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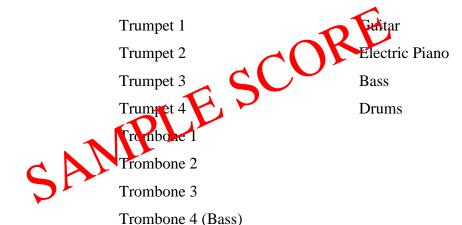
Score Alto Saxophone 1

Alto Saxophone 2

Tenor Saxophone 1

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Baritone Saxophone



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Program Notes:

Originally written as a lilting funk chart for five piece band, this conversion to full big band has allowed the tune to develop into a multi layered work that explores connections throughout the band. Recorded by Melbourne's Daryl McKenzie Jazz Orchestra, *Bug Catcher* features a nostalgic feeling melody in the alto sax and flugelhorn which becomes part of a conversation with various countermelodies throughout the ensemble. There are featured moments for the lead trombonist, an extended improvised solo for alto saxophone and a funky bass riff that ties the whole piece together for the acoustic bass player throughout the chart.

The title refers to a toy the composer had in the 1970's that was commonplace at the time, (and apparently still is!)

Performance Notes:

It is worth indicating to the band that they are not necessarily grouped in sections as they night expect normally, going through the score and discussing which lines connect with other instruments to allow for more targeted listening in performance. This is very much true of the 'sub' melody that occurs during the alto saxophone solo and also the counter lines that occur in combination with the original melody. Absolute attention to dynamic line of each part is important. Bar 119 with the dynamics and harmony blurring between sections is also an excellent case in point. This is a terrific effect if blended and shaped with care. The small cells' right at the end of the work are meant to sound light, random and bug-like!

There are two reference recordings of note which are easy to find. The tune in its original form is *Bug Catcher* recorded by 'Dig We Must'. The recording of this specific chart is *Bug Catcher* by the Daryl McKenzie Jazz Orchestra on the album *Resolution*. Lead trumpeters will note just a couple of small changes from the recording to accommodate range requirements.

About the Composer:

Roger resides in Melbourne, Australia where he is a professional musician, composer, conductor and music educator. As a trombonist, he works in musical theatre and has recorded for various television and movie soundtracks. Roger has also performed or toured with numerous artists including the likes of Ray Charles and Jerry Lewis. He is a long-time member of the Daryl McKenzie Jazz Orchestra and has released 2 albums of his own material with jazz-funk band, Dig We Must.

Roger studied music and music education at the University of Melbourne. He is currently teaching trombone and directing various young bands at Carey Baptist Grammar. His compositions for Big Band or Concert Band regularly feature on festival lists in Australia and have also been selected for reading sessions or concert performances at the Midwest Clinic (Chicago) over recent years.

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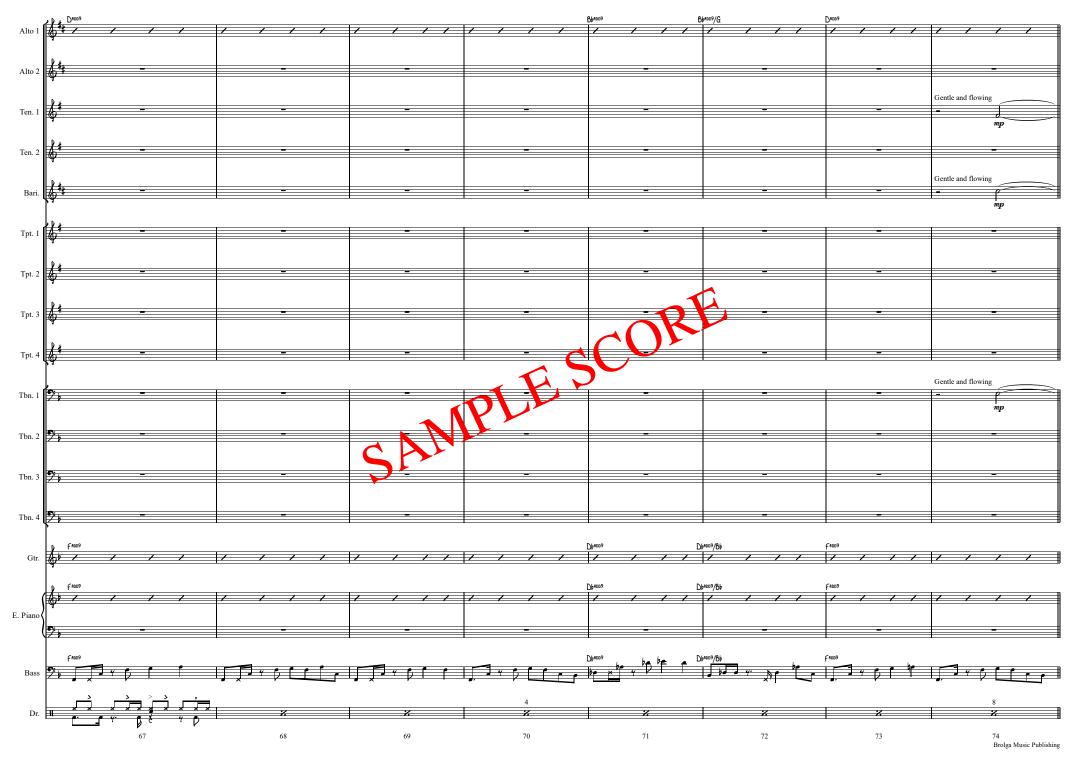






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