

WHS JAZZ AND SHOW CHOIR

BANDS 2015-16

We are excited to announce details for auditions for Waconia High School's Jazz and Show Choir Band Programs! There is a place in our program for every student who auditions!

<u>Auditions will take place on Monday, September 14th and Tuesday, September 15th (times still to be determined).</u> Sign-ups for these auditions will be on the band office windows.

Typical Jazz Band (or Big Band) instrumentation includes: Saxophones (Alto, Tenor and Bari), Trumpets, and Trombones, as well as a Rhythm Section made up of Piano, Guitar, Bass, Drums and Vibraphone/Auxiliary Percussion.

For our Show Choir Bands, we start with the same grouping of instruments. However, we welcome other instruments for audition. For example, in some years, we have had a violin, a second guitar, a mellophone, etc. Please do not let the above instrumentation discourage you from auditioning. If you do not play one of these instruments but want to audition, talk to Mr. Pohland, Mr. Olson, or Mr. Snyder about some options available to you.

ALL BRASS AND WOODWINDS

- 1. Students should prepare the scale sheet in their appropriate packet. The directors will pick a couple of these scales in the audition.
- 2. Students should prepare the excerpt in their appropriate audition packet (*see packet for exact measures in brackets*). Students should aim for the tempos provided (medium shuffle is approximately quarter note = 124-130). However, accuracy and style, though, are more important than trying to go too quickly and performing sloppily. Practicing with a metronome is highly recommended.
- 3. Trumpet and Trombone players, please pick which part best suits your range $(1^{st} \text{ or } 2^{nd})$
- 4. **OPTIONAL:** Students may prepare a short solo or etude of their own choosing which demonstrates strong musicianship, tone quality and technical skill.
- 5. Students may be asked to sight-read.

RHYTHM SECTION

- 1. All students will perform individually for the audition.
- 2. All rhythm section members, except drummers should prepare the scale sheet in their appropriate packet. The Directors will pick a couple of these scales in the audition.
- 3. All rhythm section members, except drummers should prepare the excerpt in their appropriate audition packet. Students should aim for the tempos provided (medium shuffle is approximately quarter note = 124-130). Practicing with a metronome is highly recommended. If piano or guitar players are comfortable "comping," please be prepared to demonstrate

- 4. **OPTIONAL:** Students may prepare a short solo or etude of their own choosing which demonstrates strong musicianship, tone quality and technical skill
- 4. Percussionists should be prepared to play up to sixteen measures of the following styles on drum set: fast swing, medium shuffle, medium swing, rock, samba, bossa nova, funk, and swing ballad (brushes required.) Some of the above styles will be requested of each percussionist. A GREAT teaching tool can be found at: http://www.vicfirth.com/education/drumset/GrooveEssentials.php
- 5. Rhythm Section musicians may be asked to sight-read.

Placements in each group are based upon overall musicianship, technical skill, attitude, effort and achievement. All students are encouraged to ask their private teacher for help in preparing this music.

Once placed into these ensembles, students are expected to be at ALL rehearsals and performances. Because the instrumentation is somewhat limited, when one person is gone, the entire ensemble is affected in a negative way. In the event that you cannot be at a rehearsal, please contact Mr. Pohland or Mr. Snyder no later than two weeks prior to rehearsal (personal illness is an exception).

Show Choir Band

Please consult the Show Choir Handbook for all details regarding rehearsals, performances and expectations. This can be found at http://www.waconiachoirs.org/wp-content/uploads/2015-16-Handbook-1.pdf

Jazz Band (more info can be found at <u>waconiabands.com</u>) **Jazz I Rehearsals:** Monday Evenings Time TBD, Friday Mornings 7:00 – 7:40 AM

