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tuba

A.B.

L.S.

## 1. Joyride - Score