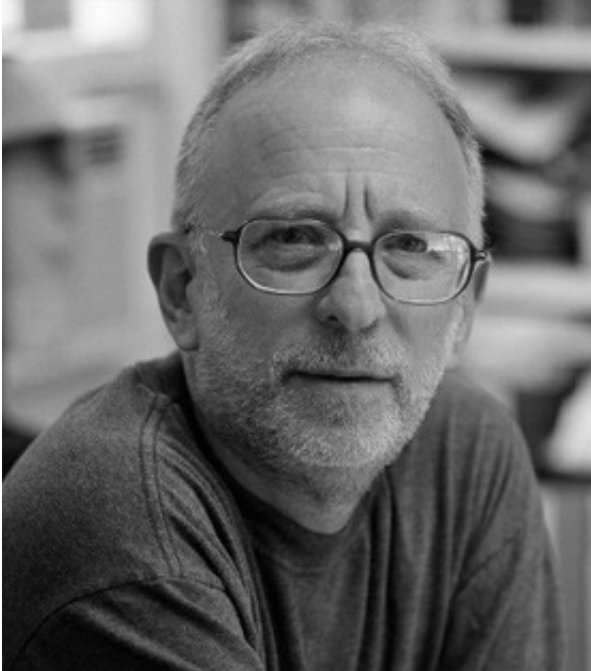


Allen Shawn, composer



His recordings include three volumes of piano music; a dozen chamber works; the chamber opera “The Music Teacher”; and his piano concerto, performed by Ursula Oppens and the Albany Symphony. Shawn is also the author of four books, “Arnold Schoenberg’s Journey” (2002), “Wish I Could Be There” (2007), and “Twin” (2011), and a book about Leonard Bernstein for Yale University Press scheduled for publication in 2014.

Allen Shawn (born 1948) grew up in New York City. He started composing at the age of ten. He studied with Leon Kirchner at Harvard University and Nadia Boulanger in Paris. Since 1985, he has been on the music faculty of Bennington College in Vermont, USA. Shawn’s musical output comprises a dozen orchestral works and concertos; three chamber operas; a large catalogue of chamber music; songs, choral music, piano music, and music for ballet and theater. Recent premieres include his Violin Concerto (2009) performed by violinist Juliana Athayde and the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, a Rhapsody for violin and piano (2010), and his Piano Sonata No. 4 (2010), performed by German pianist, Julia Bartha.