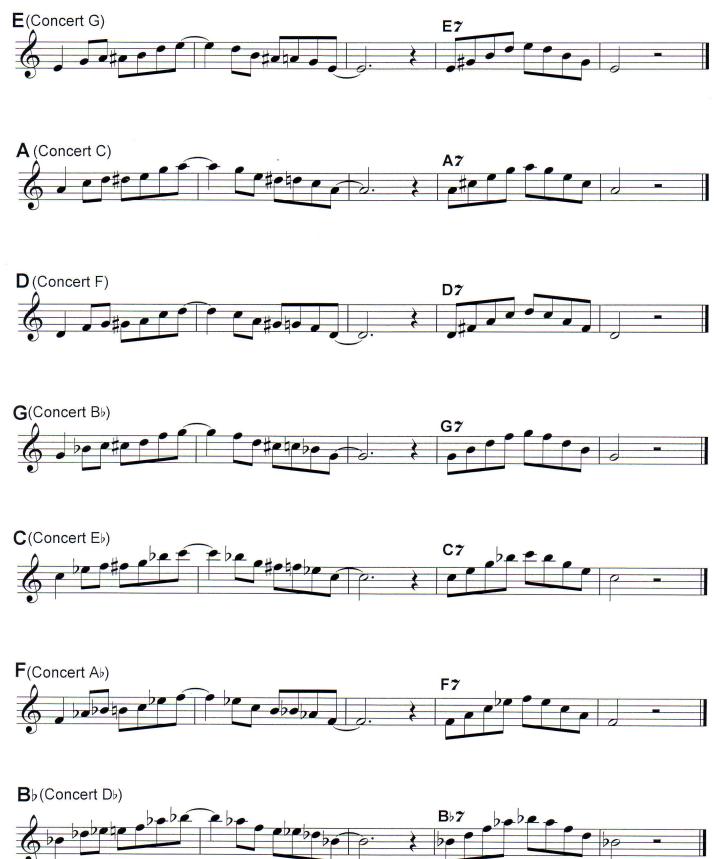
Jazz II Rehearsals: Monday and Thursday Mornings 7:00 – 7:40 AM and/or Afternoons 3:05-3:50 PM

Jazz Band Performances

A full schedule will be given to students at the first rehearsal, but typical commitments include: Yuletide Festival (early December), Other local holiday gigs (December), Jazz Dinner Concerts (Early February), Region Jazz Festival (Spring), Eau Claire Jazz Festival (Overnight in April), District Jazz Concert (April).

We look forward to hearing the results of your efforts! Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Pohland, Mr. Olson or Mr. Snyder with any questions.

