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Jazzwomen Instrumentalists and Composers Past and Present

(Some) Contemporary instrumental jazzwomen

Julia Adamy (bass)
Toshiko Akiyoshi (piano, composer)
Melissa Aldana (tenor sax)
Sophie Alour (tenor)
Geri Allen (piano)
Lynne Arriale (piano)
Rosa Avila (drums)
Sheryl Bailey (guitar)
Ashley Summers Baker (bass)
Angel Bat Dawid (clarinet)
Ana Barreiro (drums)
Jamie Baum (flute)
Mercedes Beckman (woodwinds)
Lakecia Benjamin (sax)
Sasha Berliner (vibes)
Sarah Bernstein (violin)
Airelle Besson (trumpet)
Cindy Blackman (drums)
Carla Bley (piano, organ)
Jane Ira Bloom (soprano sax)
JoAnne Brackeen (piano)
Jaimie Branch (trumpet)
Jane Bunnett (woodwinds)
Aixa Burgos (Latin percussion)
Iantheia Calhoun (trumpet)
Ila Cantor (guitar)
Ariane Cap (bass)
Tiffacy Carrico (trumpet)
Terri Lyne Carrington (drums)
Norma Carson (trumpet)
Regina Carter (violin)
Mayra Casales (percussion)
Sharel Cassity (sax)
Sara Caswell (violin)
Marina Christopher (bass)
Colleen Clark (drummer)
Kelly Barr Clingan (trombone)
Anat Cohen (clarinet, saxophone)
Karina Colis (drums)
Joyce Cooling (guitar)
Sylvie Courvoisier (piano)
Roxy Coss (saxophone)
Natalie Cressman (trombone)
Marilyn Crispell (piano)
Claire Daly (bari sax)
Meredith d'Ambrosio (piano)
Emma Dahuff (bass)
Patty Darling (composer)
Caroline Davis (alto sax, composer)
Kris Davis (piano)
Lonnie Davis (flute)
Barbara Dennerlien (organ)
Dena DeRose (piano)
Chris DeRose (guitar)
Lorraine Desmarais (piano)
Lisa Despain (composer)
Akus Dixon (cello)
Susanne DiVincenzo (bass and cello)
Monica Dominique (Hammond)
Laura Dreyer (sax)
Anna Drummond (flute)
Candy Dulfer (sax)
Kathy Dyson (guitar)
Sheila E. (Latin percussion)
Rachel Eckroth (keyboards)
Eliane Elias (piano)
Katie Ernst (bass)
Lauren Falls (bass)
Mary Fettig (saxophone)
Amina Figarova (piano, composer)
Jean Fineberg (saxophone)
Mimi Fox (guitar)
Mara Fox (trombone)
Satoko Fujii (piano, composer)
Tia Fuller (alto sax)
Nubya Garcia (tenor sax)
Yissy Garcia (drums)
Amanda Gardier (alto)
Melissa Gardiner (trombone)
Marina Garza (trumpet)
Camilla George (saxophone)
Iara Gomes (piano)
Thatiana Gomes (bass)
Scheila Gonzalez (saxophone)
Jocelyn Gould (guitar)
Shannon Gunn (trombone)
Mary Halvorsen (guitar)
Zoë C. Harris (trumpet)
Monika Herzig (piano)
Joan Hickey (piano)

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Jenny Hill (tenor sax)
Holly Hofmann (flute)
Bertha Hope (piano)
Bobbi Humphrey (flute)
Ayn Inserto (composer)
Gina Izzo (flute)
Ingrid Jensen (trumpet)
Christine Jensen (composer, sax)
Mimi Jones (bass)
Norah Jones (piano)
Carol Kaye (bass)
Jenny Kellogg (trombone)
Grace Kelly (alto sax)
Carla Kihlstedt (violin)
Anne King (trumpet)
Kasey Knudsen (sax)
Olga Konkova (piano)
Kristin Korb (bass)
Diana Krall (piano)
Justina Lakin (drums)
Natalie Lande (sax)
Barbara Laronga (trumpet)
Ingrid Laubrock (composer, saxophonist)
Géraldine Laurent (alto)
Jihye Lee (composer)
Elaine Leighton (drums)
Jennifer Leitham (bass)
Chien-Chien Lu (vibes)
Nellie Lutcher (piano)
Liz Magnes (piano)
Sherrie Maricle and DIVA (drums)
Rebeca Mauleón (Latin percussion, composer)
Virginia Mayhew (tenor sax)
Myra Melford (piano, composer)
Mary Ann McSweeney (bass)
Kanoa Mendenhall (bass)
Ali Meyerson (bass)
Allison Miller (drums)
Amanda Monaco (guitar)
Diane Monroe (violin)
Andrea Motis (trumpet)
Susan Muscarella (piano)
Me'Shell Ndegeocello (bass)
Aurora Nealand (clarinet, sop. sax)
Elsa Nilsson (flute)
Nadje Noordhuis (trumpet)
Audrey Ochoa (trombone)
Caili O'Doherty (piano)
Linda Oh (bass)
Nicki Parrott (bass)
Lisa Parrott (bari sax)
Ann Patterson and Maiden Voyage (alto sax)
Emily Pecoraro, (sax, woodwinds)
Dida Pelled (guitar)
Roberta Piket (piano/organ)
Elena Pinderhughes (flute)
Trudy Pitts (organ)
Ariel Pockock (piano, voice)
Francesca Prihasti (piano, composer)
Jodi Proznick bass)
Carline Ray (guitar)
Reut Regev (trombone)
Janelle Reichman (clarinet, sax)
Emily Remler (guitar)
Sherisse Rogers (composer)
Marlene Rosenberg (bass)
Renee Rosnes and ARTEMIS (piano)
Carmen Rothwell (bass)
Ada Rovatti (sax)
Ellen Rowe (piano, composer)
Ellyn Rucker (piano)
Patrice Rushen (piano, voice)
Ali Ryerson (flute)
Mayu Saeki (flute)
Julie Saury (drums)
Natalie Scharf (sax)
Maria Schneider (composer, piano)
Rhoda Scott (organ)
Ellen Seeling, Montclair Women's Big Band (trumpet)
Lauren Sevian (bari sax)
Amy Shook (bass)
Monica Shriver (saxophone)
Bria Skonberg (trumpet)
Natalia Smirnova (piano)
Cecilia Smith (vibraphone)
Esperanza Spalding (bass, composer)
Lynn Speakerman (woodwinds)
Carmen Staaf (piano)
Karolina Strassmayer (saxophone)
Leni Stern (guitar)
Brenda Earle Stokes (piano)
Karolina Strassmayer (saxophone)
Aneesa Strings (bass)
Kristen Strom (woodwinds)
Monnette Sudler (guitar)
Helen Sung (piano)
Yuka Tadano (bass)
Sarah Tandy (piano)

