

HALF BUCK SHUFFLE

Composer's Statement

Half Buck Shuffle is a bombastic, funky drumline cadence that celebrates fifty years of DreamBIG Festival. Composed with the intent of being performed “on the move” as part of the opening parade for the 2025 edition of the festival, this piece is 2-minute loop that can be repeated ad infinitum until an ending cue is given.

Inspired by the 2025 DreamBIG theme — “I was, I am, I will be” — *Half Buck Shuffle* juxtaposes contemporary sounds and rhythms with vintage grooves of the past. Sections B and D are informed by modern styles of dance music while sections A and C throw back to popular hits from the mid-1970s (when the festival was first held). The title, *Half Buck Shuffle*, references the price of admission to enter the festival in 1975 - 50c.

By alternating between two contrasting sonic landscapes from two eras of music fifty years apart, *Half Buck Shuffle* perpetually builds and releases tension, always moving forward.

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