

Graustark Path

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.

Adams has decades of experience as an adjudicator, brass musician, and conductor. Present and past memberships include the Ohio Music Education Association, NAFME, ASCAP, College Band Directors National Association, and American Federation of Musicians Local 159.

Performance Concerns

Unmarked quarter notes should be performed with separation. Additionally, care should be taken to observe all the marked articulations and emphasize their difference from surrounding notes.

Measures 53-74 should be conducted in two beats to a bar, but the tempo should stay consistent.

Program Notes

Graustark Path is a tribute to my former colleague, Dennis Bartelheim, the long-tenured band director at Edgewood Middle School in Wooster, Ohio. Few people commit themselves to one school and community of students for their entire career. In this way, and so many others, Dennis is a noteworthy exception. His dedication to music education and the Wooster City Schools is unparalleled.