

## 2024 MTNA National Conference

### Fantastic Pieces and Where to Find Them: How to Find Piano Music by Underrepresented Composers

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#### Collections/Anthologies:

Calderón Cornejo, Gabriela, ed. *Musas: Piano Works by Latin American Women Composers*, 2022.  
<https://www.gabrielacalderonc.com/musas>.

- 7 piano works
- 5 different composers
- Published in 2022
- One book

Chapman Nyaho, William, ed. *Piano Music of Africa and the African Diaspora*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007.

- 8 piano works (book 5)
- 8 different composers (book 5)
- Arranged by level of difficulty
- Published in 2007
- Five volumes

Claiborne, Leah, ed. *Piano music of black composers / Level 1, elementary to upper elementary*. Milwaukee, WI: Hal Leonard, 2023.

- 16 piano works (Level 1)
- 6 different composers (Level 1)
- Published in 2023
- Two books

Gummer, Eleanor, ed. *Women composers: Three centuries of keyboard works*. Whitby, Ontario, Canada: One Eye Publications, 2021.

- 28 piano works (in Vol. 1)
- 20+ different composers (in Vol. 1)
- Published in 2021
- Three volumes

McCain, Artina. *African American Folk Songs Collection: 24 Traditional Folk Songs for Intermediate Piano Solo*. Milwaukee, WI: Hal Leonard, 2021.

- 24 piano works
- Folk Songs, arranged by Artina McCain
- Published in 2021
- One book

Spanswick, Melanie, ed. *Women Composers: A Graded Anthology for Piano, Book 3*. Mainz: Schott Music, 2022.

- 12 piano works (Book 2)
- 12 different composers (Between books 1 and 2)
- Published in 2023
- Three books

Smith, Gail, ed. *Women Composers in History: 18 Intermediate to Late Intermediate Piano Pieces by 8 Composers*. Milwaukee, WI: Hal Leonard, 2013.

- 18 piano works
- 8 different composers
- Published in 2013
- One volume

Walker-Hill, Helen, ed. *Black Women Composers A Century of Piano Music (1893-1990)*. Worcester, MA: Hildegard Publishing Company, 1992.

- 22 piano works (in Vol. 1)
- 19 different composers
- Published in 1992
- One volume

Zimmerman, Crystal, ed. *FJH Masterpiece Anthology - Women Composers Book 1*. FJH Masterpiece Anthology. S.I.: Alfred Publishing Co, 2023.

- 13 piano works (Level 1)
- 5 different composers (Level 1)
- Published in 2023
- One volume

## **Specialized Websites:**

### **1) MusicByBlackComposers.Org**

- Founded in 2001 as a project of the Rachel Barton Pine Foundation, a long-standing, anti-racist organization in classical music.

### **2) PianoMusicSheWrote.Com**

- Founded by Sandra Mogensen and Erica Sipes in 2020. Very thorough directory of piano music by women composers.

### **3) BoulangerInitiative.Org**

- Advocates for women and all gender marginalized composers. Founded by Joy-Leilani Garbutt and Laura Colgate.

### **4) ASeatAtThePiano.Com**

- ASAP promotes and advocates for the inclusion, study, and performance of a more equitably representative body of piano works.

## **Other Strategies:**

### **1) Music Streaming Services Playlists**

- There may be some valuable and curated playlists on streaming services such as Apple Music or Spotify.

### **2) YouTube Channels:**

- There are some very complete YouTube channels dedicated to the piano music of underrepresented composers, such as the Instituto de Piano Brasileiro or the Piano Music She Wrote channel.

### **3) Online Courses:**

- You can take advantage of online courses offered by different organizations such as MTNA or the Frances Clark Center.

### **4) Articles/Dissertations**

- There have been so many interesting new documents in the past 10 years, many of which tackle an entire body of repertoire by underrepresented composers. Take advantage of databases such as WorldCat, American Musicological Society, or universities' scholar's banks.

## **The One True Secret:**

**STAY CURIOUS!**