



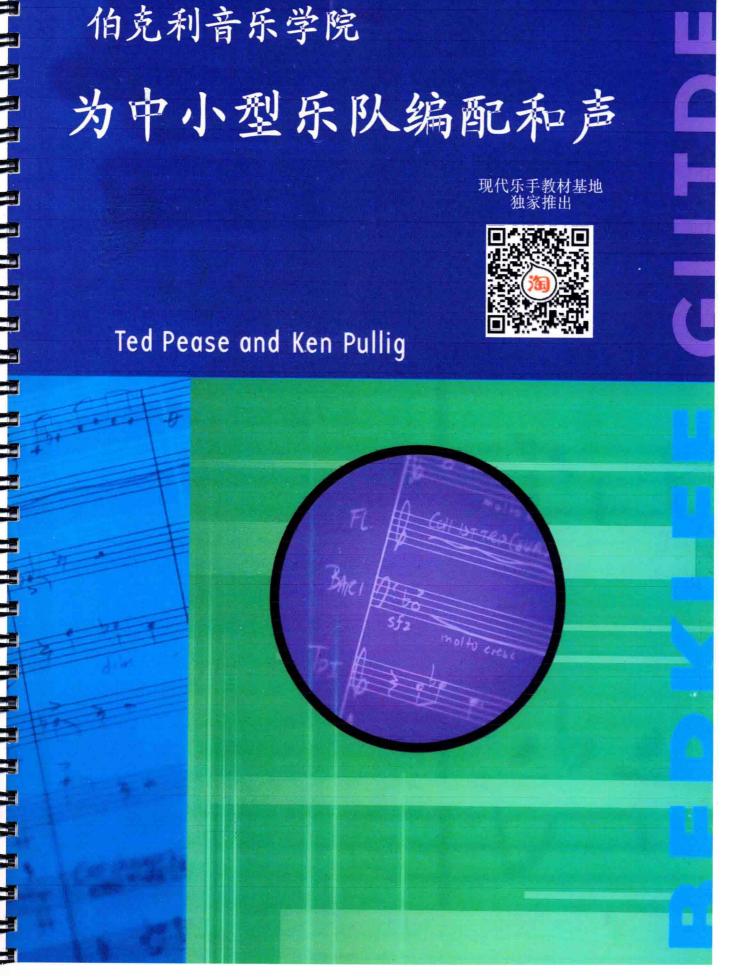
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Introduction

From the Big Bands to Kind of Blue and Beyond

How do you get that *modern jazz sound?* That is the question addressed by this book. The answer will be of great interest to music arrangers and keyboard players who would like to add character, color, and sophistication to their chord voicings, as well as to theory students who want to learn about contemporary jazz harmony. But before we answer the question, a little history is in order.

Back in the early 1920s, when jazz arrangers such as Don Redman and Fletcher Henderson began arranging for big bands, triads and seventh chords were their primary harmonic material. When Duke Ellington came into his own in the late 1920s, he explored the richness of tensions, first at the piano and then with his orchestra. In the 1940s and 1950s, Dizzy Gillespie, Charlie Parker, Bud Powell, Thelonious Monk, and other bebop musicians expanded the use of melodic and harmonic tensions.

The voicings used by all these players and arrangers shared one distinguishing characteristic: They were assembled in intervals of a third. In other words, musicians learned to voice chords by stacking them in major and minor thirds (1-3-5-7-9-11-13). They could then build them up from the root or any other chord tone (for instance, 1-3-5-7 or 3-5-7-9). Or they could hang them down below a melody note (say, 1-7-5-3 or 9-7-5-53).

By the mid 1950s, this system—sometimes called "tertian" or "tertial" harmony, meaning "in thirds"—was virtually universal in jazz. Bebop players at the time also were applying the concept of chord scales (specific sets of notes corresponding to particular chords and harmonic situations) to create improvised solos.