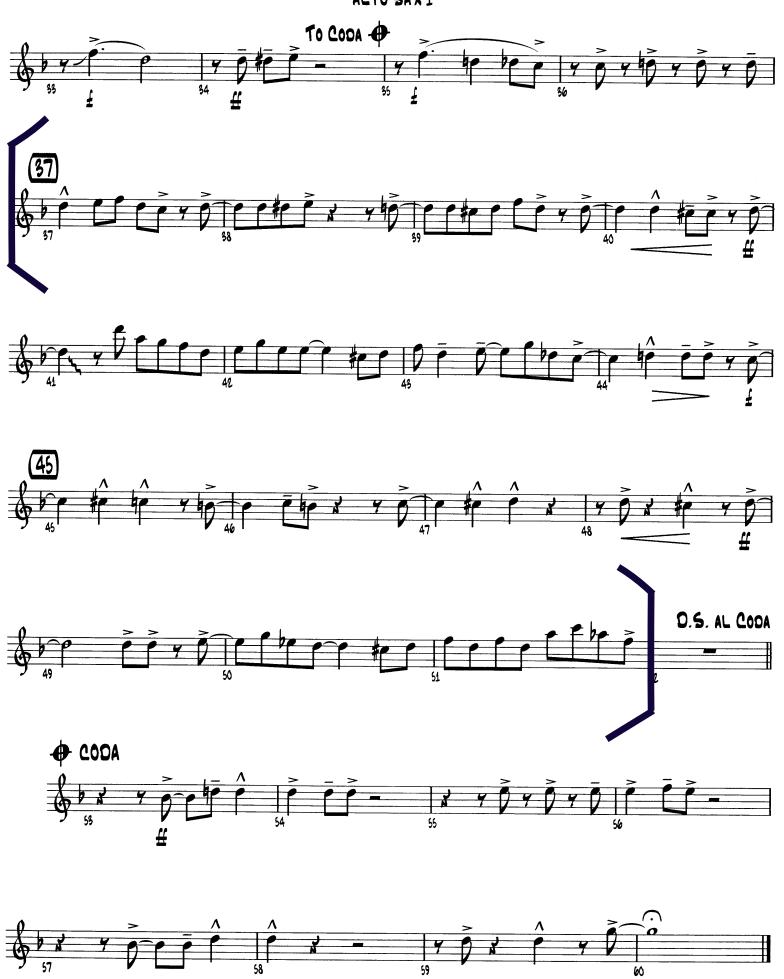
Alto/Bari Sax





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Tenor Sax











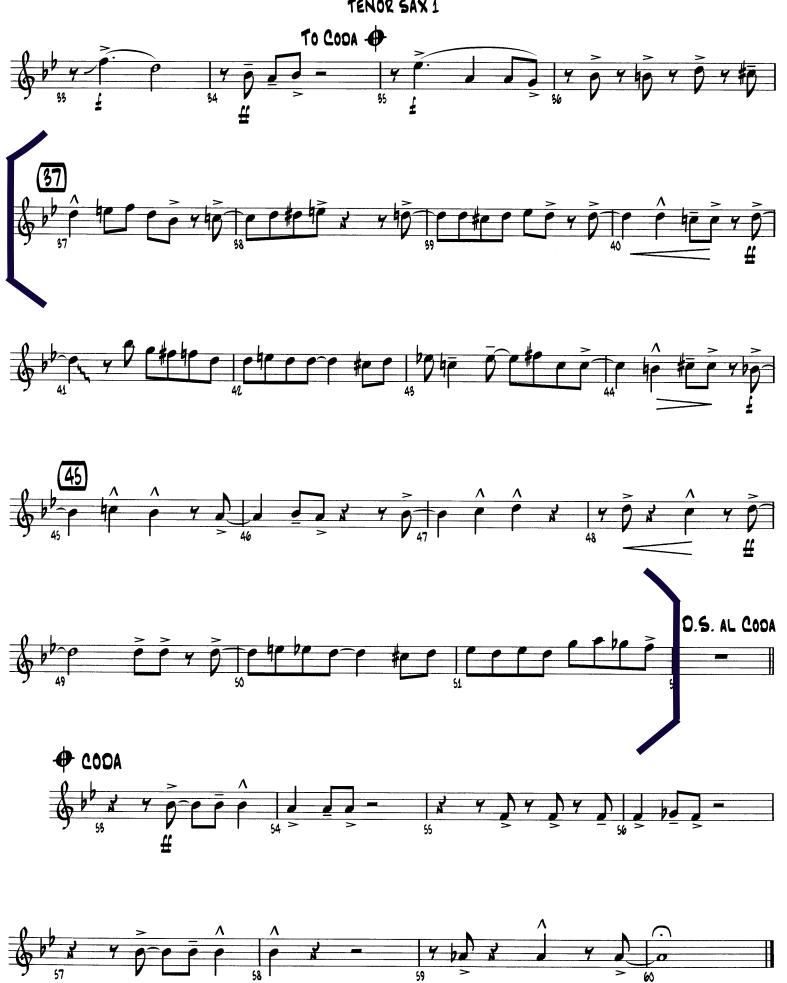




