Spring 2023 NMSU Jazz Auditions

All instruments encouraged to audition!

Saxophones: Monday, January 16th, 9am-12pm in MC 204

Trumpets: Monday, January 16th, 1-4pm in MC 204

Trombones: Tuesday, January 17th, 10am-12pm in MC 204

Rhythm Section and all other instruments: Tuesday, January 17th, 1-4pm in MC 204

1. Scales:

- a. Chromatic scale from lowest to highest possible range
- b. Optional, but encouraged: Dorian, Mixolydian, and Blues scales in all 12 keys

2. Donna Lee:

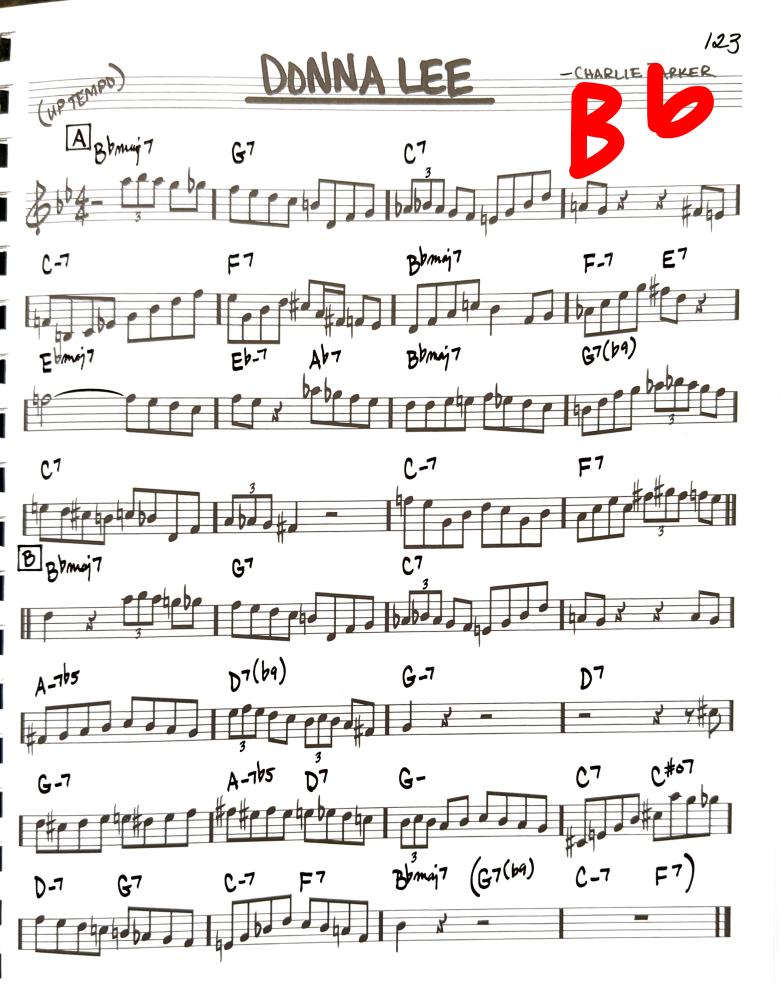
- a. **ALL** instruments, play the melody one time through. (Drums, approximate the melody as best you can on the drum kit).
- b. Rhythm section only: comp for one chorus
- c. **Optional, but encouraged for all:** improvise for at least one chorus
- 3. Excepts: play the provided instrument-specific excerpts (8vb if necessary)
- 4. Possible Sight-reading

Tips:

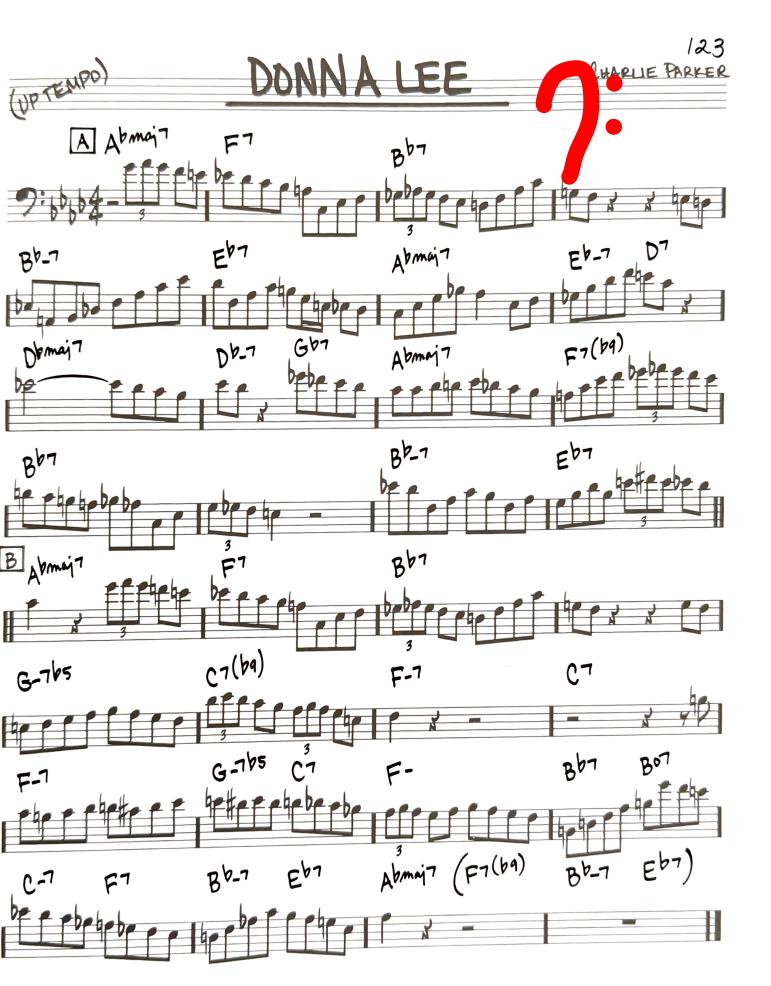
- Listen, listen, listen to recordings of Donna Lee and the excerpts
- Play Donna Lee *only* as fast as you can do so accurately
- Prioritize style and rhythm
- For improvisation, keep the melody in mind at all times
- Practice moving through the chord changes with guide tones
- Keep your improvisation simple but in the groove
- Listen, listen, listen, imitate, and play along
- Finally, listen some more.