Then, thanks mostly to Miles Davis and Bill Evans, the voicing of chords turned in a new direction. Miles, a composer and conceptualist as well as a great trumpet player, was exploring modes and extended harmonic rhythm and form. On his seminal 1959 recording Kind of Blue, he encouraged pianist Bill Evans to use voicings in fourths and seconds in addition to the more customary voicings in thirds. Miles felt that fourths and seconds would be more compatible with modal tunes such as "So What," "All Blues," and "Flamenco Sketches," and would create a different, contemporary sound.

Since that time, jazz musicians of all persuasions have embraced the more modern and sophisticated sound possibilities that come from voicings in fourths and voicings in seconds (also referred to as "clusters"). Today's arrangers and improvisers also use upper structure triads, another advanced voicing technique, to add interest and complexity to their music.

This book will help you become fluent in these techniques so that you will be able to use them effectively to express your own music. Through a step-by-step process accompanied by exercises and recorded examples, the authors will guide you through the intricacies of deriving "non-tertial" voicings from the right chord scales and applying them to actual musical situations. You will discover how to avoid common mistakes and how to overcome harmonic ambiguity. You will learn how to select appropriate harmonic tensions. And you will apply these techniques in a variety of situations: in soli sections, backgrounds, and climax points, for example, and for as few as three or as many as six parts.

What You Need to Know

You should have a working knowledge of basic music theory, including pitch notation in treble and bass clef, major and minor scales, intervals, and chord spelling of triads and seventh chords in root position. It will also help if you have worked with lead sheets and/or piano sheet music. Experience in arranging music for winds and rhythm section is not absolutely necessary, but of course it would be beneficial. Part I of this book covers some essential prerequisites that less experienced arrangers will find useful. For more details, see the following section, "How to Use this Book and CD."

History of This Book

Chord scale theory has been taught at Berklee College of Music in one incarnation or another since the late 1950s. Professor Herb Pomeroy, the legendary teacher of "Line Writing" at Berklee for many years, used chord scale theory and related intervallic concepts as the basis for much of his teaching of jazz arranging. The "Chord Scale Voicings for Arranging" course and its original workbooks—on which this book is based—were created at Berklee by Professor Ted Pease in the late 1960s as a prerequisite to "Line Writing." Since then the course has evolved through classroom interactions and the contributions of many talented Berklee faculty members. Over the past 30 years, some 7,500 Berklee students have taken the course; it is a requirement for majoring in Jazz Composition.

This edition was compiled by Ken Pullig, chair of the jazz composition department, and edited by Professor Pease. Because this book is intended for an expanded audience beyond students enrolled at Berklee, it includes substantial amounts of new text, many new musical examples, solutions to exercises, and an accompanying CD.

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Ken Pullig joined the faculty of Berklee College of Music in 1975 and was named chair of the jazz composition department in 1985. He was awarded a Massachusetts Council of the Arts fellowship grant in 1979 for his extended composition, "Suite No. 2 for Small Jazz Ensemble." For many years he led his 10-piece jazz ensemble Decahedron in performances throughout New England. A free-lance trumpeter, he is regularly featured with the Cambridge Symphonic Brass Ensemble. He has performed with Johnny Mathis, Ray Charles, Mel Torme, Rita Moreno, Dionne Warrick, and many others. In recent years, Professor Pullig has presented clinics on jazz composition and arranging in France, Finland, and Germany. In 1997, he was guest conductor/composer with the Jazz Company in Vigevano, Italy.

How to Use This Book and CD

This book is organized in two parts: "Background and Basics" and "Modern Jazz Voicings.' If you are a novice arranger, we recommend you work through the fundamental concepts in the first part before tackling the sophisticated techniques in the second. Even experienced arrangers may want a quick review of the basics; or they may choose to jump right into part two, but use part one as a reference section, consulting it as needed to check the top of the soprano sax's range, for instance, or to remind themselves of the standard strategies for harmonizing approach notes.

However you arrive at part two's discussion of contemporary voicings, we suggest you learn the material in several ways:

Learn the theory. For each voicing technique, the text defines the theoretical basis as well as a step-by-step "recipe" for harmonizing a given melody. Practice applying the technique by working through the exercises. We have provided partial solutions to start you in the right direction.

