

Rob Buonaspina (1996 – )

# DEAD-LINE

*for big band*

**Instrumentation:**

**Woodwinds**

Soprano 1 (**solo**)  
Alto 2 (dbl. flute)  
Tenor 1  
Tenor 2  
Bari. Sax.

**Brass**

Trumpet 1 (*Harmon Mute*)  
Trumpet 2 (*Harmon Mute*)  
Trumpet 3 (*Harmon Mute*)  
Trumpet 4 (*Harmon Mute*) (dbl. flg)  
  
Trombone 1 (*Cup Mute*)  
Trombone 2 (*Cup Mute*)  
Trombone 3 (*Cup Mute*)  
Bass Trombone

**Rhythm Section**

Guitar  
Piano (**solo**)  
Bass Guitar  
Drums (**solo**)



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$\text{♩} = 175$  Swing, Always Driving Forward

Intro - Drum Feature

Reed 1 (Soprano)

Flute

Reed 2 (Flute, Alto)

Reed 3 (Tenor)

Reed 4 (Tenor 2)

Reed 5 (Bari.)

Trumpet 1

Trumpet 2

Trumpet 3

Trumpet 4 (dbl Flugelhorn)

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Trombone 3

Bass Trombone

Guitar

Piano

Bass Guitar

Drums

$\text{♩} = 175$  Swing, Always Driving Forward

Ens. > Solo (light)

> **f** Set up, ruff

13 Intro

tro

Sop. Sax.

Fl.

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax. *mp*

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn. *mp*

J. Gr.

Pno. *mp*

Bass *mp*

Dr. *mp* W/Bass & Low horns  
Light fills, grow organically

Sop. Sax.

Fl.

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn.

J. Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Dr.

25 Head

3

Sop. Sax. *mf*

Fl.

Tenor 1 *mf*

Tenor 2 *mf*

Bari. Sax. *mf*

Tpt. 1 [Harmon Mute]

Tpt. 2 [Harmon Mute]

Tpt. 3 [Harmon Mute]

Tpt. 4 [Harmon Mute]

Tbn. 1 Sop. Sax. *mf*

Tbn. 2 Sop. Sax. *mf*

Tbn. 3 Sop. Sax. *mf*

B. Tbn. *mf*

J. Gr. *mf*

Pno. *mf*

Bass *mf*

Dr. 25 W/brass *mf*

Sop. Sax. *f*

Fl. *f*

Tenor 1 *f*

Tenor 2 *f*

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4 *f* To Flug.

Tbn. 1 *f*

Tbn. 2 *f*

Tbn. 3 *f*

B. Tbn. *f*

J. Gtr.

Pno.

Bass *f*

Dr. *f*

31

6

**37**

Sop. Sax.

Fl.

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Flugelhorn

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn.

J. Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Dr.

Sop. Sax. *f*

To Alto Sax.

Fl. *f*

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax. *f*

sub. **p**

Tpt. 1 *f*

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Flug.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn. *f*

sub. **p**

J. Gtr.

C<sup>7(sus4)</sup>

Pno. *f*

C<sup>7(sus4)</sup>

sub. **p**

Bass *f*

sub. **p**

Dr. *f*

sub. **p**

**49**

Sop. Sax. *cresc.* *mf* *f*

Fl.

Tenor 1 *cresc.* *mf* *f*

Bari. Sax. *cresc.* *mf* *f*

Tpt. 1 *Open* *mf* *f*

Tpt. 2 *Open* *mf* *f*

Tpt. 3 *Open* *cresc.* *mf* *f*

Flug. *cresc.* *mf* *f*

Tbn. 1 *cresc.* *mf* *f*

Tbn. 2 *cresc.* *mf* *f*

Tbn. 3 *cresc.* *mf* *f*

B. Tbn. *cresc.* *mf* *f*

J. Gr. *cresc.* *Bb/A* *G/F#* *Bb/Eb* *C/Eb* *D(sus4)*

Pno. *cresc.* *Bb/A* *G/F#* *Bb/Eb* *C/Eb* *D(sus4)*

Bass *cresc.* *mf* *f*

**49** W/brass & reeds *cresc.* *mf* *f*

Dr.

57

Sop. Sax.

Fl.

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Flug.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn.

J. Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Dr.

W/low brass

57

63

Sop. Sax.

Alto Sax.

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Flug.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn.

J. Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Dr.

