Instrumental Flex Arrangements

What Are They?

These are big-band style instrumental arrangements that can accommodate a wide range of available instruments with maximum flexibility. Instead of writing for specific instruments, the arrangements are written for 7 parts (1-4 upper voices, 5-6 lower voices, and part 7 is a bass voice), and each part is provided with multiple transpositions.

How Does it Work?

The arrangements were originally written for 2 trumpets, 2 saxes, and 2 trombones, along with a bass instrument and rhythm section. If you have that core ensemble and want to add more instruments, throw them in! If you are missing some of those instruments, fill them in with what you have based on the chart below. Players should feel free to transpose by an octave to make parts more playable, or to project better as needed.

The arrangement also includes rhythm section parts, and optional parts for percussion and strings, if you have them. If you're running a little light on available players, there are playback stems available for each part.

Part #	Sounding Range	Transposed	Instruments
1	E4 - B^{b}5	C Treble	Flute, Oboe
		B^{b} Treble	Trumpet, Clarinet, Soprano Sax
		E^{b} Treble	Alto Sax
2	C4 - E5	C Treble	Flute, Oboe
		B^{b} Treble	Trumpet, Clarinet, Soprano Sax
		E^{b} Treble	Alto Sax
3	G3 - C5	C Treble	
		B^{b} Treble	Trumpet, Clarinet

		E^b Treble	Alto Sax
4	E^b3 - G4	C Treble	
		B^b Treble	Trumpet, Clarinet
		B^b Treble (8vb)	Tenor Sax
		E^b Treble	Alto Sax
		F Treble	French Horn
		C Bass	Trombone
5	B^b2 - G4	C Bass	Trombone, Euphonium, Bassoon
		B^b Treble	Tenor Sax, Euphonium, Bass Clarinet
		E^b Treble	Bari Sax
		F Treble	French Horn
6	A^b2 - E^b4	C Bass	Trombone, Euphonium, Bassoon
		B^b Treble	Tenor Sax, Euphonium, Bass Clarinet
		E^b Treble	Bari Sax
7 Bass	C2 - G3	C Bass	Bass Trombone, Tuba, Bassoon
		B^b Treble	Bass Clarinet
		E^b Treble	Bari Sax

If you have a full-sized ensemble, the following assignments are suggested as a starting point:

Part 1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Bass
Tpt 1 Fl 1	Tpt 2 Cl 1 Fl 2 Ob 1	A Sax 1 Cl 2 Tpt 3 Ob 2	A Sax 2 Cl. 3 F. Horn 1 Bassoon 1	Tbn 1 T Sax 2 F. Horn 2 Bs. Clarinet Bassoon 2	Tbn 2 T Sax 1	B. Tbn Tuba Bari Sax