



BLACK WOMEN'S MUSIC DATABASE

An Online Library of Africana Music

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Black Women's Music Database chronicles over 600 Africana singers, songwriters, composers, and musicians from around the world. The database was created by Dr. Stephanie Evans, a professor of Black women's studies (intellectual history) and developed in collaboration with Dr. Stephanie Shonekan, a professor of Black studies and music (ethnomusicology). Together, with support from top music scholars, the Stephanies established this project to encourage interdisciplinary research, expand creative production, facilitate community building and, most importantly, to recognize and support Black women's creative genius. This database will be useful for music scholars and ethnomusicologists, music historians, and contemporary performers, as well as general audiences and music therapists.

Music heals. The purpose of the *Black Women's Music Database* research collective is to amplify voices of singers, musicians, and scholars by encouraging public appreciation, study, practice, performance, and publication, that centers Black women's experiences, knowledge, and perspectives. This project maps leading Black women artists in multiple genres of music, including gospel, blues, classical, jazz, R & B, soul, opera, theater, rock-n-roll, disco, hip hop, salsa, Afrobeat, bossa nova, soka, and more.

Study of African American music is now well established. Beginning with publications like *The Music of Black Americans* by Eileen Southern (1971) and *African American Music* by Mellonee Burnim and Portia Maultsby (2006), the study of a wide range of Black music has entered mainstream programs, particularly in ethnomusicology, primarily at institutions like Indiana, Boston, Pennsylvania, UCLA, and Berkeley. From the original surveys, there are now several readers in African American music, including Maultsby & Burnim, *Issues in African American Music: Power, Gender, Race, Representation* (2016) and volumes that focus specifically on Black women's music, such as *Black Women and Music: More than the Blues* (2007), Eileen Hayes & Linda Williams, *How it Feels to Be Free: Black Women Entertainers in the Civil Rights Movement* (2013), and Ruth Feldstein, *Songs in Black and Lavender: Race, Sexual Politics, and Women's Music* (2017). Monographs like Angela Davis's *Blues Legacies and Black Feminism* (1999) and Stephanie Shonekan's *The Life of Camilla Williams: African American Classical Singer and Opera Diva* (2011) have expanded the library of study.



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Black Women's Music Database seeks to create an inclusive interdisciplinary dialogue about topics such as resistance and activism; race, gender, and sexuality; wellness and healing; training, tradition, improvisation, innovation, and more. This collection will bridge gaps between researchers, practitioners, educators, artists, and activists in a way that connects Black women around the world by centering race, gender, and music.

DATABASE

Gospel	45
Folk /Country	28
Blues	61
Jazz /Classical	76
Theater /Opera	109
Soul /Rhythm & Blues	25
R & B /Dance, Pop	157
Hip Hop /Rap	81
<u>Diaspora /African, Latin American, Caribbean</u>	<u>146</u>
Total	728



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GOSPEL (45)

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| 1. Yolanda Adams | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 2. Lexi Allen | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 3. Inez Andrews | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 4. Vanessa Bell Armstrong | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 5. Lillian Bowles | Website |
| 6. Juanita Bynam | Website Video |
| 7. Kim Burrell | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 8. Erica Campbell | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 9. Lucie Campbell | Wikipedia |
| 10. Shirley Caesar | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 11. Sinach | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 12. Clark Sisters | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 13. Tasha Cobbs | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 14. Kim Cruse | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 15. Callie Day | Website Video |
| 16. Fisk Jubilee Singers | Wikipedia Website Video |
| (Minnie Tate, Jenny Jackson, Maggie Porter, Eliza Walker, w/Ella Shepherd) | |
| 17. Bessie Griffin | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 18. Danniebelle Hall | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 19. Tramaine Davis Hawkins | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 20. Koryn Hawthron | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 21. Cissy Houston | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 22. Thelma Houston | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 23. Mahalia Jackson | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 24. Kymberli Joye | Website Video |
| 25. Coretta Scott King | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 26. Tahsa Cobbs Leonard | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 27. Tamrla Mann | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 28. Roberta Martin | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 29. Sallie Martin | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 30. Mary Mary | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 31. Nicole C. Mullen | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 32. Dorothy Norwood | Wikipedia Website Video |