Contact Dr. Jacob Dalager < jdalager@nmsu.edu> with any questions.









Wyrgly by Maria Schneider – Alto



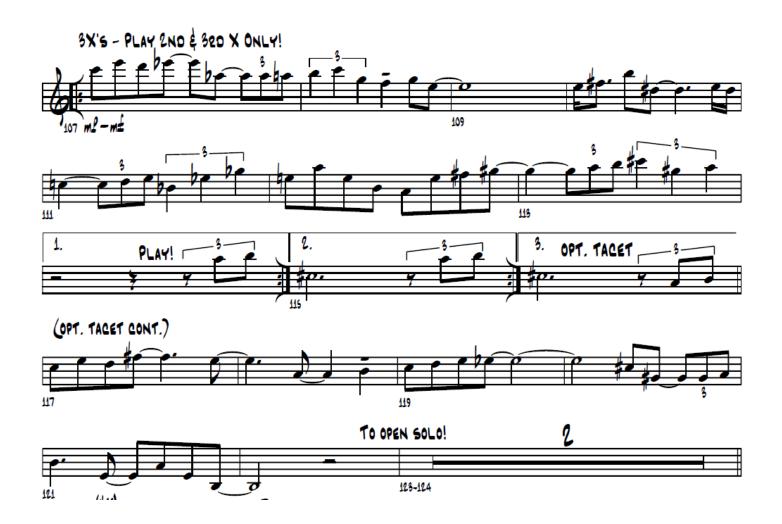
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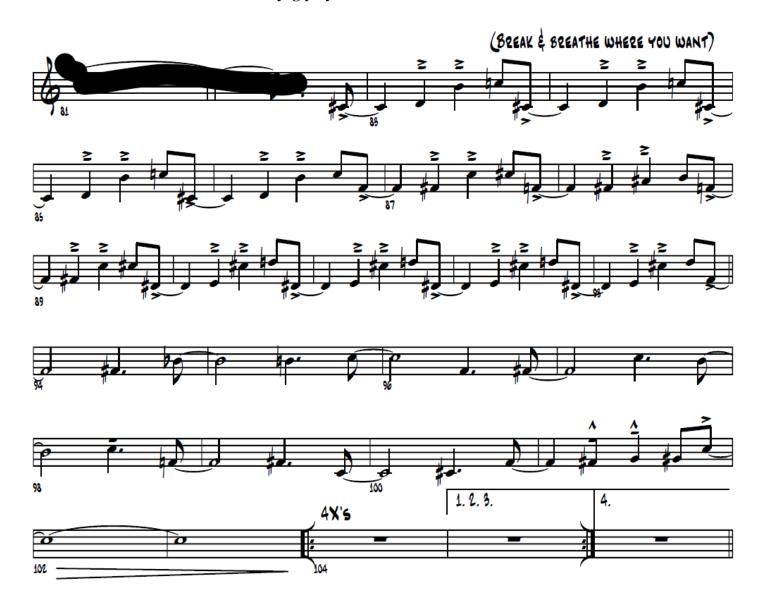


Wyrgly by Maria Schneider – Tenor



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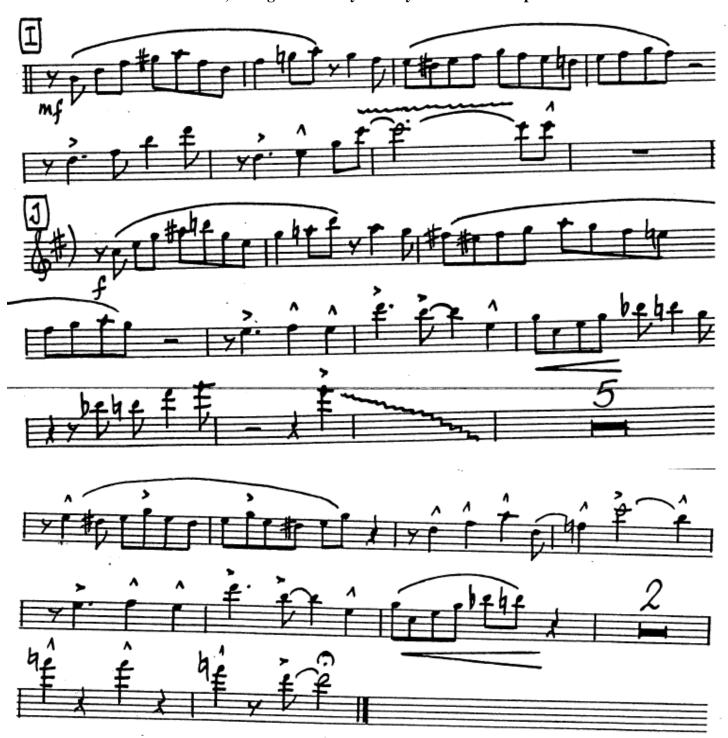




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Basie, Straight Ahead by Sammy Nestico – Trumpet





Wyrgly by Maria Schneider – Guitar





Kogi by Jacob Mann – Bass





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Wyrgly by Maria Schneider – Bass



Kogi by Jacob Mann – Drums



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Wyrgly by Maria Schneider – Drums

