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Bill Beachy retired in 2011 after teaching instrumental music in the Howard County, Maryland, public schools for 45 years. During that time he taught high school, middle school, and for the last 35 years, elementary school. Seeing the need for band and strings music for beginners, Bill started composing music for this level in 1976, and in 1982 he started Howard Publications to market the new compositions. Howard Publications now publishes educational band and strings music of Beachy and five other composers. Their music has been performed throughout the United States and England. The composers are teachers and all compositions are tested and edited to assure that young students can perform and enjoy these pieces, thus the motto "Beginners Music that Works!"

Bill holds degrees from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Towson University in Maryland. He has also studied at Bridgewater College of Virginia, Peabody Conservatory, and the University of Maryland. He has written feature articles for the *Music Educators Journal*, and the *Instrumentalist*.