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33. LaShun Pace	Wikipedia Website Video
34. Dottie Peoples	Wikipedia Website Video
35. Kierra Sheard	Wikipedia Website Video
36. Mavis Staples	Wikipedia Website Video
37. Willie Mae Ford Smith	Wikipedia Website Video
38. Edna Tatum	Website Website Video
39. Sister Rosetta Tharpe	Wikipedia Website Video
40. Trin-I-Tee 5:7	Wikipedia Website Video
41. Clara Ward	Wikipedia Website Video
42. Albertina Walker	Wikipedia Website Video
43. Marion Williams	Wikipedia Website Video
44. Ce Ce Winans	Wikipedia Website Video
45. Vickie Winans	Wikipedia Website Video

FOLK /Country (28)

1. Narissa Bond	Website Website Video
2. Judith Casselberry	Website Website Video
3. Tracy Chapman	Wikipedia Website Video
4. Ruby Falls	Website Video
5. Ruthie Foster	Wikipedia Website Video
6. Rhiannon Giddens	Wikipedia Website Video
7. Mickey Guyton	Wikipedia Website Video
8. Bessie Jones	Wikipedia Website Video
9. Kaia Kater	Wikipedia Website Video
10. Amythyst Kiah	Wikipedia Website Video
11. Donna Mason	Wikipedia Website Video
12. Leyla McCalla	Wikipedia Website Video
13. Pamela Means	Website Video
14. Odetta (Holmes)	Wikipedia Website Video
15. Nora Holt	Wikipedia Website Video
16. Monica Martin	Wikipedia Website Video
17. Rissi Palmer	Wikipedia Website Video
18. Susan Paul	Wikipedia Website



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| 19. Valerie June | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 20. Alice Randall | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 21. Bernice Johnson Reagon
& Sweet Honey in the Rock | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 22. Toshi Reagon | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 23. Martha Redbone | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 24. Allison Russell | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 25. Miss Tammy Savoy | Website Website Video |
| 26. Linda Tillery | |
| 27. Rhonda Towns | Website Video |
| 28. Yola | Wikipedia Website Video |

BLUES /Rock-n-Roll (61)

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|-------------------------------|---|
| 1. Joan Armatrading | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 2. Laina Dawes | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 3. Etta Baker | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 4. LaVern Baker | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 5. Pauline Black | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 6. Lucille Bogan | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 7. Ruth Brown | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 8. Jasmyn Burke | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 9. Merry Clayton | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 10. Ida Cox | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 11. Deborah Coleman | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 12. Shemekia Copeland | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 13. Elizabeth Cotten | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 14. Danielia Cotton | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 15. Catherine “Katie” Crippen | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 16. Sarah Dash | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 17. Betty Davis | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 18. Venetta Fields | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 19. AJ Haynes | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 20. Lucille Hegamin | Wikipedia Website Video |



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22. Nona Hendryx	Wikipedia Website Video
23. Rosa Lee Hill	Wikipedia Website Video
24. Linda Hopkins	Wikipedia Website Video
25. Alberta Hunter	Wikipedia Website Video
26. Brittany Howard	Wikipedia Website Video
27. Etta James	Wikipedia Website Video
28. Gloria Jones	Wikipedia Website Video
29. Grace Jones	Wikipedia Website Video
30. Clydie King	Wikipedia Website Video
31. Patti LaBelle	Wikipedia Website Video
32. Lady A	Website Website Video
33. Julia Lee	Wikipedia Website Video
34. Claudia Lennear	Wikipedia Website Video
35. Ma Rainey (Gertrude Pridgett)	Wikipedia Website Video
36. Linda Martell	Wikipedia Website Video
37. Sara Martin	Wikipedia Website Video
38. Memphis Minnie	Wikipedia Website Video
39. Anita Pointer	Wikipedia Website Video
40. Shirelles	Wikipedia Website Video
41. Bessie Smith	Wikipedia Website Video
42. Clara Smith	Wikipedia Website Video
43. Mamie Smith	Wikipedia Website Video
44. Trixie Smith	Wikipedia Website Video
45. Vanita Smythe	Wikipedia Website Video
46. Phoebe Snow	Wikipedia Website Video
47. Ronnie Spector	Wikipedia Website Video
48. Victoria "Queen" Spivey	Wikipedia Website Video
49. Mary Stafford	Wikipedia Website Video
50. Simi Stone	Wikipedia Website Video
51. Sunny War	Website Website Video
52. Tamar-Kali	Wikipedia Website Video
53. Koko Taylor	Wikipedia Website Video
54. Big Mama Thornton	Wikipedia Website Video
55. Tina Turner	Wikipedia Website Video