Train your ears. Many of the musical examples presented in the book are demonstrated on the accompanying CD. By cueing up the tracks corresponding to the written examples, you can actually hear the effect of the different intervals in the voicings being illustrated. (Look for the CD symbol \bar{x} marking these recorded demonstrations.) The written examples also list the instruments used in the recorded track. Knowing the instrumentation will help you appreciate the timbres and blends of various combinations. Listen to each example at least several times in order to get it in your ears. (Some of the shorter examples are played twice.) Train your ears further by playing the voicings on the piano and singing them. Check the sound of your completed exercises at the piano as well. Aim to recognize the distinct musical impressions created by certain voicings.

Listen to the recordings of arrangers and players who use these voicings to create their characteristic sounds. Here are a few suggestions:

- McCoy Tyner: Tender Moments (Blue Note CDP 7 84275)
- Phil Woods' Little Big Band: Real Life (Chesky JD 47)
- · Phil Woods' Little Big Band: Evolution (Concord Jazz CCD 4361)
- Bill Perkins Octet: On Stage (Pacific Jazz 93163)
- Miles Davis: Birth Of The Cool (Capital Jazz CDP 7 92862 2)
- Miles Davis: Kind of Blue (Columbia CK40579)

Start arranging. When you feel comfortable with a certain technique, apply it to part of a familiar standard tune—eight to 16 measures is plenty at first. Be sure to pick a key in which the melody falls within our suggested lead ranges. Check for spelling mistakes (watch your accidentals) and inadvertent intervals of a minor ninth. And avoid muddy voicings (keep the bottom note of each voicing at or above d below middle c, unless it is the root of the chord.) If you are using a computer program, play back your mini arrangement to see how it sounds. Ideally, you should write out parts and have live musicians play them.

Although this book concentrates on scoring for wind instruments, you can apply the same concepts to orchestrating for voices, strings, guitars, and keyboards. You should also experiment with unusual combinations and non-traditional alignments. A particular five-part voicing played on piano will sound very different when played by five saxes aligned from top to bottom as alto, alto, tenor, tenor, and baritone; or when scored for the same five saxes aligned baritone, alto, alto, tenor, tenor; or when scored for violin, flute, muted trumpet, tenor sax, and acoustic bass; or when sung by a vocal group made up of two sopranos, alto, tenor, and baritone.

As you gain confidence, apply these voicings to longer portions of a selected tune. Since variety is important to any successful arrangement, remember to mix in other textures, including solo, linear, and contrapuntal passages. Before long, you will be producing complete and effective arrangements for five or six horns and a rhythm section, arrangements with a mature, contemporary dimension—a sophisticated sound.

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第1章 乐器信息

1-1 转换

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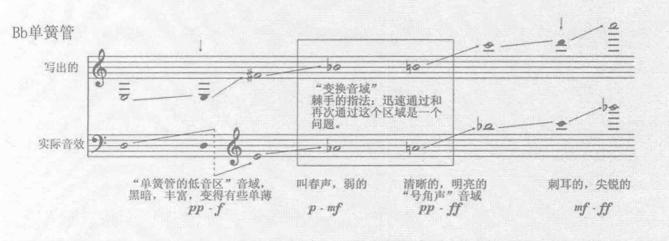


