

Valley Jazz Cooperative Audition Materials for Trumpet

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. Thank you!

Thank you for your interest in VJC ensembles. We are delighted you plan to audition for one or more of our groups. Our annual audition calendar features **combo auditions in August/September**. Then the entire program *resets* with **big band auditions in November/December**.

Please note that different programs (combos vs. big bands) have different audition requirements. This packet contains all the materials needed for *any* type of VJC ensemble audition. But please know you would never have to play all the pieces found here in any single audition. Read carefully below to understand precisely what you need to prepare for your upcoming VJC audition.

For All VJC Auditions (Combos and/or Big Bands), please prepare:

- 1) Major and minor scale performance (ascending and descending, two octaves where possible/comfortable for the student).
- 2) Range demonstration (helpful in selecting appropriate repertoire for groups, but not a determining factor in program acceptance).

Also, if you play flugelhorn and it's an instrument you have access to---either because you own one or through your school's band program---please let us know that during the audition.

In addition, for VJC Combo Auditions, please prepare:

- 1) One or both of the transposed lead sheets found in this packet (compositions entitled *VJC Blues* and *Framer of Thy Song*). Be able to play the melody and improvise over the chord progression shown. It is completely your choice whether to prepare one or both pieces.

Also, please note that concert lead sheets for both pieces have been included in the packet, should you want to play or practice on either one with a live rhythm section (perhaps classmates from your own school's jazz program).

In addition, for VJC Big Band Auditions, please prepare:

- 1) There are three written excerpts from the big band chart *Percolate(r)*. For prospective lead trumpeters, those are labeled **A**, **B1**, and **C1**. For prospective section trumpeters, they are labeled **A**, **B2**, and **C2**. Select any two of those three excerpts---your choice---to play for the audition.

1A) As an alternate option, anyone trying out for AZ All-State Jazz Ensembles may substitute *those* audition materials (provided by ABODA) for the *Percolate(r)* excerpts listed above.

- 2) **OPTIONAL AUDITION COMPONENT** --- Improvisation on one of the two basic chord progressions shown: C Blues (*Bb concert*) or **ii - V7 - I** progressions (*similar to changes to Tune Up by Miles Davis*).

Please note if you do not yet feel comfortable improvising, don't let that stop you from auditioning. Again, demonstration of improvisation skills (for VJC big bands) is optional.

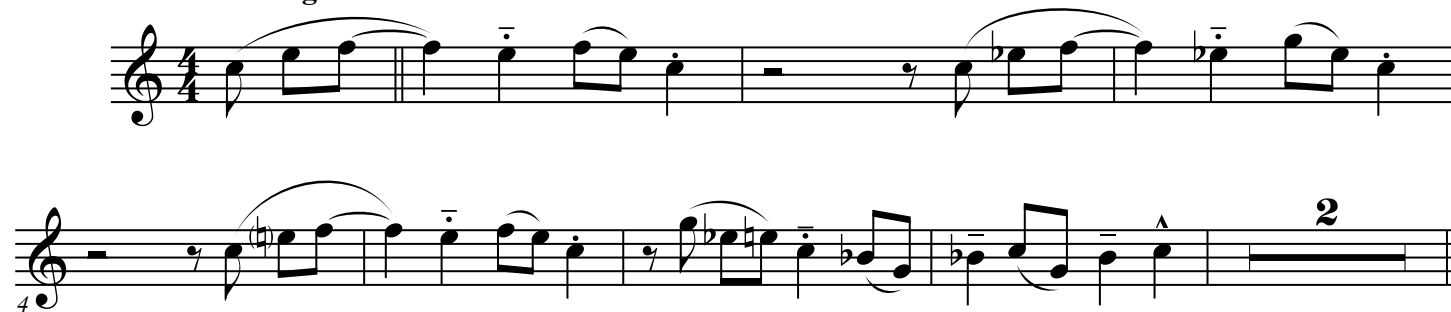
On VJC audition days, please have your instrument out, warmed up, and ready to go by the start of your assigned audition time, so that we may stay on schedule throughout the process. Thank you.

Finally, please contact the VJC Director, Russell Schmidt (email: **Russ@ValleyJazz.org**) with any additional questions you may have about the audition process. And thank you again for your interest in the Valley Jazz Cooperative. We look forward to hearing you soon!