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Alexa Tarantino (alto sax)
Naoko Terai (violin)
Rachel Therrien (trumpet)
Shana Tucker (cello)
Carmille Thurman (sax, voice)
Sumi Tonooka (piano)
Akiko Tsuruga (organ)
Noriko Ueda (bass)
Jennifer Vincent (bass)
Anna Webber (reeds, composer)

Bonnie Wetzel (bass)
Liesl Whitaker (trumpet)
Lily White (sax)
Patti Wicks (piano)
Sue Williams (bass)
Deanna Witkowski (piano, composer)
Wen-Ting Wu (drums)
Brandee Younger (harp)
Rachel Z (piano)
Paula Zimbres (bass)

(Some) Instrumental jazzwomen from our past

Dolly Douroux Adams (piano)
Irene Armstrong (piano)
Lillian Hardin Armstrong (piano)
Dorothy Ashby (harp)
Lovie Austin (piano)
Wilhelmina Bart (piano)
Beryl Booker (piano)
Cleo Brown (piano)
Patti Brown (piano)
Clora Bryant (trumpet)
Barbara Carroll (piano)
Gloria Coleman (organ)
Alice Coltrane (harp)
Olivia Cook (piano)
Garvinia Dickerson (keyboardist)
Dorothy Donegan (piano)
Yvonne "Dixie" Fasnacht (clarinet, drums)
Marian Gange (guitar)
Vivien Garry (bass)
Adele Girard (harp)
Betty Glamann (harp)
Bertha Gonsoulin (piano)
Mary Halvorson (guitar)
Lottie Hightower (piano)
Jutta Hipp (piano)
Margie Hyams (vibraphone)
Dolly Jones (trumpet)
Jeanette Salvant Kimball (piano)

Margaret Kimble (piano)
Julie E. Lee (piano)
Melba Liston (trombone)
Ida Maples (piano)
Marian McPartland (piano)
Mary Osborne (guitar)
Billie Pierce (piano)
Terry Pollard (vibraphone)
Trudi Pitts (organ)
Terry Jean Pollard (vibes)
Vi Redd (saxophone)
Shirley Scott (organ)
Alberta Simmons
Nina Simone (piano, voice)
Thelma Terry (bass)
Tiny Davis (trumpet)
Vi Burnside (saxophone)
Lucille Dixon (bass)
Billy Tipton (trumpet, lived as a trans man)
Camilla Todd (piano)
Mary Lou Williams (piano)
Brandee Younger (harp)

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(Some) All-Female Jazz Bands from our past

International Sweethearts of Rhythm

The Darlings of Rhythm

Vivien Garry and Her All-Girl Band

Peggy Gilbert and Her All-Girl Orchestra

The Hampton Sisters

The Syncoettes

The Harlem Playgirls

Dixie Rhythm Girls

Jean Park's All-Girl Band

Eddie Durham's All-Star Girls

Prairie View Co-Eds

Ina Ray Hutton and Her Melodears

Platinum Blondes of America

Rito Rio and Her Orchestra aka Dona Drake and Her Girl Band

Ada Leonard's All-American Girl Orchestra

Phil Spitalny's Hour of Charm Orchestra

(Some) Contemporary All-Female Jazz Bands

DIVA

Alive!

Lioness

Artemis

Sheroes

Ellen Rowe Octet

Seattle Women's Jazz Orchestra

Maiden Voyage

The Mosaic Project

Maqueque

Montclair Women's Big Band