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Jazzwomen Instrumentalists and Composers Past and Present

(Some) Contemporary instrumental jazzwomen

Mindy Abair (saxophone)
Julia Adamy (bass)
Toshiko Akiyoshi (piano, composer)
Ally Hany Albrecht (trumpet)
Melissa Aldana (tenor sax)
Sophie Alour (tenor)
Geri Allen (piano)
Sarah Allen (drums, percussion)
Jessica Arellano (Jesse J, saxophone)
Lynne Arriale (piano)
Rosa Avila (drums)
Sheryl Bailey (guitar)
Ashley Summers Baker (bass)
Angel Bat Dawid (clarinet)
Ana Barreiro (drums)
Jamie Baum (flute)
Vicky Beck (trumpet)
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)
Natalie Boeyink (bass)
Amy Bormet (piano)
JoAnne Brackeen (piano)
Jaimie Branch (trumpet)
Hailey Brinnel (trombone)
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)
Jo Ann Daugherty (piano, 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)
Akua Dixon (cello)
Fostina Dixon (saxophone)
Susanne DiVincenzo (bass and cello)
Monica Dominique (Hammond)
Lara Driscoll (piano)
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)
Margherita Fava (piano)
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)

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Yissy Garcia (drums)
Amanda Gardier (alto)
Melissa Gardiner (trombone)
Marina Garza (trumpet)
Camilla George (saxophone)
Jane Getz (piano)
Jazmine Ghent (saxophone)
Iara Gomes (piano)
Thatiana Gomes (bass)
Scheila Gonzalez (saxophone)
Jocelyn Gould (guitar)
Hillai Govreen (woodwinds)
Shannon Gunn (trombone)
Mary Halvorsen (guitar)
Connie Han (piano)
Zoë C. Harris (trumpet)
Stina Hellberg (harp)
Monika Herzig (piano)
Joan Hickey (piano)
Jenny Hill (tenor sax)
Makiko Hirabayashi (piano)
Holly Hofmann (flute)
Bertha Hope (piano)
Bobbi Humphrey (flute)
Susie Ibarra (drum set, percussion)
Ayn Inserto (composer)
Gina Izzo (flute)
Ingrid Jensen (trumpet)
Christine Jensen (composer, sax)
Arnetta Johnson (trumpet)
Mimi Jones (bass)
Norah Jones (piano)
Sanah Kadoura (drums)
Carol Kaye (bass)
Jenny Kellogg (trombone)
Grace Kelly (alto sax)
Carla Kihlstedt (violin)
Himiko Kikuchi (piano)
Anne King (trumpet)
Kasey Knudsen (sax)
Olga Konkova (piano)
Kristin Korb (bass)
Diana Krall (piano)
Ai Kuwabara (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)
Karen Mantler (piano, composer)
Sherrie Maricle and DIVA (drums)
Rebeca Mauleón (Latin percussion, composer)
Virginia Mayhew (tenor sax)
Marilyn Mazur (percussion)
Stacy McMichael (bass)
Myra Melford (piano, composer)
Mary Ann McSweeney (bass)
Kanoa Mendenhall (bass)
Cami Mennitte (drums)
Ali Meyerson (bass)
Allison Miller (drums)
Tara Minton (harp)
Nicole Mitchell (flute)
Amanda Monaco (guitar)
Diane Monroe (violin)
Audrey Morrison (trombone)
Andrea Motis (trumpet)
Destiny Muhammed (harp)
Susan Muscarella (piano)
Me'Shell Ndegeocello (bass)
Aurora Nealand (clarinet, sop. sax)
Ana Nelson (clarinet, saxophone)
Elsa Nilsson (flute)
Nadje Noordhuis (trumpet)
Audrey Ochoa (trombone)
Caili O'Doherty (piano)
Linda Oh (bass)
Junko Onishi (piano)
Endea Owens (bass)
Nicki Parrott (bass)
Lisa Parrott (bari sax)
Ann Patterson and Maiden Voyage (alto sax)
Akiko Pavolka (piano, voice, composer)
Emily Pecoraro, (sax, woodwinds)
Dida Pelled (guitar)
Bethany Pickens (piano)
Roberta Piket (piano/organ)
Leigh Pilzer (saxophones)
Elena Pinderhughes (flute)
Trudy Pitts (organ)
Ariel Pocock (piano, voice)
Tineke Postma (saxophone)
Francesca Prihasti (piano, composer)
Jodi Proznick bass)
Carline Ray (guitar)

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Reut Regev (trombone)
Janelle Reichman (clarinet, sax)
Tomika Reid (cello)
Emily Remler (guitar)
Carol Robbins (harp)
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)
Kate Schutt (guitar)
Rhoda Scott (organ)
Ellen Seeling (trumpet)
S  l  ne Saint-Aim   (bass)
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)
Roxanne Stevenson (saxophone)

Brenda Earle Stokes (piano)
Karolina Strassmayer (saxophone)
Aneesa Strings (bass)
Kristen Strom (woodwinds)
Monnette Sudler (guitar)
Ashley Summers (bass)
Helen Sung (piano)
Yuka Tadano (bass)
Aki Takase (piano)
Sarah Tandy (piano)
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)
Erica Von Kleist (sax)
Anna Webber (reeds, composer)
Bonnie Wetzel (bass)
Jennifer Wharton (trombone)
Nedra Wheeler (bass)
Liesl Whitaker (trumpet)
Lily White (sax)
Patti Wicks (piano)
Serena Bey Wiley (sax, woodwinds)
Jessica Williams (piano)
Sue Williams (bass)
Deanna Witkowski (piano, composer)
Wen-Ting Wu (drums)
Chihiro Yamanaka (piano)
Brandee Younger (harp)
Rachel Z (piano)
Paula Zimbres (bass)