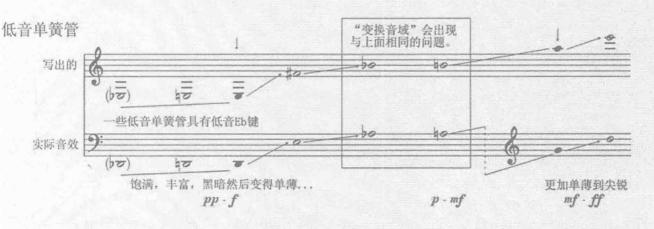
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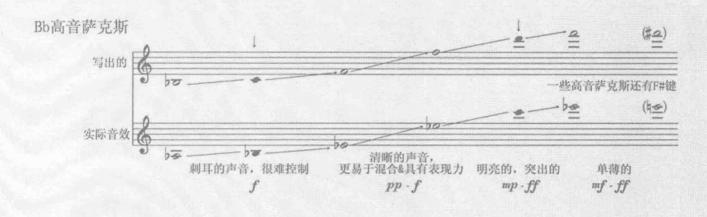
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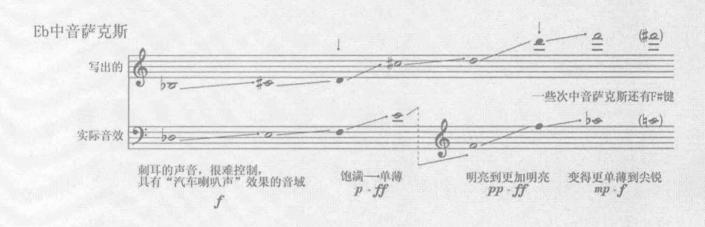
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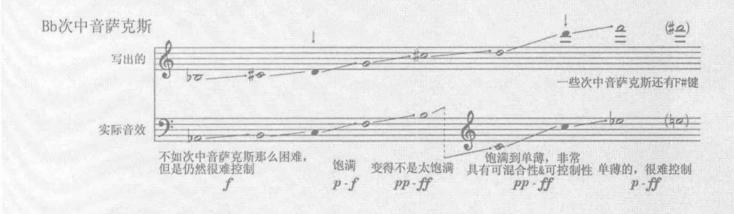


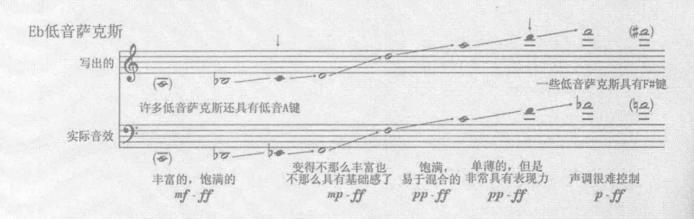


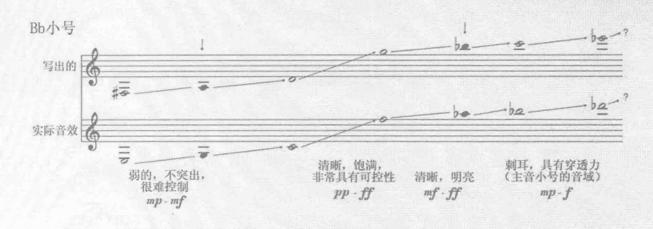


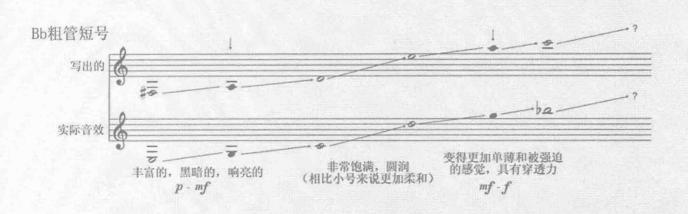


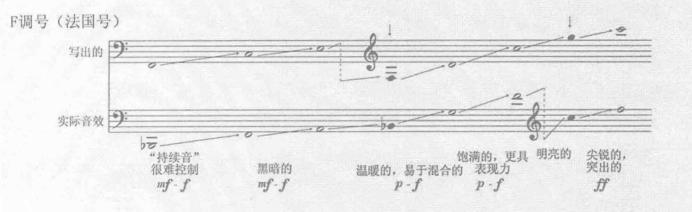




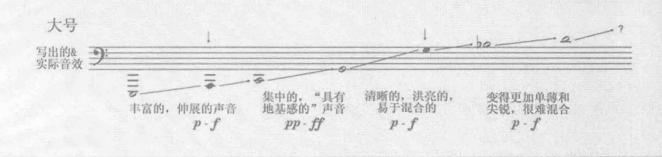


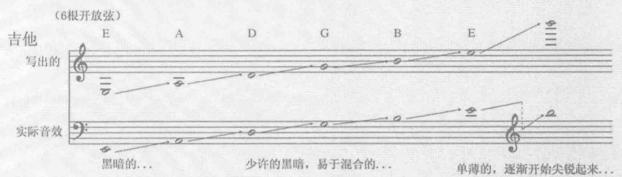












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