The Music of Cole Porter for Brass Quintet

Words and Music by COLE PORTER
Arranged by ZACHARY SMITH

SMALL ENSEMBLE SERIES

INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor

1st Bb Trumpet (Flugelhorn)

2nd Bb Trumpet (Flugelhorn)

Horn in F

1st Trombone

Tuba



NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

This arrangement is designed as a showpiece when played in its entirety, but you could perform each song individually if desired. For example: To play "Night and Day," begin with the two pick-up notes in m. 6 and end on beat 1 of m. 54; the introduction for "I've Got You Under My Skin" begins at m. 55 and concludes at the *fermata* in m. 128; and to play "I Love You" by itself, begin with the intro in m. 129 and play to the end of the arrangement.

"Night and Day" is to be played with a straight-eighth note Latin feel. Players should pay close attention to all articulations and play all *staccato* notes very short (think of the syllable "dit"). The tuba should play notes connected and smooth to mimic an acoustic bass. The natural tendency is to rush triplets; specifically, avoid rushing the quarter-note triplet figures that occur throughout this piece.

The trombone sets the tone and tempo in "I've Got You Under My Skin." The introduction figures in m. 55 should be approached with a clean, crisp articulation. The *marcato*, or rooftop (A), markings are played detached (a crented, and for their full value—think "daht." On this portion of the arrangement, eighth—note figures should be swung lightly—and yes, even the horn player should do so! Just emphasize the "ands" of the eighth-note figures, and it will swing by itself. Trumpets should have their harmon mutes ready and put a lot of air through their horns when using these mutes. Overemphasize the *crescendo* that occurs from mm. 101–109. Tuba should focus on connecting the quarter notes when playing the walking bass line that begins in m. 109.

"I Love You" is done as a medium swing in this arrangement. When performed at the marked tempo, players will not have to force the eighth-note figures to "swing"—they will swing by themselves with accurate articulation. This concept is especially noteworthy for the second trumpet when playing the solo that begins at m. 167. Tuba should keep quarter notes connected when playing the walking bass line at m. 153. The arrangement switches to a Baroque style between mm. 200–216 and, therefore, should be played delicately and straight. Then the arrangement returns to a light swing feel in m. 217. Really kick the last eight bars!

Enjoy!

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