

Saying Goodbye

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 Concerns

Sostenuto with intensity, whether at soft or extreme dynamics is essential. Shaping of phrases and rubato are also key to a successful expression of the piece.

Program Notes

Written for the Wooster High School Symphonic Band, **Saying Goodbye** explores musically what is often hard to say with words. A gift to the students on the occasion of the composer's retirement, it was performed by the ensemble at his final concert with a group he directed for 29 years.