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56. Adia Victoria	Wikipedia	Website	Video
57. Beulah “Sippie” Wallace	Wikipedia	Website	Video
58. Alicia Taylor Warrington	Wikipedia	Website	Video
59. Ethel Waters	Wikipedia	Website	Video
60. Santi White	Wikipedia	Website	Video
61. Edith Wilson	Wikipedia	Website	Video

JAZZ /Classical (76)

1. Lettie Alston	Wikipedia	Website	Video
2. Earnestine Anderson	Wikipedia	Website	Video
3. Ivie Anderson	Wikipedia	Website	Video
4. Patti Cathcart Andress	Wikipedia	Website	Video
5. Lillian ‘Lil’ Hardin Armstrong	Wikipedia	Website	Video
6. Patti Austin	Wikipedia	Website	Video
7. Mildred Bailey	Wikipedia	Website	Video
8. Josephine Baker	Wikipedia	Website	Video
9. Cindy Blackman Santana	Wikipedia	Website	Video
10. Margaret Bonds	Wikipedia	Website	Video
11. Ada “Bricktop” Smith	Wikipedia	Website	Video
12. Dee Dee Bridgewater	Wikipedia	Website	Video
13. Hadda Brooks	Wikipedia	Website	Video
14. Blanche Calloway	Wikipedia	Website	Video
15. Jean Carn	Wikipedia	Website	Video
16. Terri Lynn Carrington	Wikipedia	Website	Video
17. Betty Carter	Wikipedia	Website	Video
18. Regina Carter	Wikipedia	Website	Video
19. Joan Cartwright	Website	Website	Video
20. Natalie Cole	Wikipedia	Website	Video
21. Iqua Coleson	Wikipedia	Website	Video
22. Eleanor Collins	Website	Website	Video
23. Alice McLeod Coltrane	Wikipedia	Website	Video
24. Randy Crawford	Wikipedia	Website	Video
25. B. J. Crosby	Wikipedia	Website	Video



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| 26. Maud Cuney-Hare | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 27. N'Dea Davenport | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 28. Ethel Ennis | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 29. Ella Fitzgerald | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 30. Nnena Freelon | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 31. Maritri Garrett | Website Website Video |
| 32. Harriet Gibbs Marshall | Wikipedia Website Website |
| 33. Adelaide Hall | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 34. Myrna Hague | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 35. Billie Holliday | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 36. Shirley Horn | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 37. Lena Horne | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 38. Helen Humes | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 39. International Sweethearts of Rhythm | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 40. Etta Jones | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 41. Betty Jackson King | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 42. Eartha Kitt | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 43. Denise LaSalle | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 44. Abbey Lincoln | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 45. Nellie Lutcher | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 46. Carmen Lundy | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 47. Queen Esther Marrow | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 48. Carmen McRae | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 49. Mabel Mercer | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 50. Alicia Hall Moran | Website Website Video |
| 51. Dorothy Rudd Moore | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 52. Julia Perry | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 53. "Little Esther" Phillips | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 54. Florence Price | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 55. Vi Redd | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 56. Della Reese | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 57. Dianne Reeves | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 58. Vanessa Rubin | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 59. Xenia Rubinos | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 60. Nina Simone | Wikipedia Website Video |

