JAZZ REPERTOIRE SERIES

BRIDGING POINT

by LACHLAN DAVIDSON

DURATION: 6'00" LEVEL: 4

INSTRUMENTATION

Score

Alto Saxophone 1 Trumpet 1 Guitar

Alto Saxophone 2 Trumpet 2 Piano

Tenor Saxophone 1 Trumpet 3 Bass Guitar

Tenor Saxophone 2 Trampet 4 Drums

Baritone Saxophone Trambone 1 Vibraphone

Trombone 2

Trombone 3 ADDITONAL PART:

Bass Trombone Flute

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Program Notes:

Starting as an intense ballad featuring an alto saxophone solo, morphing into medium swing with muted brass and then amping up to a heavy shuffle for a big trombone solo leading to a shout chorus with drum fills to finish, this simple eight bar melody keeps developing, twisting and turning on a journey across valleys and leaps of faith.

First played by Bridget and Jack who helped give me faith in its possibilities.

Performance Notes:

There are many exposed moments in this chart that require great care and commitment. Maintain air through the horns to keep long notes straight and in tune. Restraint and control in the rhythm section to guide and compliment the band.

The gradual build from start to finish is written into the orchestration but the drumner carries a lot of responsibility in leading the doubling of the feel, hinting at it as required. Remember to swing the semiquavers early on. It's a little bit of blues for a moment.

At the trombone solo at [55] the energy should lift suddenly and noticeably. It is a chance for the trombone player to really let rip, setting up the shout chorus at the end. If the tempo can remain the same the groove will be at its most effective, but many bands will not be able to avoid the temptation to speed up a tad. A little bit won't hurt too much.

The chart tells a story and challenges the player to len't well.

About the Composer:

Taking up the alto saxophone aged twelve, Lachlan went on to graduate with distinction from The Victorian College of the Arts in 1983. Performing solos five times with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, he performs with The Australian Art Orchestra and the Daryl McKenzie Jazz Orchestra, and in many television (Dancing with the stars/Australia-all 15 seasons) and concert performances (Frank Sinatra, Stevie Wonder, John Farnham, George Benson), also on many CD's and films. He was chief arranger for "Dancing with the Stars" and orchestrates for Big-bands and Orchestras etc. (MSO, SSO, film, T.V. and many schools).

He currently works at Caulfield Grammar School in the jazz department and as resident composer/arranger, teaching saxophone and composition at Monash University and directing the Monash University Saxophone Big Band (Saxband). His published compositions include music for big-band, solo saxophone and other woodwinds, saxophone quartet and songs. He has been commissioned to compose for orchestra and various mixed ensembles plus several musicals. Lachlan loves creating and performing music. Lachlan is also a Mini Quest Catamaran Champion and can juggle four balls at once.

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