

Summer Nights

*for small jazz ensemble
with fondness for Chick Corea*

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Summer Nights is another work originating from my budding development years, this one from 1982.

This was a time before I returned to college for my Bachelor of Music and Master of Arts in music. I had just finished composing the score for what became an international award-winning documentary on plant cloning, which actually had nothing to do with the concept of this work.

Chick Corea, however, did.

For some reason I had "discovered" the music of Chick Corea and somewhat little about him. That became the initial source of information to compose a work for a small jazz ensemble, but something more suitable for the chamber music concert hall than a jazz nightclub.

Originally, I provided opportunities for solo ad lib. sections, but as I reacquainted myself with this piece, I gradually began writing out the solo parts—as I would for any chamber piece. At first, the written parts were to provide a guide with specific and general instructions. Eventually, though, the composer in me turned this "jazz" piece into a "jazz inspired" work for a small jazz combo.

Typically, a small jazz combo consists of a rhythm section comprised of drums, guitar (electric or acoustic), bass (electric or acoustic), and piano. Solo instruments could be anything, including the solo guitar, some kind of saxophone, trumpet, trombone, clarinet, etc., or a combination of any of these; the idea is to maintain the intimacy a small ensemble can provide.

In the end, I have found prudence in writing out the drum part as a guide, and then trust the drummer to play the right thing. So, although there is still a jazz element to this work, the drum part is rather thoroughly thought out and documented as are all the other instruments.

Chick Corea passed away in 2021. I dedicate this work to him with the hopes that he would have appreciated my efforts and accepted my offer.

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Vanessa McClintock, Composer

Performance time: approximately 4'20"

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Performance Notes

Trumpet and Alto Sax

Bars 117-120: if trumpet is unable to play the upper register (as written), then both instruments are to play one octave lower. No change in the tenor trombone.

Piano

Bars 18-21: if the stretch in the treble clef is too wide for the right hand, the pianist may play the treble clef part with both hands and try to incorporate the bass clef notes with reach.

String Bass

To be played as written (sounds one octave lower), meaning no (or very little) improvisation.

Electric bass is optional.

Drums

The music is written out and, as with any other musical part, is to be played as written. However, the drummer does have *some* latitude and artistic license to play ad lib., closely using the written part as a guide.

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Easy flow
♩ = 120

Alto Sax
mf

Trumpet in B $\flat$
mf

Trombone
mf

Drum Set
snare rim shot
snare
bass drum
mf

String Bass
mf

Piano
mf

5

A. Sax.
mf

B $\flat$ Tpt.
mf

Tbn.
mf

D. S.
mf

Bs.
mf

Pno.
mf

9

A. Sx.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

13

A. Sx.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

17

A. Sax.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

21

A. Sax.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

poco rit.

Lay back
♩ = 104

mp

25

A. Sx.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

25

29

A. Sx.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

29

33

Easy flow
♩ = 120

A. Sx.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

37

A. Sx.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

41

A. Sax.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

41 42 43 44

45

A. Sax.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

45 46 47 48

49 **A bit aggressive**
♩ = 138

A. Sax.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

53

A. Sax.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

57

A. Sx.

B. Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

low wood block

snare cross stick

Bs.

Pno.

61

A. Sx.

B. Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

65

A. Sax.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

69

A. Sax.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

73

A. Sax.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

73 74 75 76

77

A. Sax.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

77 78 79 80

81

A. Sx.

B $\flat$ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

85

A. Sx.

B $\flat$ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

poco rit.

Easy flow
♩ = 120

89

A. Sx.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

93

A. Sx.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

97

A. Sax.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

101

poco rit.

Crusin' ♯ = 112

A. Sax.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

105

A. Sx.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

109

A. Sx.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

113

A. Sax.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

116

A. Sax.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

120

A. Sax.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

floor tom

123

A. Sax.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

126

A. Sx.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

Measures 126-128: This section of the score features a six-part ensemble. The A. Sx. part has a melodic line with slurs and accents. The B♭ Tpt. part has a complex rhythmic pattern with slurs. The Tbn. part has a melodic line with slurs and accents. The D. S. part has a complex rhythmic pattern with slurs. The Bs. part has a melodic line with slurs and accents. The Pno. part has a complex rhythmic pattern with slurs and accents.

129

A. Sx.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

D. S.

Bs.

Pno.

Measures 129-132: This section of the score features a six-part ensemble. The A. Sx. part has a melodic line with slurs and accents, marked with a 'cresc.' dynamic. The B♭ Tpt. part has a complex rhythmic pattern with slurs, marked with a 'cresc.' dynamic. The Tbn. part has a melodic line with slurs and accents, marked with a 'cresc.' dynamic. The D. S. part has a complex rhythmic pattern with slurs, marked with a 'cresc.' dynamic. The Bs. part has a melodic line with slurs and accents, marked with a 'cresc.' dynamic. The Pno. part has a complex rhythmic pattern with slurs and accents, marked with a 'cresc.' dynamic.