Bb part (transposed for Trumpet, Tenor Sax, etc.) VJC Blues

comp. by Russell Schmidt

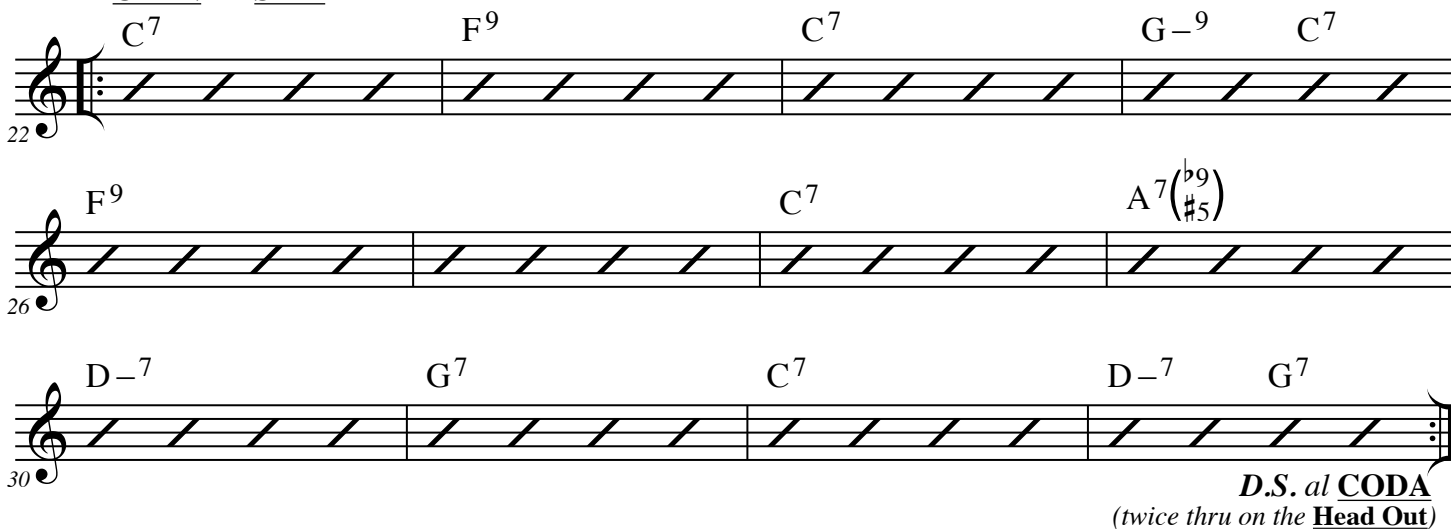
Medium Swing



2X's THRU (on both the Head In and Head Out)



OPEN for Solos:



CODA



VJC Blues

Medium Swing

(N.C.) F^9_{sus} $E\flat-9$

(Bass cues sound 8vb)

Pedal point groove for INTRO

5 F^9_{sus} $F^7(\sharp 9)$ $G\flat^9$ $G^7(\flat 9)$ $A\flat^7$ $B\flat^7$ $F^7(\sharp 9)$ $B^9(\sharp 5)$

Drum Fill

2X's THRU (on both the Head In and Head Out)

10 $B\flat^7$ $E\flat^7_{\text{sus}}$ $B\flat^7$ $F-7$ $B\flat^7(\flat 5)$

Str. Ahead Swing
(Bass walks)

14 $E\flat^9$ $E\flat-9$ $A\flat^9$ $B\flat^7$ $G^7(\flat 9)$

18 $C-7$ $F^7(\flat 9)$ $B\flat^7$ $A\flat^7$ $B\flat^7$ $F^7(\sharp 9)$

To CODA

Drum Fill

OPEN for Solos:

22

B $\flat$ 7 E $\flat$ 9 B $\flat$ 7 F-9 B $\flat$ 7

26

E $\flat$ 9 B $\flat$ 7 G7($\flat$ 9 $\sharp$ 5)

30

C-7 F7 B $\flat$ 7 C-7 F7

D.S. al CODA
(twice thru on the **Head Out**)

34

CODA

G7($\flat$ 9 $\sharp$ 5) C-7 C $\flat$ Δ 9 G $\flat$ 9 G7($\flat$ 9 $\sharp$ 5) A $\flat$ 7 B $\flat$ 7

34

Drum Fill

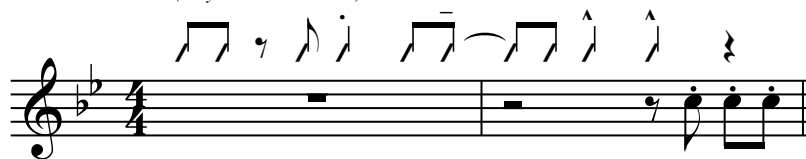
Bb part
(transposed for Trumpet, etc.)

