



# **BIG SWING FACE**

BILL POTTS Arranged by ALAN BAYLOCK

## INSTRUMENTATION

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

#### **Optional Alternate Parts** C Flute (Optional) Tuba (Optional)

Horn in F (Doubles 1st Trombone) 1st Baritone Treble Clef (Doubles 1st Trombone) 2nd Baritone Treble Clef (Doubles 2nd Trombone) 3rd Baritone Treble Clef (Doubles 3rd Trombone)



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### NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

The original arrangement of "Big Swing Face," recorded by the Buddy Rich Big Band, is an absolute classic. Even so, I decided to take Bill Potts' masterpiece in a slightly different direction. Although the solos sections are still F blues, I put all new chords to the melody and shout sections. I kept the contour of the original ensemble lines, but moved them down a third or so in order to more suitable for a younger lead trumpet player. I hope you will like the result. This one was really fun to write!

The first six measures should be powerful and strong, and although the dynamic level comes down at measure 9, make sure the energy of the accents is still there. When my mother used to scold me as a kid (and more recently), she would often whisper. But there was so much force and intensity in her whisper! That's how a "mezzo-piano" or "piano" in a jazz band should sound: soft, yet very intense.

During the two solo sections (beginning at measures 45 and 57), the background figures are on cue. Consider playing them the last time of each solo, or maybe for every second soloist. A concert F blues scale works very well over the whole chord progression. The drummer should be driving the band throughout, but especially during the shout section at measure 69. If possible, refer to the original Buddy Rich recording. It doesn't get much better than that!

Thanks for your interest in this chart. I sincerely hope you enjoy it!

-Alan Baylock







#### CONDUCTOR

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