Overcoming the Sticky Floor:
Re-writing the Myths of Women Composers
to Reveal the Scope and Genius of their Magic

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Books & Articles


Online Resources

https://polishmusic.usc.edu/research/publications/polish-music-journal/vol5no1/grazyna-bacewicz-life-and-works/

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https://www.pianistmagazine.com/blogs/10-women-composers-you-have-to-know-about/
https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/02/arts/music/summer-at-bard-nadia-boulanger-musics-one-woman-graduate-school.html

From the NYTmes article: “The greatest music teacher that ever lived.”

https://www.wqxr.org/story/essential-women-composers/
https://www.npr.org/sections/deceptivecadence/2017/05/01/525930036/women-composers-not-being-heard


Piano Music, She Wrote  https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCp2N1n1LHkVkmefsoXemXg

DONNE Women in Music  http://www.drama-musica.com/TheBigList.html

Eastman School of Music - Sibley Music Library  https://urresearch.rochester.edu/viewInstitutionalCollection.action?collectionId=63

International Music Score Library Project  https://imslp.org/wiki/Main_Page

Hathi Trust Digital Library  https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/mb?a=listcs&coltype=featured

The Kapralova Journal  http://kapralova.org/journal12.PDF

MusOpen: Royalty Free Music  https://musopen.org/music/

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Swedish Musical Heritage  http://www.swedishmusicalheritage.com/about/

University of Maine: Parlor Sheet Music Collection  https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/mmb-ps/

University of Oregon: Scoreography of Women Composers  
https://library.uoregon.edu/music/Discographies/womencompscore/womscomain

Publishing Companies with focus on Women Composers

Furore-Verlag Publishers  https://furore-verlag.de/womencomposers/overview_a-z/b/
Hildegard Publishing  http://www.hildegard.com/

Activities that focus on women composers

Composer Chaos available at:  https://keystoimagination.com/product/composer-chaos/

My Own Music History available at:  https://keystoimagination.com/product/my-own-music-history-startup-collection/

Women composers, a listening and coloring book for pianists:  

Make Music Day:  http://www.makemusicday.org/


Young Women composer camp:  https://www.youngwomencomposers.org/home
July (Serenade) in F Major, from Das Jahr

Arrangement commissioned by Penny Lazarus Piano Studio

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel (1805–1847)
Arr. Cameron Smith

To find more arrangements of women’s compositions for late elementary to early intermediate students, go to [https://www.sheetmusicplus.com](https://www.sheetmusicplus.com) and search for “Penny Lazarus”.

Listening Examples:

The Ostersonate (Easter) Sonata in A major, 1828 by Fanny Mendelssohn

Das Jahr, 12 character pieces, 1841 by Fanny (Mendelssohn) Hensel

The Seasons, Opus 37a, 1875 by Pytor Tchaikovsky