Three Jazz Pieces
James Harper
arr. Peter Graham

Full Score

1 – Tuned In                  1
2 – Midnight Blues            8
3 – Ready to Rumba?           13

Programme Note

Three Jazz Pieces was written specifically for young bands of Grade 2 ability and features various popular Latin American and jazz rhythms.

Tuned In allows the whole ensemble to set a driving pace, while Midnight Blues presents a calmer mood evoking a “late night city” atmosphere. The suite concludes with Ready to Rumba, which allows the band to “let their hair down” and enjoy the moment.
About the Arranger

Peter Graham read music at Edinburgh and London Universities (Goldsmiths’ College) and holds a PhD in composition. Following spells in New York and London in music publishing, he is currently Professor of Composition at the University of Salford.

He enjoys an international reputation as one of the leading composers of music for the British style brass band, and his music for the medium is performed in concerts and competitions worldwide. He has also written the test-piece for the prestigious National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain on two occasions.

His music for wind band has been recorded and performed by many of the world’s leading ensembles, including the US Air Force Band, the Osaka MSW Band, the Tokyo Kosei Wind Orchestra and the Royal Norwegian Navy Band. He was awarded the ABA/Ostwald Prize for Original Composition for Symphonic Winds in 2002.

Peter Graham has held various posts with some of the UK’s finest bands, serving as Music Associate/Conductor with the famous Black Dyke Band for several years and a two-year spell as the first civilian composer-in-residence of Her Majesty’s Coldstream Guards Band in their 250-year history. He lives in Cheshire, England with his wife Janey, son Ryan and daughter Megan.

Instrumentation:

2 Flutes
1 Oboe
1 Bassoon
4 Clarinet 1 Bb
4 Clarinet 2 Bb
1 Bass Clarinet Bb
2 Horns 1
2 Horns 2 F
2 Alto Saxophone Eb
1 Tenor Saxophone Bb
1 Baritone Saxophone Eb
2 Trumpets 1 Bb
2 Trumpets 2 Bb
2 Trumpets 3 Bb
1 Trombone 1
1 Trombone 2
1 Trombone 3
2 Euphoniums
1 Trombone 2
2 Tubas
1 Percussion 1 (Tamb., Maracas)
1 Kit

Additional parts:

2 Horn 1, 2 Eb, 2 Horn 3, 4 Eb, 2 Euphonium Bb (Treble Clef),
2 Tuba Eb (Treble Clef), 2 Tuba Bb (Treble Clef)

Continental Parts available for free download
(contact info@gramercymusic.com for more information):
Trombones Bb (T.C./B.C.) Tuba Bb (Bass Clef), Tuba Eb (Bass Clef)

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Slow blues tempo \( \sim c. 72 \) (2/4)

Flute

Oboe

Bassoon

Clarinet 1 Bb

Clarinet 2 Bb

Bass Clarinet Bb

Alto Saxophone

Tenor Saxophone

Baritone Saxophone

Trumpet 1 Bb

Trumpet 2 Bb

Horn 1 F

Horn 2 F

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Trombone 3

Euphonium

Tuba

Percussion

Drums

Tacet

Brushes

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