

## **Dr. Mike Mazzarisi**

### Percussion Writer and Arranger - Bio

Based at the Jersey Shore, Mike started his musical interest back in the late 60's as a rock drummer. While working with many well known artists such as Billy Joel, The Who, Moody Blues, and Barbara Streisand, just to name a few, he soon decided that music would become a full time profession for him. After enrolling in college as a percussion major, Mike accepted his first teaching position in 1972. As a band director, he worked with a national championship marching band (Festival of States Grand Champion 1972) while continuing his education earning his Master's Degree and later his Doctor's Degree in music education. In 1984, Mike founded Performing Arts Consultants to serve as an extension of the classroom through travel for students of the performing arts. Today, Performing Arts Consultants annually host approximately 41,000 music students from coast to coast wishing to take their talent on the road.

In 2008, Performing Arts Consultants had the honor of hosting The Awesome Second Time Arounders Marching Band to the Macy\*s Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. Mike and his wife Sherry become so captivated with the excitement of the "Rounders" that both he and his wife marched that season as full time members.