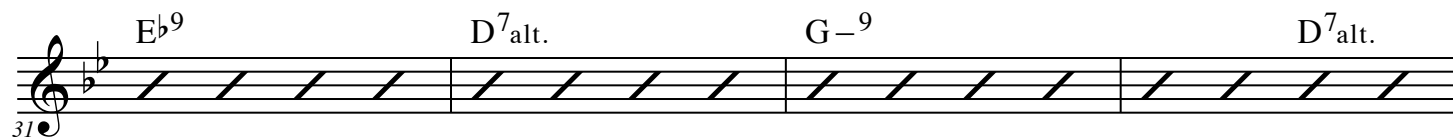
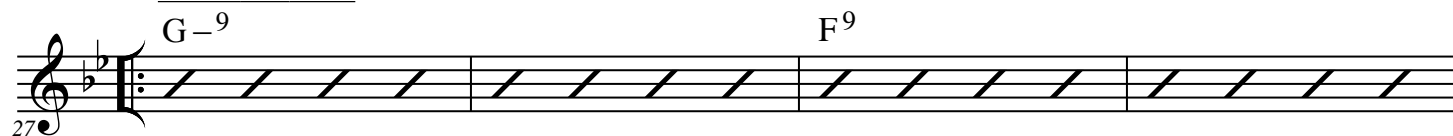
Framer of Thy Song

comp. by Russell Schmidt

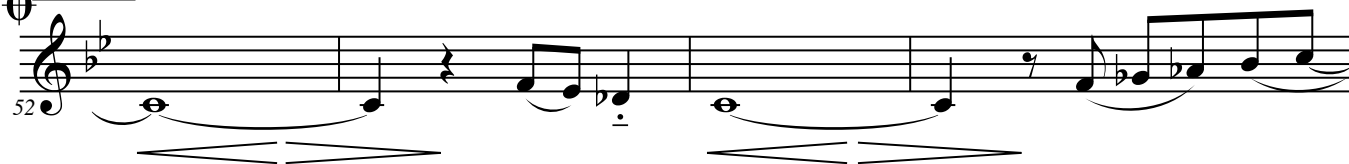
Med. Latin ♩ = 132-136

(Rhythm Section cue)



OPEN for Solos:

47 (Soloist changes) F⁹ Eb⁹ D⁷alt. G-⁹	1., 2., 3., (etc.) (G-⁹)	Last X ONLY (G-⁹) D.S. al CODA (after final solo)
(Rhythm Section cue) F⁹ Eb⁹ D⁷alt. G-⁹	1., 2., 3., (etc.) (G-⁹)	Last X ONLY (G-⁹) D⁷alt.
(mini-break)	D.S. al CODA (after final solo)	

CODA

Framer of Thy Song

Med. Latin ♩ = 132-136

Piano introduction in 4/4 time, key of F major. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a rhythmic accompaniment with eighth and quarter notes. Chords are indicated as C7alt. and (N.C.). A note below the staff reads: (Bass cues sound 8vb).

First staff of music, measures 1-4. Chords: F-9, Eb7sus, Eb7.

Second staff of music, measures 5-8. Chords: Db9, C7alt., F-11, C7alt.

Third staff of music, measures 9-12. Chords: F-9, Eb7sus, Eb7.

Fourth staff of music, measures 13-16. Chords: Db9, C7alt., F-11.

Fifth staff of music, measures 17-20. Chords: Eb9, F-9.

Sixth staff of music, measures 21-24. Chords: Eb9, Db9, C7alt., F-11, C7alt. The staff concludes with a 'To CODA' instruction and a double bar line. Below the staff, it says 'Opt. Drum Fill (just 8th notes)'.

OPEN for Solos:

27 $F-9$ $E\flat 9$

31 $D\flat 9$ $C7\text{alt.}$ $F-9$ $C7\text{alt.}$

35 $F-9$ $E\flat 9$

39 $D\flat 9$ $C7\text{alt.}$ $F-9$

43 $E\flat 9$ $F-9$

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(Soloist changes)

47 $E\flat 9$ $D\flat 9$ $C7\text{alt.}$ $F-9$ 1., 2., 3., (etc.) ($F-9$) Last X ONLY ($F-9$) $C7\text{alt.}$ **D.S. al CODA** (after final solo)

(Rhythm Section cue) (mini-break)

CODA

52 $F-11$ $C7\text{alt.}$ $F-11$ $C7\text{alt.}$

CODA

56 $F-11$

Valley Jazz Cooperative Trumpet Audition Materials (*for big band*)

[loosely based on materials from *Percolate(r)*, composed by Russell Schmidt]

A ♩ = 160 (*Straight 8ths*)

Section A is a trumpet solo in 4/4 time, marked with a tempo of 160 beats per minute (straight eighth notes). The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The score consists of three staves. The first staff begins with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and includes an accent (>) on the first eighth note. The second staff features a crescendo leading to a forte (*f*) dynamic. The third staff concludes with a decrescendo and a 'STOP' instruction.

