

## Solstice

*The summer solstice is marked around the world with festivals and ceremonies celebrating the first day of summer. Most notably in the UK, people gather at Stonehenge, Wiltshire, to watch the magical dawn sunrise and enjoy the longest day of the year.*

*'Solstice' reflects this universal celebration of light. Sparky riffs and vibrant melodic lines fuse with the colourful textures and tones of the saxophone as the full range of the instrument is explored. The opening riff radiates into jubilant melodies and dancing rhythms, followed by a warm moment of reflection before the material builds towards the exuberant final flourishes.*

Notes for players...

- Accidentals carry through the bar in the traditional manner, however some cautionary accidentals have been included.
- Observe and enjoy all the details in the articulation and dynamics to create energy, drama and colour throughout the piece.
- Experiment with different tones in the various sections. In particular, explore how you can create a 'warm, luminous' atmosphere (bars 17 – 23) to contrast with the more animated opening and closing material.
- Keep the rhythmic momentum flowing to create a continual sense of direction, movement and drive.
- Make this piece yours! Bring individuality and musicality to your performance - and enjoy the cadenza at the end!