

Dean Sorenson **First Place** for Jazz™

Dear Colleague,

As teachers, we all want what is best for our students. It is with this ideal in mind that I am proud to share with you the tools included in this book. *First Place for Jazz* represents many years of playing, writing, and teaching this great music. The tunes and exercises included here will help you and your students become better musicians by improving their instrumental technique, opening their ears to new sounds, and giving them skills to become better improvising soloists. I have endeavored throughout this collection to provide information in a logical and straightforward manner that builds upon prior knowledge. You and your students can be successful jazz performers even if you have no previous jazz experience.

Everything you need for a successful jazz experience is included here: basic fundamentals for improvisation and jazz performance, focused attention on the rhythm section, and an emphasis on performance. Concepts are broken down into small elements that are easy to understand. Everything correlates to real music that can be played with a variety of ensembles, from big band to a small combo. Instrumentation is flexible and inclusive enough to open the doors for all band instruments.

Quality lessons and music with integrity in a setting that allows for student success — the ultimate goal of any music teacher. Jazz is complex, but it does not need to be intimidating. Let *First Place for Jazz* be your guide. Enjoy the journey!

Yours in music,



Dean Sorenson

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*Includes 1st and 2nd parts.



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