

## **DOUG LAWRENCE BIO**

Born in Louisiana and raised in New Mexico, Doug Lawrence spent over 25 years making a name for himself in New York City. Mr Lawrence has performed and recorded with a number of iconic artists including Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, Sarah Vaughan, Tony Bennett, Nancy Wilson, Ray Charles, Aretha Franklin, Dizzy Gillespie, Joe Williams, Celia Cruz, Benny Goodman, Stevie Wonder, Buck Clayton, Wild Bill Davis, Jimmy Cobb, Clyde Stubblefield, Donna Summer, Rodney Dangerfield, Joey DeFrancesco and many others. Mr Lawrence has appeared at virtually every major concert hall and performance venue around the world, and has performed for six U.S. Presidents, the Queen of England, the King of Thailand, the King and Queen of Sweden and numerous Heads of State. For the last 25+ years, Mr Lawrence has been the featured tenor saxophone soloist with the (twenty-time) Grammy® winning Legendary Count Basie Orchestra.

Mr Lawrence continues to perform and record with many of today's leading artists, including: Billie Eilish, Ledisi, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Andra Day, Rita Payes, Jamie Cullum, Carmen Bradford, Dianne Schuur, Steve Jordon, George Cables, Peter Bernstein, Louis Hayes, Terrell Stafford, Frankie Vasquez and others. In 2023, Mr Lawrence was inducted into the New Mexico Music Hall Of Fame, and on February 4th, 2024, he won a Grammy® as a featured soloist, along with the rest of the

Count Basie Orchestra, for Large Ensemble Jazz Album of the year. 2026 finds Mr Lawrence once again on a Grammy® nominated album, this time with vocalist Debra Silver. These recent accomplishments have added to the many accolades and awards Mr Lawrence has received throughout his prolific career. As 2026 gets underway, Mr Lawrence continues his busy schedule touring and recording as leader of his own bands, leading the Annual Eddie Durham All-Star Celebration Big Band in Austin TX, appearing as featured artist with numerous professional and academic bands, and of course, continuing his tenure with the venerable Count Basie Orchestra.