Kevin Beavers (b. 1971, Medellín, Colombia) spent his early years in Keyser, West Virginia, a small town along the Potomac River in Appalachia. He has degrees from West Virginia University (BM) and the University of Michigan (MM and DMA) and has studied at Tanglewood Music Festival and in Amsterdam (Fulbright). teachers have included William Albright, Leslie Bassett, John Beall, William Bolcom, Evan Chambers, and Theo Loevendie. Beavers has taught at the Interlochen Arts Camp, the University of Texas in Austin, and at Colorado University (Boulder). He has been the recipient of numerous prestigious awards and commissions including Philadelphia Orchestra's Centennial Composition Competition, the Nissim Prize from ASCAP, and has received commissions from many major orchestras and chamber music organizations. He has also held a three year residency with the California Symphony. His compositions include a range of orchestral, band, chamber, and vocal works. Additionally, Beavers is an experienced yoga teacher and practitioner.