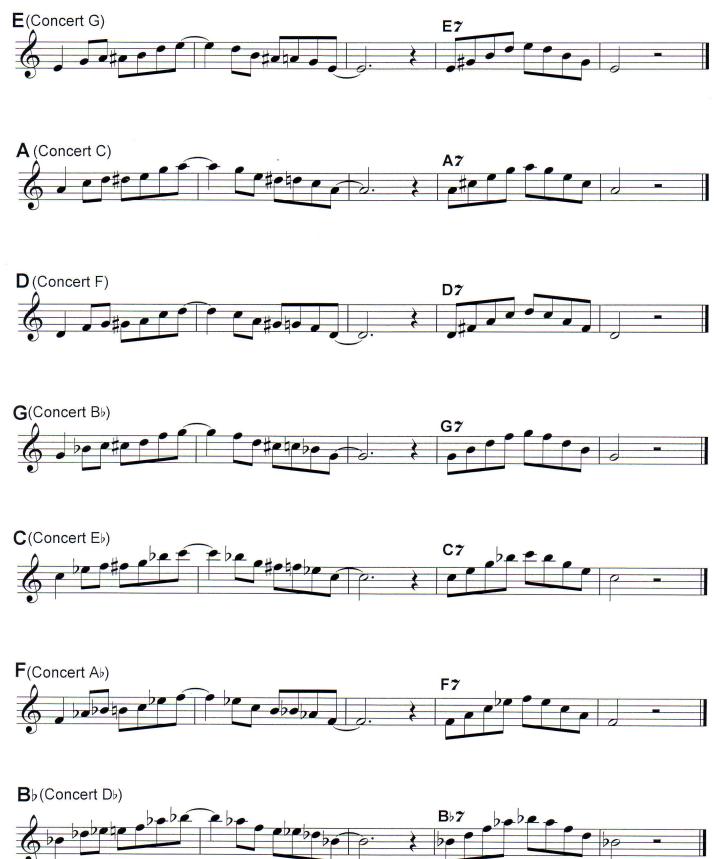


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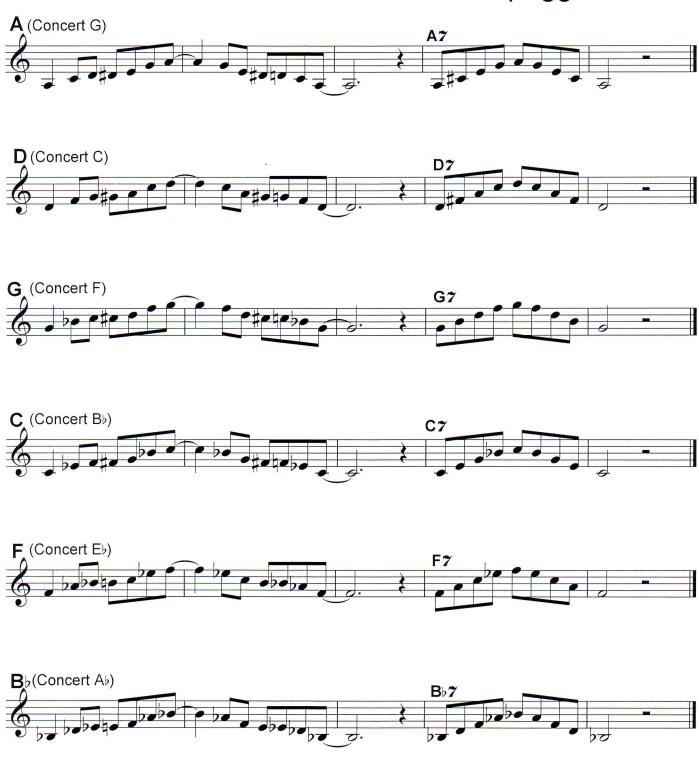
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Trumpet

E♭(Concert D♭)

