JAZZ ENSEMBLE SERIES

HANG LOOSE HERBIE

by DAVID GARDNER

DURATION: 4'40" LEVEL: 3

INSTRUMENTATION

Score

Alto Saxophone 1 Trombone 1

Alto Saxophone 2 Trombone 2

Tenor Saxophone 1 Trombone 3

Tenor Saxophone 2 Trombone 4 (optional)

Guitar

Piano

Bass

Drums

Baritone Saxophone

Trumpet 1

Trumpet 3

Trumpet 2

Trumpet 4 (optional)

ALTERNATE/OPTIONAL PARTS

French Horn (Trombone 1)

Baritone TC/tenor Saxophone (Trombone 1)

Baritone TC/tenor Saxophone (Trombone 2)

Baritone TC/tenor Saxophone (Trombone 3)

Tuba

Jazz Music

Vibraphone (optional)

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Program Notes:

Hang Loose Herbie pays tribute to the great pianist/composer Herbie Hancock. His 1963 debut album for the Blue Note recording label featured a tune entitled 'Watermelon Man'. Hang Loose Herbie is reminiscent of this piece and similar pieces recorded throughout this period of his career. The work is based on a blues progression with an extra four bars (bars 9 and 10 of the form are repeated). Whilst the two chords in Watermelon Man move by step, in Hang Loose Herbie they move chromatically.

Hang Loose Herbie was originally composed for the Christian College Geelong Intermediate Stage Band.

Performance Notes:

The first group of six unison quavers in opening bar is featured by the first quaver being performed short and accented. Although it will work with all quavers played the same length a much more exciting character can be achieved throughout the work by making sure this variation of articulation is observed.

Please observe the use of different accents. The hat accent ^ is an accent that sees the notes shortened somewhat, but be not clipped off too much. The sideways accent > indicates an accent with full length. Although the tenuto followed by hat accent over a pair of quavers is indicative of a swing feel, this work is to be played with straight quavers and so this figure is indicating that the second of the quavers is to be accented and short.

At [F] encourage the ensemble to commence quietly but energetically; the clapping needs to be enthusiastic and will help create the excitement of this section. As each new section joins with their melody the dynamic level needs to increase in volume and intensity but not at the expense of tonal quality.

The work concludes with a plagal cadence, one which requires the drums to fill out the pauses with energy and excitement....fills you would expect from the final pause of a Buddy Rich concert.

About the Composer:

David is a clarinetist, saxophonist, composer, arranger and teacher residing in Geelong, Victoria, Australia. Having spent many years in the Royal Australian Air Force Central Band he is currently head of woodwind at Christian College, Geelong and enjoying a career in jazz and freelance musician. His performance experience is vast and varied ranging from solo and orchestral performance to jazz and big band performance in Australia as well as on the international stage.

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