ELEMENTARY BAND SERIES

KANGAROO HOP

by

LEIGH CROMBIE / BRIAN WEST

DURATION: 1'55" LEVEL: 1

INSTRUMENTATION

1 - Score 3 - Trumpet 1

6 – Flute 3 – Trumpet 2

2 – Oboe 4 – French Horn

2 – Bassoon – Trombone

4 – Clarinet 2 1 – Euphonium TC

2 – Bass Clarinet 3 – Tuba

4 – Alto Saxophen 2 – Glockenspiel

2 – Tenor Sexophone 2 – Percussion 1 snare drum / bass drum

1 – Baritone Saxophone 2 – Percussion 2 *cymbal / tamb. / triangle*

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Program Notes:

Hop! Hop! Hop! Bouncing through the Australian bush to a swingin' rhythm you can imagine a herd of kangaroos groovin' out as they stop to for a chew on some grass, look around and bound off again. Out pops a joey looking from the pouch of its mother, its tasseled ears flopping around as she bounds off with the herd. Hop! Hop! Let's do the Kangaroo Hop!

Rehearsal Notes:

This works is a great introduction to swing for the young band. To achieve a suitable sense of style, lightness and forward motion - don't let it drag is the key. The support to the melodic line [9-25] should be provide a 'boom-cha' effect – with the bass line (on beats 1 & 3) marginally longer than the shorter and lighter off-beat response (beats 2 & 4). Use vocalisations to assist your students to capture the swing feel and translate it to their instruments.

Finger clicks in the introduction can be added to anyone's part who is not playing at the time - recognising of course the need to prepare suitably for instrumental entry where required. [9] introduces a simple catchy melody hormonised primarily with the tonic and dominant chords and when set to the swing thythm, hops and bounces along just like a kangaroo. [25] moves to the subdominant chord for variety and uses a simple call and response technique which as udes to the starting, stopping and looking around nature of the kangaroos movements. It is a simple technique which can be used as an introduction to analysis and arranging.

About the Composer:

Leigh Crombie resides in Hobart, Tasmania, where he has worked as a professional musician, composer and music educator both privately and in the Tasmanian secondary school system. Leigh studied music and education at the University of Tasmania graduating with a Bachelor of Music and a Diploma of Education. Leigh has a passion for Jazz and Blues and is currently performing in a blues trio with Patrick Drummond (Ol'55) and John Britcliffe.

About the Arranger:

Brian West has been composing and arranging music since developing an interest in this area of music education when studying at the Tasmanian Conservatorium of Music. As a high school and senior secondary classroom music teacher Mr West has been recognized nationally for his ability to develop a wide range of classroom teaching materials designed to meet the changing needs of the young musician. He is currently employed by the Tasmanian Conservatorium of Music as Lecturer in Pretertiary and Community-based Music Programs.