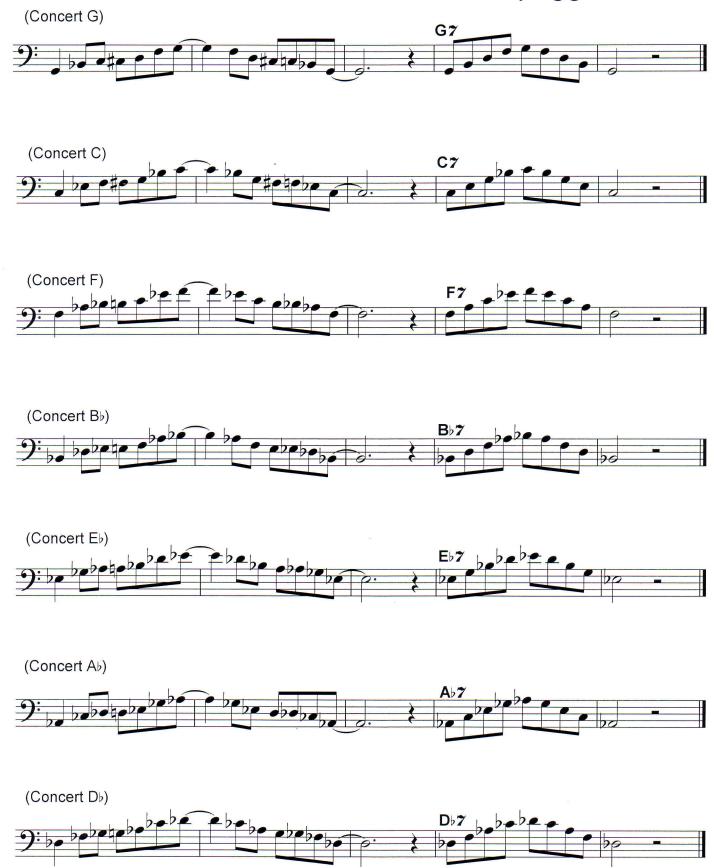
Blues Scales w/ Dominant 7th Arpeggios



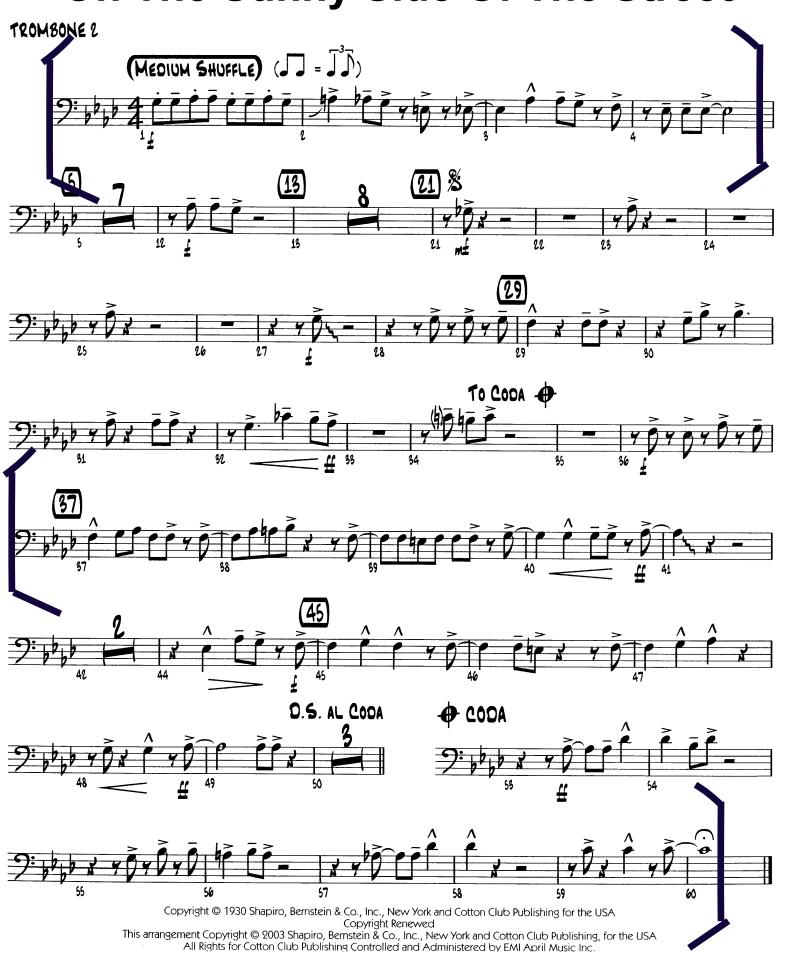


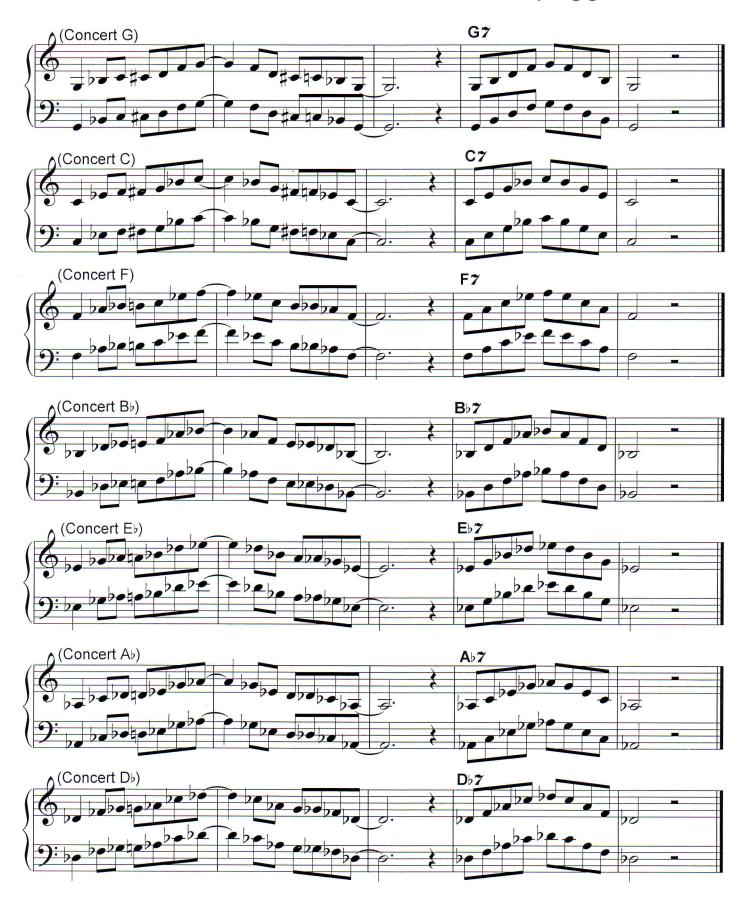


Trombone









PIANO/VOCAL





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Bass Guitar

















Guitar

