Digging for Buried Treasure: Musical Gems at Your Fingertips

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GETTING STARTED - - A TREASURE MAP!



Created by Sakira Ventura, this interactive map names 530 women composers who are placed geographically across six continents. Each composer's window includes a short biography and links to Wikipedia pages, websites and Spotify. https://svmusicology.com/mapa?lang=en

See also: Original "Mine Atlas" ----Laurence, Anya. Women of Notes: 1,000 Women Composers Born Before 1900. Richards Rosen Press, Inc. NY, 1978.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR -- GEM EXPLORATION

Boulanger Initiative Database (BID). Free access to over 8,000 works by more than 1,200 works by women and gender-marginalized composers.



https://www.boulangerinitiative.org/database/database-info



The Donne BIG LIST of Women Composers is an ever-expanding database featuring more than 5,000 women composers. It includes every music genre and time period from pre-medieval to 21st https://donne-uk.org/the-big-list/ century.

The express aim of **the MUGI Project** is to further develop women's and gender studies. especially in terms of methodology, and to integrate it into the subject of musicology at universities and colleges. Research on more than 600 European women composers/educators.



https://mugi.hfmt-hamburg.de/content/other/projekt.xml

Philomel Project. Free database of solo and chamber works by women composers, searchable by type, instrumentation, language, including links to sheet music and/or recording whenever available. https://www.philomelproject.com/about

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Piano Music She Wrote YouTube Channel & Directory.



Pianists Sandra Mogensen and Erica Ann Sipes have combed <u>the IMSLP collection</u> for repertoire by women composers. The comprehensive database lists composer, nationality, date(s), composition titles, level of difficulty, copyright info, links to scores, and links (when available) to recordings on designated YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/@PianoMusicSheWrote https://www.pianomusicshewrote.com/

DIGGING DEEPER -- GEM EXTRACTION

HathiTrust Digital Library: Women Composers Collection

A collection of mostly 19th and early-20th century musical scores by women composers housed in the University of Michigan Music Library. https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/mb?a=listis&c=1346310894



A. P. Schmidt Company Archives. Housed in the Library of Congress, the Archives document the firm's publishing activities from 1869-1958 in Boston, Leipzig and New York. The collection consists of 34,775 items including the original manuscripts, printed music, personal and corporate correspondence, photographs (primarily composers/arrangers), business records, plate books, publication books, stock and cash books. <u>https://www.loc.gov/collections/a-p-schmidt-collection/</u>.

POLISHING AND CLEANING PROCESS

The Australian Music Center (AMC) houses and curates this comprehensive



catalogue of Australian music. The collection boasts over 850 Australian composers' scores, recordings, research papers, teaching kits, and classroom materials. A majority of this more than 30,000 item collection has been digitized and is accessible online.

https://www.australianmusiccentre.com.au/about

HenselPushers. Since June 2020, HenselPushers has been creating and providing free PDF engravings of Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel's works. HenselPushers is also in the process of assembling a directory of recordings of Fanny Hensel's compositions. Recordings of roughly two thirds of Hensel's 460+ works have been found to date. https://henselpushers.org/



Piano Rare Scores is a web-library for piano sheet music. Recovering rare and hidden scores and editions of sheet music is their specialty.

https://www.pianorarescores.com/library/piano-composers/women-composers/

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K&S Publishing of SRuby Editions. Wide variety of student-level pieces all by Women Music History Forgot-undeveloped or unknown works by underrepresented underdogs. Works are transcribed from primary sources then digitized for online sales by Sue Ruby, editor and self-described MusicGemologist. https://www.kandsmusic.org/sheet-music

Musica Brasilis' main goal is to make available Brazilian repertoires of all genres and musical periods, mostly inaccessible due to the lack of editions. Currently provides open access to 7,000 digital scores by



Brazilian composers in the public domain. https://musicabrasilis.com/

POLISHED GEMS: RECENT ANTHOLOGIES

22 Nocturnes by Chopin, ed. Rose McLachlan. Pub. In UK by EVC Music https://www.evcmusic.com/product/22-nocturnes-for-chopin/

One Eye Publications. Individual women composer portfolios and three levelled anthologies of quality, overlooked, unknown and underrepresented women composers. Compiled and edited by Eleanor Gummer. https://www.oneeyepublications.com/shop



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