



# JAZZ THEORY

A Flexible Workbook Approach  
to the Fundamentals of Jazz

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Dear Student,

Welcome to **Total JAZZ THEORY**! This workbook provides 36 lessons in seven chapters containing the fundamentals necessary to construct and organize the music we know as jazz.

Each lesson is set on two facing pages. The left hand page presents concepts and vocabulary in a step-by-step fashion while the right hand page is a short series of written exercises that allow you to demonstrate and apply your learning. Chapters 2–7 conclude with a test to assess your progress. Answer keys for all exercises and tests are included on pages 86–97.

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I sincerely hope you enjoy **Total JAZZ THEORY**. Best wishes in all of your musical endeavors!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dean Sorenson'.

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