(Some) Instrumental jazzwomen from our past

“Zachy” Alexander (saxophone)
Dolly Douroux Adams (piano)
Irene Armstrong (piano)
Lillian Hardin Armstrong (piano)
Dorothy Ashby (harp)
Lois Ashford (trumpet)
Lovie Austin (piano)
Jessie Bailey (trombone)
Wilhelmina Bart (piano)
Betty Beutel (saxophone)
Bess Bonnier (piano)

Beryl Booker (piano)
Josephine Boyd (alto)
Pauline Braddy
Cleo Brown (piano)
Patti Brown (piano)
Clora Bryant (trumpet)
Blanche Calloway (piano, bandleader)
Una Mae Carlisle (piano, vocals)
Barbara Carroll (piano)
Gracie Cole (trumpet)
Helen Cole (drums)

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Gloria Coleman (organ)	Rose Murphy (piano)
Alice Coltrane (harp)	Bridget O'Flynn (drums)
Olivia Cook (piano)	Mary Osborne (guitar)
Garvinia Dickerson (keyboardist)	Sheelagh Pearson (drums)
Barbara Donald (trumpet)	Billie Pierce (piano)
Dorothy Donegan (piano)	Terry Pollard (vibraphone)
Flo Dryer (trumpet)	Trudi Pitts (organ)
Yvonne "Dixie" Fasnacht (clarinet, drums)	Terry Jean Pollard (vibes)
Marian Gange (guitar)	Carline Ray (bass)
Vivien Garry (bass, vocals)	Ruth Raymer (drums)
Adele Girard (harp)	Vi Redd (saxophone)
Betty Glamann (harp)	Janice Robinson (trombone)
Bertha Gonsoulin (piano)	Billie Rogers (trumpet)
Rose Gottesman (drums)	June Rotenberg (bass)
Mary Halvorson (guitar)	Helen Ruth (saxophone)
Aletra Hampton (piano, vocal)	Jane Sager (trumpet)
Carmalita Hampton (baritone saxophone, banjo, guitar)	Betty Sattley (saxophone)
Dawn Hampton (alto saxophone)	Shirley Scott (organ)
"Helky" (violin, vocal)	Rhoda Scott (organ)
Lottie Hightower (piano)	Alberta Simmons
Jutta Hipp (piano)	Nina Simone (piano, voice)
Marjorie "Margie" Hyams (vibraphone)	Estelle Slavin (trumpet)
Dolly Jones (trumpet)	Cookie Stevens (piano)
Eleanor "Lena" Kidd (tenor sax)	Virtue Hampton Whitted (bass)
Marjorie Kiewatt (drums)	Alice Whyte (drums)
Jeanette Salvant Kimball (piano)	Mary Lou Williams (piano)
Margaret Kimble (piano)	
Julie E. Lee (piano)	
Florence "Fagel" Liebman	
Melba Liston (trombone)	
Ruby Lucas (drums, piano)	
Ida Maples (piano)	
Marian McPartland (piano)	

(Some) Current non-binary/trans jazzers

Maddie Liu (trombone/vocal)
Chloe Rowlands (trumpet)

(Some) Non-binary/trans jazzers from our past

Billy Tipton (trumpet, lived as a transman)

(Some) All-Female Jazz Bands and Female Bandleaders from our past

International Sweethearts of Rhythm	The Hampton Sisters
The Darlings of Rhythm	The Syncoettes
Vivien Garry and Her All-Girl Band	The Harlem Playgirls
Peggy Gilbert and Her All-Girl Orchestra	Dixie Rhythm Girls

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Jean Park's All-Girl Band

Blanche Calloway

California Sweethearts of Rhythm

Eddie Durham's All-Star Girls

Parisian Redheads

Musical Sweethearts

Prairie View Co-Eds

Ina Ray Hutton and Her Melodears

Platinum Blondes of America

Gracie Cole and Her Orchestra

Flo Burnside Quintet

Lena Kidd Quartet

Lena Kidd Seven

Gloria Gaye's Glamour Girls

Sarah McLawler and the Syncoettes

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

Virgil Whyte's All Girl Band / Virgil Whyte's Musigals

Ada Leonard's All-American Girl Orchestra

Thelma White and Her All-Girl Orchestra

Babe Egan's Hollywood Red Heads

Phil Spitalny's Hour of Charm Orchestra

Mary Lou Williams Girl Stars

D'Artega's All-Girl Orchestra

Tiny Davis' Hell-Divers

The Dixie Sweethearts

Bobbie Howell's American Syncopators

Dinah Dee All Girls' Band

Vadel Quintette

(Some) Contemporary All-Female Jazz Bands

DIVA

Alive!

Lioness

Artemis

Calgary Women's Jazz Orchestra

Sheroes

Ellen Rowe Octet

Ellen Rowe's Momentum Band

Seattle Women's Jazz Orchestra

Maiden Voyage

The Mosaic Project

Maquette

Montclair Women's Big Band

Shamania

Primi