

THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK

Concert/Clinic

***The Arkansas Jazz Educators Big Band
Arkansas Bandmasters Association Convention
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What is *THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK*?

Primarily, two categories;

a. **BROADWAY/MUSICAL THEATRE/POPULAR** works that have become “standards”, e.g.:

Composers: George Gershwin
Jimmy Van Heusen
Jerome Kern
! Lennon & McCartney!
Cole Porter
Richard Rodgers
Jules Stein

b. **JAZZ** Standards, e.g.

Composers: Tadd Dameron
Miles Davis
Duke Ellington
Bill Evans
Joe Henderson
Antonio Carlos Jobim
Thelonius Monk
Charlie Parker
Wayne Shorter

Why prioritize this music as a teaching and performance activity?

a. Critical component of **American musical history**

b. *Contrafact* (new melody/reharmonization over existing structure) as important component of American jazz repertoire and model of jazz composition:

Back Home In Indiana (Ballard McDonald):

How High The Moon (Morgan Lewis):

I Got Rhythm (George Gershwin):

What Is This Thing Called Love (Cole Porter):

Whispering (Vincent Rose):

Donna Lee (Charlie Parker)

Ornithology (Charlie Parker)

Anthropology (Charlie Parker)

The Eternal Triangle (Sunny Stitt)

Hot House (Tadd Dameron)

Groovin' High (Dizzy Gillespie)

Concert/clinic program to be selected from the following:

TITLE	STYLE	COMPOSER	ARRANGER	PUBLISHER	GRADE LEVEL
WHISPERING NOTES:	Relaxed Samba	Rose & Schoenberg	Eric Richards	C.L. Barnhouse	3.5 – 4
OUR LOVE IS HERE TO STAY NOTES:	Medium Swing	George & Ira Gershwin	Paul Baker	Belwin	2.5 – 3
AFTER YOU'VE GONE NOTES:	Swing	Turner Layton	Rich Sigler	Belwin	2.5 – 3
BYE BYE BLACKBIRD NOTES:	Medium Swing	Henderson & Dixon	Kris Berg	Belwin	2
ANGEL EYES NOTES:	Ballad	Brent & Dennis	Dave Wolpe	Belwin	3
I GET A KICK OUT OF YOU NOTES:	Medium Swing	Cole Porter	Dave Wolpe	Belwin	3
THE JITTERBUG WALTZ NOTES:	Jazz Waltz	Thomas "Fats" Waller	Eric Richards	Belwin	4
ELEANOR RIGBY NOTES:	Relaxed Brazilian	Lennon & McCartney	Eric Richards	Eric Richards	5
YOU MADE ME LOVE YOU NOTES:	"Basie-Nestico" Swing	Monaco & McCarthy	Eric Richards	C.L. Barnhouse	3.5
FRANKIE & JOHNNY NOTES:	Funk/Shuffle	Traditional	Eric Richards	C.L. Barnhouse	4

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