## Meet the Composer: Jennifer Higdon



## Where did you grow up?

I was born in Brooklyn, New York. But I have lived in many places! I spent a lot of my childhood in Tennessee.

# When did you start to play an instrument?

I taught myself to play the flute when I was 15. Then I joined the high school marching band.

#### When did you start to write music?

I started to write music when I was in college studying flute.

### Do you have a special music memory?

I once played a piece written for three tugboats. We performed on the Delaware River. I played one of the tugboat horns!

#### Where do you live now?

Today I live in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. I have two cats. Their names are Bella and Squeak.

#### What do you do there?

I am a full-time composer. I get to write music every day!