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62. Hazel Scott	Wikipedia Website Video
63. Shirley Scott	Wikipedia Website Video
64. Udine Smith Moore	Wikipedia Website Video
65. Valaida Snow	Wikipedia Website Video
66. Esperanza Spalding	Wikipedia Website Video
67. Sweet Emma Barrett	Wikipedia Website Video
68. Maxine Sullivan	Wikipedia Website Video
69. Sarah Vaughan	Wikipedia Website Video
70. Frances Walker-Slocum	Wikipedia Website Video
71. Dinah Washington	Wikipedia Website Video
72. Ethel Waters	Wikipedia Website Video
73. Dolores White	Website Website Video
74. Mary Lou Williams	Wikipedia Website Video
75. Cassandra Wilson	Wikipedia Website Video
76. Nancy Wilson	Wikipedia Website Video
77. Lizz Wright	Wikipedia Website Video

THEATER /Opera (106)

1. Adele Addison	Wikipedia Website Video
2. Betty Allen	Wikipedia Website Video
3. Marian Anderson	Wikipedia Website Video
4. Maya Angelou	Wikipedia Website Video
5. Martina Arroya	Wikipedia Website Video
6. De'Adre Aziza	Wikipedia Website Video
7. Pearl Bailey	Wikipedia Website Video
8. Carmen Balthrop	Wikipedia Website Video
9. Flora Batson	Wikipedia Website Video
10. Kathleen Battle	Wikipedia Website Video
11. Rachel Bagby	Wikipedia Website Video
12. Creole Belles	Website Website Video
13. Denée Benton	Wikipedia Website Video
14. Annabelle Bernard	Website Website



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| 16. Joyce Bryant | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 17. Carol Brice | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 18. Danielle Brooks | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 19. Anita Brown | Website Website Video |
| 20. Grace Bumbry | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 21. Georgia Burke | Wikipedia Website |
| 22. Carla Burns | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 23. Maria Ewing | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 24. Thelma Carpenter | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 25. Nell Carter | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 26. Cleota Collins | Wikipedia Website |
| 27. Carol Channing | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 28. Deborah Cheetham | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 29. Clama Dale | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 30. Billie Lynn Daniel | Wikipedia |
| 31. Gloria Davy | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 32. Helga Davis | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 33. Ann Duquesnay | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 34. Christiane Eda-Pierre | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 35. Mattiwilda Dobbs | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 36. Cynthia Erivo | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 37. Lillian Evanti | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 38. Lola Falana | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 39. Arabella Fields | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 40. Martha Flowers | Website Website Video |
| 41. Montego Glover | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 42. Whoopi Goldberg | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 43. Renée Elise Goldsberry | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 44. Deidre Goodwin | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 45. Elizabeth Taylor Greenfield (Black Swan) | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 46. Reri Grist | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 47. Emma Azalia Hackley | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 48. Juanita Hall | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 49. Hilda Harris | Website Website Video |



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| 50. Hazel Harrison | Wikipedia Website |
| 51. Barbara Hendricks | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 52. Jennifer Holliday | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 53. Charlotte Holloman | Website Website Video |
| 54. Rhetta Hughes | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 55. Hyers Sisters (Anna & Emma) | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 56. Pamela Isaacs | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 57. Ernestine Jackson | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 58. Rhea Jackson | Wikipedia Website |
| 59. Nikki M. James | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 60. Caterina Jarboro | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 61. Eva Jessye | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 62. Isola Jones | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 63. Lelani Jones | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 64. Matilda Sissieretta Jones | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 65. Leleti Khumalo | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 66. Gwendolyn Killebrew | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 67. Mabel King | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 68. “LaChanze” Rhonda Sapp | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 69. Lenora Lafayette | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 70. Valisa LeKae | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 71. Tsidii Le Loka | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 72. Flossie Turner Lewis | Website Website Video |
| 73. Vera Little | Website Website Video |
| 74. Louisiana Amazon Guards | Wikipedia |
| 75. Joyce Mathis | Website Website |
| 76. Lonette McKee | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 77. Theresa Merritt | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 78. Olive Moorefield | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 79. Etta Moten | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 80. Audra McDonald | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 81. Patina Renea Miller | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 82. Abbie Mitchell | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 83. Leona Mitchell | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 84. Jessye Norman | Wikipedia Website Video |

