

Kites

The Composer

Dan Adams is currently Band and Orchestra director at Wooster High School and Instrumental Music Coordinator for the Wooster City Schools in Wooster, Ohio. He received a Bachelor of Music Education degree from The Ohio State University and a Master of Music in Band Conducting from Northwestern University where he studied with John Paynter. Adams is active as an adjudicator, brass musician, and conductor. Memberships include the Ohio Music Education Association, ASCAP, College Band Directors National Association, and American Federation of Musicians Local 159.

Performance Suggestions

Take care in identifying the stylistic character of each distinct section of **Kites**. Getting the students to picture the images suggested by the music is part of the fun of this piece. *A Sunny Walk To The Field* should not be rushed, but should have the feeling of a leisurely walking pace on a sunny day. *Flight*, however, can be injected with a little extra excitement with a slightly brighter tempo. **Kites** should be performed without pause between sections.

Program Notes

Kites is dedicated to the Edgewood Middle School 8th Grade Band, Wooster, Ohio. Four sections of the piece bring to mind the joy of flying a kite on a sunny day: *A Sunny Walk To The Field*, *Anticipation*, *A Perfect Breeze*, and *Flight*.