

# Cape Crusader

## The Composer

Dan Adams is retired from the Wooster City Schools in Wooster, Ohio, where he served as Band and Orchestra director and Instrumental Music Coordinator for nearly three decades. Prior to Wooster he taught at Mount Anthony Union High School in Bennington, Vermont.

He received a Bachelor of Music Education degree from The Ohio State University (major instrument trombone) and a Master of Music in Band Conducting from Northwestern University where he studied with John Paynter.

## Performance Concerns

A separated and marked style is appropriate for all unmarked notes. If there are more percussionists than parts in your ensemble, consider doubling the snare drum part as needed.

## Program Notes

Dedicated to Diane Adams and the Wooster 5th Grade Band in Wooster, Ohio, **Cape Crusader** is a tribute to the adventurous nature of the band's director.

Composed with the mixolydian scale as its foundation, the piece is meant to express a boldness and adventurousness through fanfare-like moments. An aggressive tempo helps add to the heroic feel of the composition.

Listen carefully for references to the peninsula of Cape Cod, Massachusetts. You'll hear melodic fragments from "Old Cape Cod" as well as the theme from "Jaws".