

# BUSHFIRE PRESS DESCANT ENSEMBLES

## Funky Monkey

Thank you for purchasing this descant recorder ensemble piece. It comes from a collection called *Funky Feels*, which is available as separate downloadable pieces or as a collection of 15 pieces.

It is also available in hard copy (or physical product) as a photocopiable book and double CD pack.

### HOW TO USE THIS ENSEMBLE

The piece is in 3 graded parts:

#### Cool Cats

Notes:



Rhythms:



#### Heroes

Notes:



Rhythms:



#### Legends

Notes:



Rhythms:



## Chord Chart

This can be used for guitar, ukulele, bass, bass recorder, tuned percussion or piano/ keyboard.

## Audio Tracks

Each part is demonstrated at 'practice tempo', as is the ensemble.  
The backing track is at the slightly faster 'performance tempo'.

## Creating an Arrangement

Each part can be successfully performed solo with the backing CD.

However, parts can be 'mixed and matched' to create an arrangement:

As the backing provides for 4 times through the tune, try building up your arrangement by having **Legends** play the first time, adding the **Heroes** second time and having the **Cool Cats** join in for the last two times.

### Other variations:

1<sup>st</sup> time: Heroes

2<sup>nd</sup> time: Legends & Cool Cats

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> time: All parts together

1<sup>st</sup> time: Legends

2<sup>nd</sup> time: Legends & Cool Cats

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> time: All parts together

### Other instruments

Try adding guitar or ukulele, bass, autoharp, melodica, flute, violin, piano, keyboard, tuned percussion ... or any C instrument.

Try adding some untuned percussion to keep the beat and/or add a little 'spice'.

Experiment with dynamics (loud and soft). Play a little louder or softer each time.

Involve the students in the experimenting and the decision making.

## FUNKY MONKEY

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# 1. FUNKY MONKEY

*(Cool Cats)*

Play 4 times

## Chord Chart

Play 4 times

# FUNKY MONKEY

*(Heroes)*

Play 4 times

Musical notation for 'FUNKY MONKEY (Heroes)'. It consists of two staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with a repeat sign and contains four measures of music: a whole rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. The second staff contains the continuation of the melody: quarter notes D5, E5, F#5, G5, quarter notes A5, B5, C6, and a final quarter rest.

# FUNKY MONKEY

*(Legends)*

Play 4 times

Musical notation for 'FUNKY MONKEY (Legends)'. It consists of two staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with a repeat sign and contains four measures: a whole rest, quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C5, a quarter rest, quarter notes D5, E5, F#5, and G5, a quarter rest, and quarter notes A5, B5, C6, and B5. The second staff contains the continuation of the melody: quarter notes A5, B5, C6, and B5, quarter notes A5, G5, F#5, and E5, quarter notes D5, C5, B4, and A4, and a final quarter rest.