B1 (*for lead trumpeters*) ♩ = 112 (*Straight 8ths*)

Section B1 is a lead trumpet part in 4/4 time, marked with a tempo of 112 beats per minute (straight eighth notes). The key signature has two sharps. The score consists of three staves. The first staff starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic and includes a crescendo to mezzo-forte (*mf*). The second staff continues the melodic line. The third staff features a crescendo to forte (*f*) and ends with a 'STOP' instruction.

B2 (*for section trumpeters*) ♩ = 112 (*Straight 8ths*)

Section B2 is a section trumpet part in 4/4 time, marked with a tempo of 112 beats per minute (straight eighth notes). The key signature has two sharps. The score consists of three staves. The first staff starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic and includes a crescendo to mezzo-forte (*mf*). The second staff continues the melodic line. The third staff features a crescendo to forte (*f*) and ends with a 'STOP' instruction.

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C1 (for lead trumpeters)

♩ = 120 (Swing 8ths)

First system: Treble clef, 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. Notes: B4 (accented, sfz), A4 (accented, f), B4 (accented, mf), A4 (accented, f), B4 (accented, mf), A4 (accented, f), B4 (accented, mf), A4 (accented, f). Dynamics: sfz, f, mf, f.

Second system: Treble clef, 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. Notes: B4 (accented, f), A4 (accented, f), B4 (accented, f), A4 (accented, f), B4 (accented, f), A4 (accented, f), B4 (accented, f), A4 (accented, f). Dynamics: (f).

Third system: Treble clef, 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. Notes: B4 (accented, mf), A4 (accented, f), B4 (accented, mf), A4 (accented, f), B4 (accented, mf), A4 (accented, f), B4 (accented, mf), A4 (accented, f). Dynamics: mf, f, mf.

Fourth system: Treble clef, 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. Notes: B4 (accented, f), A4 (accented, f), B4 (accented, f), A4 (accented, f), B4 (accented, f), A4 (accented, f), B4 (accented, f), A4 (accented, f). Dynamics: f. Ends with a double bar line and the word "STOP" written vertically.

C2 (for section trumpeters)

♩ = 120 (Swing 8ths)

First system: Treble clef, 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. Notes: B4 (accented, sfz), A4 (accented, f), B4 (accented, mf), A4 (accented, f), B4 (accented, mf), A4 (accented, f), B4 (accented, mf), A4 (accented, f). Dynamics: sfz, f, mf, f.

Second system: Treble clef, 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. Notes: B4 (accented, f), A4 (accented, f), B4 (accented, f), A4 (accented, f), B4 (accented, f), A4 (accented, f), B4 (accented, f), A4 (accented, f). Dynamics: (f).

Third system: Treble clef, 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. Notes: B4 (accented, mf), A4 (accented, f), B4 (accented, mf), A4 (accented, f), B4 (accented, mf), A4 (accented, f), B4 (accented, mf), A4 (accented, f). Dynamics: mf, f, mf.

Fourth system: Treble clef, 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. Notes: B4 (accented, f), A4 (accented, f), B4 (accented, f), A4 (accented, f), B4 (accented, f), A4 (accented, f), B4 (accented, f), A4 (accented, f). Dynamics: f. Ends with a double bar line and the word "STOP" written vertically.

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Improvisation Option #1: C Blues (*B $\flat$ concert*)

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Chord progression (first staff): C⁷, F⁷, C⁷

Chord progression (second staff): F⁷, C⁷, A⁷(#9)

Chord progression (third staff): Dmi⁷, G⁷, C⁷, A⁷(#9), Dmi⁷, G⁷

Improvisation Option #2: ii - V7 - I progressions (based on chord changes similar to *Tune Up* by Miles Davis)

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Chord progression (first staff): Gmin⁷, C⁷, FMaj⁷

Chord progression (second staff): Fmin⁷, B $\flat$ ⁷, E $\flat$ Maj⁷

Chord progression (third staff): E $\flat$ min⁷, A $\flat$ ⁷, D $\flat$ Maj⁷, B $\flat$ min⁷

Chord progression (fourth staff): Gmin⁷, C⁷, FMaj⁷