



Ken Booker

Ken Booker grew up in Nederland, Texas, and attended Lamar University in nearby Beaumont. After graduating from Lamar in 1984 with an undergraduate degree in Music Theory and Composition, he taught woodwinds in north Houston on a private basis for two years. During this time, he became deeply involved in performing and writing rock music. In 1986, he enrolled in the School of Music at the University of Houston, where he began writing chamber music, electronic music, art songs, and later, music for concert band and orchestra. He earned a Masters in Composition in 1989. It was at the University of Houston that he met his wife, Celeste, who is a very talented singer. Upon graduation from U of H, Ken decided to continue his studies at the University of Texas at Austin. He earned his Doctorate at UT in 1997. At Lee College, in Baytown, Texas, he is currently Director of Instrumental Music, and serves as an ensemble director and instructor of music theory and literature. He has remained active as a composer.