



# Hit the Ground Running

GORDON GOODWIN

## INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor  
1st E♭ Alto Saxophone  
2nd E♭ Alto Saxophone  
1st B♭ Tenor Saxophone  
2nd B♭ Tenor Saxophone  
E♭ Baritone Saxophone  
1st B♭ Trumpet  
2nd B♭ Trumpet  
3rd B♭ Trumpet  
4th B♭ Trumpet

1st Trombone  
2nd Trombone  
3rd Trombone  
Bass Trombone  
Guitar Chords  
Guitar  
Piano  
Bass  
Drums  
Auxiliary Percussion

## NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Funk music is totally cool. There are some people who don't like this type of groove and think it's too frantic, but not me. If it's played right, it's tons of fun to play and listen to. This chart was commissioned by the Westlake High School Jazz Ensemble, directed by Brian Peter, and I knew when I heard them play it that this chart would also be a great vehicle for the Big Phat Band. So we recorded it and it is track 1 on our new CD, *Act Your Age* (Immergent Records).

It begins with the piano (or use a Fender Rhodes if you have access to one) and it's really important that the pianist establish the rhythm with authority. Practice that opening lick until it is comfortable because it's the bedrock of the groove. Everybody in the rhythm section has a fairly busy part, so each person must listen closely to one another so that the parts fit together perfectly — but, easier said than done. Spend some time on the groove with a rhythm section sectional. This accuracy goes for the horns as well. Everybody must agree on the placement of all those sixteenth notes, or else this groove will start to seem messy.

When the horn section plays these kinds of sixteenth note licks, the key to getting the figure to really pop is to *keep the air stream flowing* from the first note to the last. Push through to the end of the lick. This will give your phrases a good rhythmic pulse, which is really important in this kind of groove. If you listen to the Big Phat Band play this chart, you will hear how the horns exaggerate the phrasing throughout. The short notes are really short, lean into the accents, and most importantly, you will hear everybody listening to each other and working as a unit. That's the primary goal as an ensemble; on this, or any chart.

This chart requires a commitment from everybody and it will require energy. In the rhythm section, this translates into focusing on a solid and forward-moving groove. Every note you play must fit into the context of that groove. In the horn section, it translates into playing with accuracy and unity and, once again, focusing on that air stream. Air is the lifeblood of music and every great horn player moves a ton of air when they play.

I hop you have a good ol' funky time with *Hit the Ground Running*.

—Gordon Goodwin

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Goodwin**

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CONDUCTOR  
30653S

As Recorded by Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band  
**HIT THE GROUND RUNNING**

By GORDON GOODWIN (ASCAP)

FUNKY ♩ = 120

1st E♭ ALTO SAXOPHONE

2ND E♭ ALTO SAXOPHONE

1st B♭ TENOR SAXOPHONE

2ND B♭ TENOR SAXOPHONE

E♭ BARITONE SAXOPHONE

1st B♭ TRUMPET

2ND B♭ TRUMPET

3RD B♭ TRUMPET

4TH B♭ TRUMPET

1st TROMBONE

2ND TROMBONE

3RD TROMBONE

BASS TROMBONE

QUIYAR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

AUXILIARY PERCUSSION

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CONDUCTOR

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HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPP. 1

TPP. 2

TPP. 3

TPP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

AUX. PERC.

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CONGAS

F15 G16 G7

F15 F# G15

## CONDUCTOR

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## HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPC. 1

TPC. 2

TPC. 3

TPC. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

AUX. PERC.

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HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPP. 1

TPP. 2

TPP. 3

TPP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

AUX. PERC.

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CONDUCTOR

HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPP. 1

TPP. 2

TPP. 3

TPP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

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DRUMS

AUX. PERC.

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CONCELL

CONGAS

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## CONDUCTOR

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## HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPC. 1

TPC. 2

TPC. 3

TPC. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

AUX. PERC.

CONGAS

30 31 32 33 34 35



ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPP. 1

TPP. 2

TPP. 3

TPP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

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BASS

DRUMS

AUX. PERC.

36 37 38 39 40

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## HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

CONDUCTOR

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TPT. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

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DRUMS

AUX. PERC.

HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

41 42 43 44 45

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPP. 1

TPP. 2

TPP. 3

TPP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

AUX. PERC.

46 47 48 49 50 51 52

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Opt. BVA

FILL

## CONDUCTOR

53 SOLOS  
E7

B7

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HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

SARL.

TPP. 1

TPP. 2

TPP. 3

TPP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

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BASS

DRUMS

AUX. PERC.

SONGOS

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53 54 55 56 57 58

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CONDUCTOR

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HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

AUX. PERC.

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Preview

Hit the Ground Running

Chords: E7(#9), A7(#9), E7, B7, G15, A15, C15, D15, F15, F#15, G15, F15, D7(#9), G15, Bb15, C15

## CONDUCTOR

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## HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPP. 1

TPP. 2

TPP. 3

TPP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

AUX. PERC.

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FILL

CONGAS

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CONDUCTOR

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HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPR. 1

TPR. 2

TPR. 3

TPR. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

AUX. PERC.

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CONDUCTOR

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HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

SARI.

TPP. 1

TPP. 2

TPP. 3

TPP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

AUX. PERC.

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CONDUCTOR

HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

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ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

SARI.

TPP. 1

TPP. 2

TPP. 3

TPP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

AUX. PERC.

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## CONDUCTOR

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## HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

AUX. PERC.

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## HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

CONDUCTOR

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TPT. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

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DRUMS

AUX. PERC.

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## CONDUCTOR

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## HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TP. 1

TP. 2

TP. 3

TP. 4

TEN. 1

TEN. 2

TEN. 3

BASS TEN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

AUX. PERC.

PLAY TIME WITH HOENS

(HOENS)

(RHYTHM IN)

CONGAS

98

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## CONDUCTOR

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## HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPP. 1

TPP. 2

TPP. 3

TPP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

AUX. PERC.

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105 106 107 108 109 110

G7

(Horns)

(RHYTHM)

(RHYTHM)

## CONDUCTOR

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## HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPP. 1

TPP. 2

TPP. 3

TPP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS (Hoens)

AUX. PERC.

111 112 113 114 115 116

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ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

AUX. PERC.

117 118 119 120 121 122 123

CONDUCTOR 124 ONE SOLOIST BLOWS THROUGH MEASURE 139.

G7 - 21 - G7 A7

HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPC. 1

TPC. 2

TPC. 3

TPC. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

AUX. PERC.

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HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPC. 1

TPC. 2

TPC. 3

TPC. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

AUX. PERC.

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## CONDUCTOR

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## HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPC. 1

TPC. 2

TPC. 3

TPC. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

AUX. PERC.

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137 138 139 140 141 142

CHORDS: D7, G7, F7, Bb15, Bb15, C15

SOLO

CONGAS

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