**69** Kicker into Solos

Sop. Sax. *cresc. (terraced)*

Alto Sax. *cresc. (terraced)*

Tenor 1 *cresc. (terraced)*

Tenor 2 *cresc. (terraced)*

Bari. Sax. *cresc. (terraced)*

Tpt. 1 *cresc. (terraced)*

Tpt. 2 *cresc. (terraced)*

Tpt. 3 *cresc. (terraced)*

Flug. *cresc. (terraced)*

Tbn. 1 *cresc. (terraced)*

Tbn. 2 *cresc. (terraced)*

Tbn. 3 *cresc. (terraced)*

B. Tbn. *cresc. (terraced)*

J. Gtr. *cresc. (terraced)*

Pno. *cresc. (terraced)*

Bass *cresc. (terraced)*

Dr. *cresc. (terraced)*

2

Sop. Sax.

Alto Sax.

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Flug.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn.

J. Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Dr.

2

W/bass>

ens.

fff

75



**98**

Sop. Sax.

Alto Sax.

Tenor 1 *(2nd time only)* *mp*

Tenor 2 *(2nd time only)* *mp*

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Flug. *(2nd time only)* *mp*

Tbn. 1 *Both times* *mp*

Tbn. 2 *Both times* *mp*

Tbn. 3 *Both times* *mp*

B. Tbn. *Both times* *mp*

J. Gtr. D(sus4) **2** **4** **4**

Pno. D(sus4) **2** **4** **4**

Bass D(sus4) **2** **4** **4**

Dr. **98** **4** **4** **2** *trbs.* *Both times*

**110**

Sop. Sax.

Alto Sax.

Tenor 1 *2nd time only* *mp*

Tenor 2 *2nd time only* *mp*

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Flug. *2nd time only* *mp*

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn.

J. Gtr. *B<sub>b</sub>maj7/C*   *B<sub>b</sub>/A*   *G/F#*   *C/E<sub>b</sub>*

Pno. *B<sub>b</sub>maj7/C*   *B<sub>b</sub>/A*   *G/F#*   *C/E<sub>b</sub>*

Bass *B<sub>b</sub>maj7/C*   *B<sub>b</sub>/A*   *G/F#*   *C/E<sub>b</sub>*

**110****4****2**

*Both times*  
trbs/WW

**118**

Sop. Sax.

Alto Sax.

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1 *f*

Tpt. 2 *f*

Tpt. 3 *f*

Flug. *f*

Tbn. 1 *f*

Tbn. 2 *f*

Tbn. 3 *f*

B. Tbn. *f*

J. Gtr. D(sus4) *f* D(sus4)

Pno. *f*

Bass D(sus4) *f*

Dr. *f*

**118** brass *f*

**130**

Transition

Sop. Sax. *p cresc. (terraced)*

Alto Sax. *p cresc. (terraced)*

Tenor 1 *p cresc. (terraced)*

Tenor 2 *p cresc. (terraced)*

Bari. Sax. *p cresc. (terraced)*

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Flug.

Tbn. 1 *p cresc. (terraced)*

Tbn. 2 *p cresc. (terraced)*

Tbn. 3 *p cresc. (terraced)*

B. Tbn. *p cresc. (terraced)*

J. Gr.

Pno. *p cresc. (terraced)*

Bass *p cresc. (terraced)*

**130** Hi hat time, metronomic feel

Dr. *p cresc. (terraced)*

2

2

Sop. Sax.

Alto Sax.

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Flug.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn.

Pno.

Bass

Dr.

**142** Soprano Solo

E(sus4)

Sop. Sax.

Alto Sax.

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

To Tpt.

Flug.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn.

J. Gtr.

D(sus4)

Pno.

D(sus4)

Bass

D(sus4)

**142** Hard Swing

Dr.

**154**

E(sus4)

Sop. Sax.

Alto Sax.

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Flug.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn.

J. Gtr. D(sus4) 2 4 4

Pno. D(sus4) 2 4 4

Bass D(sus4) 2 4 4

Dr. 154 D(sus4) 2 4 4

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**166**

Cmaj7/D

C/B

A/G#

C/F

D/F

Sop. Sax.

Alto Sax. *pp*

Tenor 1 *pp*

Tenor 2 *pp*

Bari. Sax. *pp*

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Flug.

Tbn. 1 *Cup Mute* *pp* *cresc.*

Tbn. 2 *Cup Mute* *pp* *cresc.*

Tbn. 3 *Cup Mute* *pp* *cresc.*

B. Tbn.

J. Gtr. Bbmaj7/C

Pno. Bbmaj7/C

Bass Bbmaj7/C

Dr. **166** Trbs. *pp* *cresc.*

**174** E(sus4)

Sop. Sax.

Alto Sax.

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Flug.

