#### YOUNG JAZZ SERIES

# **LUCKY LOCKIE**

LACHLAN DAVIDSON

**DURATION:** 4'20" LEVEL: 2

### **INSTRUMENTATION**

Score

Alto Saxophone 1 Trombone 1

Alto Saxophone 2 Trombone 2

Tenor Saxophone 1 Trombone 3 (optional)

Tenor Saxophone 2 Trombone 4 (optional

Baritone Saxophone (optional)

Trumpet 1

Trumpet 2

Trumpet 3 (optional)

Trumpet 4

Drums

Vibraphone (optional)

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E/OPTIONAL PARTS

French Horn (Trombone 1)

Baritone TC/Tenor Saxophone (Trombone 1)

Baritone TC/Tenor Saxophone (Trombone 2)

Tuba



## **LUCKY LOCKIE**

For Lockie Bouyer

#### Lachlan Davidson

Duration: 4'35" Level: 3

#### **Program Notes:**

As often happens, *Lucky Lockie* lept off the piano and demanded to become a tune when the composer was teaching saxophone to another Lockie. The bass line became the key ingredient. Both Lockies were lucky to be in the right place at the right time. I guess that makes two *Lucky Lockies*.

#### **Performance Notes:**

The groove for *Lucky Lockie* is built around the bass line which must be super solid. The piano part is also a feature and can be prominent but also must be right on the groove and locked in with the bass and drums to create an energetic feel throughout. The chord symbols in the piano part are to help recognise the shapes but do not include the bass notes so don't add any left hand.

Look out for accents and staccatos in the melody as they bring it to life. It all comes together at [20] and [40] on the unison line with the accents at the end of the bar. Enjoy the conversation between the trumpets and saxes at [B]. Saxes all have the same rhythin at [32] and it could easily get a bit messy here. At [36] you want to all catch the last two accents then drop straight back to mp again before the big unison at [40].

In [C] the rhythms, interplay and harmonies get a little more complicated. The staccato's become more important and it's nice to drop back to a soft *mp* in [51] for a good *crescendo* to follow. All catch the accent on the and of that three in [54] to kick it back into the main groove. At [D] the rhythm section should sit right back so the trombone soloist doesn't have to force their so and. Likewise, keep the backing figures soft at [66] onwards. Looking towards [E] the Alto 1 solo needs to carry over the other saxes, so keep the accumpanying saxes soft, and the soloist strong enough. The rhythm section needs to keep sizzling nicely underneath with the energy still bubbly.

[F] is a lift in dynamic but most of the rhythm section drops out so horns, pay attention and don't slow down! Saxes in [99] shouldn't make too much of the grace notes. Keep the time steady. [G] returns to the main theme at its busiest. This chart is not designed to get super loud and exciting, so a small lift is ok here. Let the music do the work and keep it tight with good accents.

#### **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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