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| 86. Louise Parker | Website Website |
| 87. Valerie Pettiford | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 88. Leontyne Price | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 89. Florence Quivar | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 90. Sheryl Lee Ralph | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 91. Da'Vine Joy Randolph | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 92. La Julia Rhea | Wikipedia |
| 93. Vivian Reed | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 94. Faye Robinson | Website Website Video |
| 95. Anika Noni Rose | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 96. Florence Cole Talbert | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 97. Tracie Thoms | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 98. Margaret Tynes | Website Website Video |
| 99. Veronica Tyler | Website Video |
| 100. Leslie Uggams | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 101. Shirley Verrett | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 102. Fredi Walker | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 103. Adrienne Warren | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 104. Felicia Weathers | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 105. Elisabeth Margaret Welch | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 106. Lillias White | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 107. Camillia Williams | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 108. Selika Williams | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 109. Pamela Z | Wikipedia Website Video |

SOUL /Rhythm & Blues (25)

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| 1. Faye Adams | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 2. Ruby Andrews | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 3. Florence Ballard | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 4. Mitty Collier | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 5. Diahann Carroll | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 6. Betty Everett | Wikipedia Website Video |

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7. Darlene Love [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
8. Barbara Mason [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
9. Jackie “Moms” Mabley [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
10. “Big” Maybelle (Mable) Smith [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
11. Florence Mills [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
12. Freda Payne [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
13. Martha Reeves [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
14. Ronnettes [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
15. Mabel Scott [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
16. Supremes [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
17. Bettye Swann [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
18. Tammi Terrell [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
19. Carla Thomas [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
20. Irma Thomas [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
21. Aida Overton Walker [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
22. Dionne Warwick [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
23. Mary Wells [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
24. Mary Wilson [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
25. Betty Wright [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)

R & B / Soul, Dance, Pop (157)

1. Aaliyah (Haughten) [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
2. Paula Abdul [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
3. Oleta Adams [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
4. Gaelle Adison [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
5. ALA.NI [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
6. Sasha Allen [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
7. Amerie (Rogers) [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
8. Apollonia (Kotero) [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
9. India Arie [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
10. Sudan Archives [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
11. Ashanti (Douglas) [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
12. AverySunshine [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)



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13. Baby Rose	Wikipedia Website Video
14. Anita Baker	Wikipedia Website Video
15. Madeline Bell	Wikipedia Website Video
16. Beyoncé (Knowles)	Wikipedia Website Video
17. Julie Black	Wikipedia Website Video
18. Algebra Blessett	Wikipedia Website Video
19. Mary J. Blige	Wikipedia Website Video
20. Angela Bofill	Wikipedia Website Video
21. Brandy (Norwood)	Wikipedia Website Video
22. Tamar Braxton	Wikipedia Website Video
23. Toni Braxton	Wikipedia Website Video
24. Elaine Brown	Wikipedia Website Video
25. Nicole Bus	Wikipedia Website Video
26. Irene Cara	Wikipedia Website Video
27. Ciara (Wilson)	Wikipedia Website Video
28. Mariah Carey	Wikipedia Website Video
29. Vivian Carter	Wikipedia Website Video
30. Destiny's Child	Wikipedia Website Video
[Beyoncé Knowles, Kelly Rowland, Michelle Williams]	
31. Sue Chaloner	Wikipedia Website Video
32. Chloe x Halle	Wikipedia Website Video
33. Keyshia Cole	Wikipedia Website Video
34. Damita	Wikipedia Website Video
35. Andra Day	Wikipedia Website Video
36. Deqn Sue	Website Website Video
37. Julie Dexter	Website Website Video
38. Dondria	Wikipedia Website Video
39. Donn T	Website Website Video
40. Carol Douglas	Wikipedia Website Video
41. Mayah Dyson	Website Website Video
42. En Vogue	Wikipedia Website Video
43. Faith Evans	Wikipedia Website Video
44. Fantasia (Barrino)	Wikipedia Website Video
45. Roberta Flack	Wikipedia Website Video
46. Aretha Franklin	Wikipedia Website Video