Tbn. 1 Mute Off

Tbn. 2 Mute Off

Tbn. 3 Mute Off

B. Tbn.

J. Gtr. D(sus4) 2 4 2

Pno. D(sus4) 2 4 2

Bass D(sus4) 2 4 2

Dr. 174 D(sus4) 2 4 2 Trpts

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Soprano Solo (With Backgrounds)

**186**E(sus4)  
(Brass BG)

Sop. Sax. *f*

Alto Sax. *f*

Tenor 1 *f*

Tenor 2 *f*

Bari. Sax. *f*

Tpt. 1 *f*

Tpt. 2 *f*

Tpt. 3 *f*

Tpt. 4 *f*

Tbn. 1 *f*

Tbn. 2 *f*

Tbn. 3 *f*

B. Tbn. *f*

J. Gtr.

Pno.

Bass *f*

**186**

D(sus4)

Brass *f*

Dr. *f*

Sop. Sax.

Alto Sax.

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn.

J. Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Dr.

**198**

E(sus4)

Sop. Sax.

Alto Sax. *f*

Tenor 1 *f*

Tenor 2 *f*

Bari. Sax. *f*

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn.

J. Gtr. D(sus4) *mf*

Pno. D(sus4) *mf*

Bass D(sus4) *mf*

**198** Dr. *Trpts.* *mf*

**210**C<sup>maj7/D</sup>

C/B

A/G<sup>#</sup>

D/F

Sop. Sax.

Alto Sax.

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn.

J. Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Dr.

**210** Trbs/WW Trpts Brass Trpts Brass Trpts Bass/low horns Trpts Trpts f

**218**C<sup>maj7</sup>/D

C/B

A/G<sup>#</sup>

C/F

D/F

Sop. Sax.

Alto Sax. *mf*

Tenor 1 *mf*

Tenor 2 *mf*

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1 *mf*

Tbn. 2 *mf*

Tbn. 3 *mf*

B. Tbn.

Pno.

Bass

Dr.

**226**

Sop. Sax.

Alto Sax.

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn.

Pno.

Bass

Dr.

**226** W/bass/low horns

The music is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. Measure 226 starts with a dynamic of 3. Measures 226-227 show a complex rhythmic pattern involving eighth and sixteenth notes, with various dynamics such as forte, piano, and accents. Measure 227 concludes with a dynamic of 3. The instrumentation includes Soprano Saxophone, Alto Saxophone, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bassoon, Trombone 1, Trombone 2, Trombone 3, Bass Trombone, Piano, Bass, and Drums. The notation includes various dynamics, articulations, and performance instructions like 'W/bass/low horns'.

Sop. Sax. *sub pp*

Alto Sax. *sub pp*

Tenor 1 *sub pp*

Tenor 2 *sub pp*

Bari. Sax. *sub pp*

Tpt. 1 *sub pp*

Tpt. 2 *sub pp*

Tpt. 3 *sub pp*

Tpt. 4 *sub pp*

Tbn. 1 *sub pp*

Tbn. 2 *sub pp*

Tbn. 3 *sub pp*

B. Tbn. *sub pp*

Pno. *sub pp*

Bass *sub pp*

Dr. *sub pp*

238

Ensemble

Ensemble Tutti

238

Sop. Sax. *cresc. gradually*

Alto Sax. *cresc. gradually*

Tenor 1 *cresc. gradually*

Tenor 2 *cresc. gradually* *sub. pp*

Bari. Sax. *cresc. gradually*

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1 *cresc. gradually*

Tbn. 2 *cresc. gradually*

Tbn. 3 *cresc. gradually*

B. Tbn. *cresc. gradually*

Pno.

Bass *cresc. gradually*

Dr. *cresc. gradually*

**238** W/ens. *p*

Sop. Sax.

Alto Sax.

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn.

Pno.

Bass

Dr.

Brass

Sop. Sax.

Alto Sax.

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn.

Pno.

Bass

Dr.

250

250

256

Sop. Sax.

Alto Sax.

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn.

Pno.

Bass

Dr.

Sop. Sax. *cresc.*

Alto Sax. *cresc.*

Tenor 1 *cresc.*

Tenor 2 *cresc.*

Bari. Sax. *cresc.*

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1 *cresc.*

Tbn. 2 *cresc.*

Tbn. 3 *cresc.*

B. Tbn. *cresc.*

J. Gtr. *cresc.*

Pno. *cresc.* C<sup>7(sus4)</sup> B<sup>b9/A</sup> G<sup>maj9/F#</sup>

Bass *cresc.*

Dr. *cresc.* Trbs. Brass

Sop. Sax.

Alto Sax.

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn.

J. Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Dr.

E $\flat$ 7( $\sharp$ 11)

C $\sharp$ 7( $\flat$ 13)

C7( $\sharp$ 11)

B $\flat$ 7( $\sharp$ 9)

D7(sus4)

**270**

Sop. Sax.

Alto Sax.

