

QUOTES

“Lawrence’s trenchant tenor steals the show at Ronnie Scott’s”

- *Peter Vacher - Jazzwise 2025*

"There is nothing forced about Doug Lawrence's playing. He is, as they say, the real thing."

- *Dan Morgenstern - NEA Jazz Master, Editor DOWNBEAT*

"Think of Coleman Hawkins, Louis Armstrong, Ben Webster, Lester Young, Billie Holiday, Miles Davis, Frank Sinatra. They were able to touch our collective soul with their extraordinary sense of phrasing. Tenor man Doug Lawrence has got it. His phrasing is fluid, relaxed, conversational and charming, just like his easy going, seductive Southern drawl."

- *Bill Milkowski - DOWNBEAT, JAZZTIMES*

"Doug Lawrence is a natural, like Lester Young.

"*Buck Clayton, Jazz Legend - NEW YORK TIMES*

"After all these years, Count Basie's Orchestra continues to win Grammy® awards. The band is made up of elite musicians from all over the USA and none are more exciting to listen to than my main man, tenor saxophonist Doug Lawrence. He embodies what the band is about; swing and the blues!"

- *Frank Wess, NEA Jazz Master, Iconic Basie Musician*

"Modern Master of the tenor saxophone!"

- *Paul Weideman - SANTA FE REPORTER*

- "The professional credentials Doug Lawrence has racked up are astonishing!" - *Howard Mandel - DOWNBEAT*

"Tenor saxophonist Doug Lawrence proved invincible, his technique so fluid and his sound so huge as to dwarf everyone playing near him.

- "*Howard Reich - CHICAGO TRIBUNE*

"A Commanding tenor saxophonist"

- *John Wilson - NEW YORK TIMES*

"A Rising Star!"

- *Chip DeFaa - NEW YORK POST*

"It was becoming clear that tenor saxophonist Doug Lawrence was the real star of the night - largely because of all the members in the Count Basie Orchestra he seemed most comfortable within the stylistic setting. This is not to detract from his magnificence as a musician - his sound and phrasing are muscular but elegant and his solos are never in a hurry but always exciting. No small feat to be outstanding in a band this good."

- *Greg Lyons - MALAYSIAN TIMES*

"Scott Hamilton and Doug Lawrence underscored the fact that not all the swinging tenor saxophonists are playing with the proverbial big band in the sky."

- *Dick Zander - NEW YORK NEWSDAY*