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49. Lisa Fischer	Wikipedia	Website	Video
50. Gloria Gaynor	Wikipedia	Website	Video
51. Goapele (Mohlalane)	Wikipedia	Website	Video
52. Macy Gray	Wikipedia	Website	Video
53. Alexandra Grey	Wikipedia	Website	Video
54. Vivian Green	Wikipedia	Website	Video
55. Bobbye Hall	Wikipedia	Website	Video
56. Lalah Hathaway	Wikipedia	Website	Video
57. H.E.R.	Wikipedia	Website	Video
58. Whitney Houston	Wikipedia	Website	Video
59. Mikki Howard	Wikipedia	Website	Video
60. Jennifer Hudson	Wikipedia	Website	Video
61. Phyllis Hyman	Wikipedia	Website	Video
62. Alex Isley	Website	Video	
63. Iyeoka	Wikipedia	Website	Video
64. Janet Jackson	Wikipedia	Website	Video
65. La Toya Jackson	Wikipedia	Website	Video
66. Millie Jackson	Wikipedia	Website	Video
67. Debbie Jacobs	Wikipedia	Website	Video
68. Leela James	Wikipedia	Website	Video
69. Sharon Jones	Wikipedia	Website	Video
70. Kelela (Mizanekristos)	Wikipedia	Website	Video
71. Alicia Keys	Wikipedia	Website	Video
72. Chaka Khan	Wikipedia	Website	Video
73. Evelyn Champagne King	Wikipedia	Website	Video
74. Kirby	Wikipedia	Website	Video
75. Klymaxx	Wikipedia	Website	Video
76. Beverley Knight	Wikipedia	Website	Video
77. Gladys Knight	Wikipedia	Website	Video
78. Lianne La Havas	Wikipedia	Website	Video
79. Amel Larrieux	Wikipedia	Website	Video
80. Stacey Lattisaw	Wikipedia	Website	Video
81. Bettye LaVette	Wikipedia	Website	Video

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85. Ledisi (Young)	Wikipedia Website Video
86. Leona Lewis	Wikipedia Website Video
87. Lisa Lisa & Cult Jam	Wikipedia Website Video
88. Little Simz	Wikipedia Website Video
89. Lizzo (Jefferson)	Wikipedia Website Video
90. Cheryl Lynn	Wikipedia Website Video
91. Mel B (Brown)	Wikipedia Website Video
92. Mereba	Wikipedia Website Video
93. Chrisette Michele	Wikipedia Website Video
94. K. Michelle (Pate)	Wikipedia Website Video
95. Michel'le (Toussaint)	Wikipedia Website Video
96. Stephanie Mills	Wikipedia Website Video
97. Janelle Monáe	Wikipedia Website Video
98. Monica (Arnold)	Wikipedia Website Video
99. Chanté Moore	Wikipedia Website Video
100. Melba Moore	Wikipedia Website Video
101. Georgia Anne Muldrow	Wikipedia Website Video
102. Laura Mvula	Wikipedia Website Video
103. Mýa (Harrison)	Wikipedia Website Video
104. Nao	Wikipedia Website Video
105. Meshell Ndegeocello	Wikipedia Website Video
106. CeCe Peniston	Wikipedia Website Video
107. Peaches (Linda Tavani)	Wikipedia Website Video
108. PJ	Wikipedia Website Video
109. Ruth Pointer	Wikipedia Website Video
110. Kelly Price	Wikipedia Website Video
111. Corrine Bailey Rae	Wikipedia Website Video
112. Prescilla Renea	Wikipedia Website Video
113. Dawn Richard	Wikipedia Website Video
114. Rihanna (Fendy)	Wikipedia Website Video
115. Minnie Riperton	Wikipedia Website Video
116. Vicki Sue Robinson	Wikipedia Website Video