Tenor 1  
*cresc. (terraced)*

Tenor 2  
*cresc. (terraced)*

Bari. Sax.  
*cresc. (terraced)*

Tpt. 1  
Harmon Mute On  
*cresc. (terraced)*

Tpt. 2  
Harmon Mute On  
*cresc. (terraced)*

Tpt. 3  
*cresc. (terraced)*

Tpt. 4  
*cresc. (terraced)*

Tbn. 1  
*cresc. (terraced)*

Tbn. 2  
*cresc. (terraced)*

Tbn. 3  
*cresc. (terraced)*

B. Tbn.  
*cresc. (terraced)*

J. Gtr.  
*cresc. (terraced)*

Pno.  
*cresc. (terraced)*  
*cresc. (terraced)*

Bass  
*cresc. (terraced)*

Dr.  
**270** Hihat time (W/trbs) *cresc. (terraced)* To Fl.  
*cresc. (terraced)* To Flug.

Sop. Sax.

To Fl.

Alto Sax.

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Flugelhorn

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn.

J. Gr.

Pno.

Bass

Dr.

**282** "Sax" "Solf"

Sop. Sax.

Flute *mf*

Tenor 1 *mp*

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1 *mp*

Tpt. 2 *mp*

Tpt. 3

Flg.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn.

J. Gtr.

Pno.

Bass D(sus4)

**282** Laid back swing *mp*

Dr. *mp*

Sop. Sax.

Fl.

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Flg.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn.

J. Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Dr.

D(sus4)

w/brass (strict)

288

294

40

Sop. Sax.

Fl.

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Flg.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn.

J. Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Dr.

D(sus4)

with WW (strict)

2

with WW

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Sop. Sax.

Fl.

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Flg.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn.

J. Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Dr.

To Tpt.

WW/muted trpt

Sop. Sax. *cresc. (terraced)*

Fl. *cresc. (terraced)*

Tenor 1 *cresc. (terraced)*

Tenor 2 *cresc. (terraced)*

Bari. Sax. *cresc. (terraced)*

Tpt. 1 Open

Tpt. 2 Open

Tpt. 3 Trumpet in B♭

Flg.

Tbn. 1 *cresc. (terraced)*

Tbn. 2 *cresc. (terraced)*

Tbn. 3 *cresc. (terraced)*

B. Tbn. *cresc. (terraced)*

J. Gtr.

Pno.

Bass *cresc. (terraced)*

Dr. 306 with brass Fill Build intensity Fills throughout *cresc. (terraced)*

The score consists of ten staves of five measures each. The instruments are arranged as follows: woodwind section (Sop. Sax., Fl., Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bari. Sax.) in the top half; brass section (Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2, Tpt. 3, Flg., Tbn. 1, Tbn. 2, Tbn. 3, B. Tbn.) in the middle; and strings/piano (J. Gtr., Pno., Bass, Dr.) in the bottom half. The piano part is primarily for the bass line. Dynamics include *cresc. (terraced)*, *Open*, and *Trumpet in B♭*. Performance instructions at the bottom include "with brass Fill", "Build intensity", and "Fills throughout *cresc. (terraced)*". Rehearsal number 306 is marked at the top left and bottom left.

**314** [Tutti Recap]

Sop. Sax. *f*

Fl.

Tenor 1 *f*

Tenor 2 *f*

Bari. Sax. *f*

Tpt. 1 *f*

Tpt. 2 *f*

Tpt. 3 *f*

Tpt. 4 *f*

Tbn. 1 *f*

Tbn. 2 *f*

Tbn. 3 *f*

B. Tbn. *f*

Pno. *f*

Bass *f*

**314** W/brass

Dr. *f*

Sop. Sax. -

Fl. -

Tenor 1 -

Tenor 2 -

Bari. Sax. -

Tpt. 1 -

Tpt. 2 -

Tpt. 3 -

Tpt. 4 -

Tbn. 1 -

Tbn. 2 -

Tbn. 3 -

B. Tbn. -

Pno. -

Bass -

Dr. -

## 326 Transition Out

### Transition Out

Sop. Sax. ff

Fl. ff

Tenor 1 ff

Tenor 2 ff

Bari. Sax. ff

Tpt. 1 cresc. molto ff

Tpt. 2 ff

Tpt. 3 ff

Tpt. 4 cresc. molto ff

Tbn. 1 ff

Tbn. 2 ff

Tbn. 3 ff

B. Tbn. ff

J. Gtr. ff

Pno. ff

Bass ff

Dr. 2 ff Fill ff

**338** Drum Break

Sop. Sax.

Fl.

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn.

J. Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Dr.

**346**

Outro

**346**

Fill

Fill

Drum solo; drive home