

# The XX-Files:

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## Great literature by women composers

### Composers' organizations

#### American Composers Alliance

*"The original and continuing mission of ACA is to publish and distribute music by its composer members of the past and present, and to support and promote performances of their ACA works." Many women included, and many useful search options.*

WWW.COMPOSERS.ORG

#### Association of Canadian Women Composers

*ACWC aims "to build on the achievements of the past, encourage women composers of the present and develop a body of well researched, catalogued and preserved archival material accessible to students, researchers and performers in the future."*

WWW.ACWC.CA

#### Canadian Music Centre

*"Not only [does CMC] maintain an extensive archive of scores and works of Canadian composers, we also strive to make it easily accessible through our lending library, publishing house and repertoire consultation service." Many titles by women, excellent search function.*

WWW.MUSICCENTRE.CA

#### Chinese Women Composers' Association

*"CWCA encourages and promotes not only Chinese woman composers but Chinese woman performers at all stages of their careers throughout the world."*

WWW.CHINESEWOMENCOMPOSERS.ORG

#### International Alliance for Women in Music

*IAWM "builds awareness of women's contributions to musical life through its publications, website, international competitions, conferences, concert promotion, and presentation, and through its support of entrepreneurial and publishing activities, scholarly research and publications, broadcasts, educational initiatives, and advocacy work."*

WWW.IAWM.ORG

#### New York Women Composers

*NYWC aims "to create performing, recording, networking, and mentoring opportunities for its members, and to work for the betterment of all women concert-music composers."*

WWW.NEWYORKWOMENCOMPOSERS.ORG

### Databases and lists

WWW.WOMENCOMPOSERS.ORG

*Bios, works lists, discussion, and drawings of selected composers*

WWW.NEWMUSICBOX.ORG/ARTICLES/A-HELPFUL-LIST/

*List of 202 women composers with links to their websites/works*

WWW.EARLYWOMENMASTERS.NET

*Outstanding site with links about Med/Ren composers and free Midi music*

WWW.MUSICMOZ.ORG/WOMEN\_IN\_MUSIC/COMPOSERS/

*List of 40 female composers with links (some outdated) to websites*

WWW.EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/LIST\_OF\_FEMALE\_COMPOSERS\_BY\_BIRTH\_YEAR

*List of female composers by birth year....but you probably guessed that*

WWW.KAPRALOVA.ORG/DATABASE.HTM

*Database of women composers with works recorded on CD*

WWW.OXFORDMUSICONLINE.COM/PUBLIC/PAGE/WOMENCOMPOSERSATOZ

*Excellent reference tool, but subscription required*



Dame Ethel Smyth

## Publishers

### Ars Femina Editions

*Music by women of the late Renaissance, Baroque, and Classical eras; some choral selections*

[WWW.IUS.EDU/MUSIC/ARSFEMINA/EDITIONS/](http://WWW.IUS.EDU/MUSIC/ARSFEMINA/EDITIONS/)

### Arsis Press

*Music by women composers; more than two dozen choral selections*

[WWW.INSTANTWEB.COM/A/ARSISPRESS/](http://WWW.INSTANTWEB.COM/A/ARSISPRESS/)

### Cappella Artemisia

*Music by and for Renaissance nuns; ospedale music*

[WWW.CAPPELLA-ARTEMISIA.COM](http://WWW.CAPPELLA-ARTEMISIA.COM)

### Furore Verlag

*Music by women composers; excellent and user-friendly site with composer biographies and pictures*

[HTTP://FURORE-VERLAG.DE/EN/](http://FURORE-VERLAG.DE/EN/)

### Hildegard Publishing Company

*Music by women composers of all eras*

[WWW.HILDEGARD.COM](http://WWW.HILDEGARD.COM)

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