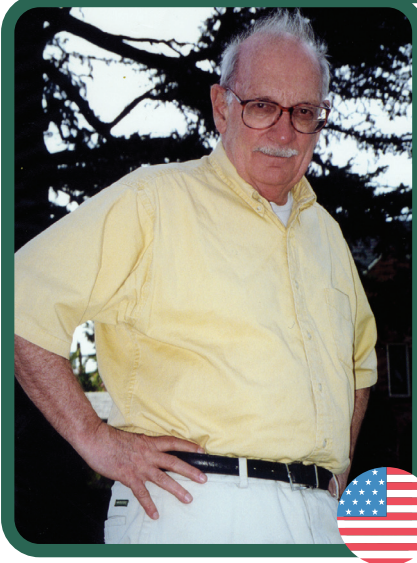




COMPOSER BIOGRAPHY

**GEORGE CRUMB**

BORN: October 24, 1929 ERA/STYLE: Modern Classical

HOMETOWN: Charleston, West Virginia

George Crumb is the winner of Grammy® and Pulitzer Prizes and one of the most frequently performed living composers. He juxtaposes contrasting musical styles ranging from music of the western art-music tradition, to hymns and folk music, to non-Western music.

Mr. Crumb was born in Charleston, West Virginia in 1929; by age 10, he was playing the flute, clarinet, and piano as well as writing his first pieces of music. He majored in music at the University of Charleston, and went on to earn his Master's degree at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and doctorate from the University of Michigan. A shy, yet warmly eloquent personality, he earned his living primarily from teaching, first at a small college in Virginia, then the University of Colorado, before finally joining the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Crumb retired from his teaching position there in 1997, after more than 30 years of service. Throughout that time, he has continued to compose and has been recognized for his work with numerous honorary doctorates, as well as dozens of awards and prizes.

Mr. Crumb makes his home in Pennsylvania, in the same house where he and his wife of more than 60 years raised their three children. His music is published by C.F. Peters, and Bridge Records has released the *Complete Crumb* recordings, a series of 21 albums and 1 DVD supervised by the composer.