

## John Wooton, D.M.A.

### Percussion

Dr. John Wooton is the director of percussion studies at The University of Southern Mississippi. A native of Lafayette, La., he plays vibraphone for the Southern Miss Jazz Quintet and leads his professional steel band "Kaiso!" playing steel pans. As an instructor and performer, John has been associated with five P.A.S.I.C. Marching Percussion Forum champions. He was associated with the Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps of Rockford, Ill. for 10 years as a performer, instructor and arranger. Over the past 20 years John has served as percussion consultant for various drum corps.

Since joining the faculty at Southern Miss, Wooton has established a strong percussion studio, created and instructs the Southern Miss Steel Pan Orchestra, Pop Percussion Ensemble, Samba Band and Salsa Band. He has served as the president of the Percussion Arts Society, Mississippi Chapter, and served as a member of the Percussive Arts Society Marching Committee from 1990 to 2012. Dr. Wooton is a clinician for Pearl Drums, Sabian Cymbals, Vic Firth Sticks, Remo Drum Heads, and Row Loff Publications. He is member of the Vic Firth Education Team and is featured demonstrating all 40 snare drum rudiments on the Vic Firth Web site at <http://www.vicfirth.com>.

Recently John has performed clinics and concerts at the England Day of Percussion in Birmingham, England, the Patagonia Percussion Festival in General Roca, Argentina, Rintos de Terra in Campinas, Brazil, Festival Internacional de Percussion in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Percussion Festival Internacional III in Cordoba, Argentina, Alberta Day of Percussion in Alberta, Canada and the Percussive Arts Society International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Within the United States John has given clinics, recitals and concerts in all but two states. He has authored two books and numerous rudimental snare drum solos and marching percussion ensemble pieces. Most recently, his book "Dr. Throwdown's Rudimental Remedies" consists of a two hour DVD, 951 play along tracks and 25 lessons. "The Drummer's Rudimental Reference Book" is a staple amongst universities throughout the U.S. and abroad.

About Dr. Wooton's Rudimental Reference Book, Thomas L. Davis said "Perhaps the most definitive rudimental technique book of our time." These books and several of Dr. Wooton's other compositions and videos are published by Row Loff Productions at <http://www.rowloff.com>. For more information about Dr. Wooton, including videos, publications, downloads and much more, go to <http://www.johnwooton.com>.