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"The long-famous 'Berklee voicings secrets' have finally been assembled into a beautifully-organized reference resource." -- *Alf Clausen, Emmy and Annie winning composer, The Simpsons, Bette, Moonlighting, ALF*

From the Publisher

How do you get that modern jazz sound?

Performers and Arrangers: Add color, character, and sophistication to your chord voicings. Learn to use fourths, clusters, upper-structure triads, and other advanced arranging and performing techniques for three to six parts.

This is the definitive text used for the time-honored Chord Scales course at Berklee College of Music.

Through a step-by-step process with exercises and recorded examples, the authors guide you through the intricacies of deriving "non-tertial" voicings from the right chord scales and applying them to various musical situations.

Become fluent in these techniques and use them effectively to express your own music:

- Select appropriate harmonic tensions and understand jazz harmony
- Avoid common mistakes and overcome harmonic ambiguity
- Experiment with unusual combinations and non-traditional alignments, mixing in other textures, including solo, linear, and contrapuntal passages
- Listen to arranging techniques performed on the CD and follow along with corresponding notated examples
- Apply new techniques using the Suggested Activities pages; great for assignments or home use
- Hear arrangers and players use these voicings to create their characteristic sounds with recommended recordings.

This book concentrates on scoring for every possible ensemble combination: winds, voices, strings, rhythm section, and more. Before long, you will be producing complete and effective arrangements for five or six horns and a rhythm section, arrangements with a mature, contemporary dimension, and a sophisticated sound.

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