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| 118. | Kelly Rowland | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 119. | RuPaul* | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 120. | Patrice Rushen | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 121. | Brenda Russell | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 122. | Sade (Adu) | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 123. | Shanice | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 124. | Sheila E. (Escovido) | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 125. | Valerie Simpson | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 126. | Sister Sledge | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 127. | Alice Smith | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 128. | Jorja Smith | Wikipedia Website Video Videomu |
| 129. | Solange (Knowles) | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 130. | Candi Staton | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 131. | Amii Stewart | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 132. | Angie Stone | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 133. | Sevyn Streeter | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 134. | Donna Summer | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 135. | Jazmine Sullivan | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 136. | SWV | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 137. | Tamia (Washington) | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 138. | Tinashe (Kachingwe) | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 139. | Tweet (Charlene Keys) | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 140. | June Tyson | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 141. | Imani Uzuri | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 142. | Vanity 6 | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 143. | Elle Varner | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 144. | Summer Walker | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 145. | Krystle Warren | Website Website Video |
| 146. | Anita Ward | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 147. | Martha Wash | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 148. | Jody Watley | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 149. | The Weather Girls | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 150. | Caron Wheeler | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 151. | Deniece Williams | Wikipedia Website Video |



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| 153. | Vesta Williams | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 154. | Angela Winbush | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 155. | Elisabeth Withers | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 156. | Jamila Woods | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 157. | KeKe Wyatt | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 158. | Xscape | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 159. | Yahzarah (Dana Williams) | Wikipedia Website Video |

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| 1. | Amara La Negra | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 2. | Amil (Whitehead) | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 3. | Angel Haze | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 4. | Bahamadia | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 5. | Bbymutha | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 6. | Boss | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 7. | Chika | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 8. | Da Brat | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 9. | Doja Cat | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 10. | Erykah Badu | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 11. | Azealia Banks | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 12. | Cardi B | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 13. | Charli Baltimore | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 14. | City Girls | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 15. | Big Freedia* | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 16. | Dej Loaf | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 17. | Diamond and Princess (Crime Mob) | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 18. | Eve | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 19. | Foxy Brown | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 20. | FM Supreme | Website Website Video |
| 21. | Gangsta Boo (3 6 Mafia) | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 22. | Heather B | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 23. | Ill Camille | Website Website Video |



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25. Jean Grae	Wikipedia Website Video
26. JJ Fad	Wikipedia Website Video
27. Kash Doll	Wikipedia Website Video
28. Khia	Wikipedia Website Video
29. Kid Sister	Wikipedia Website Video
30. La Chat	Wikipedia Website Video
31. Lady	Wikipedia Website Video
32. Queen Latifah	Wikipedia Website Video
33. Leikeli47	Wikipedia Website Video
34. Lil' Kim	Wikipedia Website Video
35. Lil' Mama	Wikipedia Website Video
36. Lil Mo	Wikipedia Website Video
37. Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes (TLC)	Wikipedia Website Video
38. MC Sha Rock	Wikipedia Website Video
39. MC Lyte	Wikipedia Website Video
40. Megan Thee Stallion	Wikipedia Website Video
41. The Mercedes Ladies	Website Video
42. M.I.A.	Wikipedia Website Video
43. Mia X	Wikipedia Website Video
44. Miss Melodie	Wikipedia Website Video
45. Missy Elliott	Wikipedia Website Video
46. Monie Love	Wikipedia Website Video
47. Ms. Jade	Wikipedia Website Video
48. Ms. Toi	Wikipedia Website Video
49. Nicki Minaj	Wikipedia Website Video
50. Mumu Fresh	Wikipedia Website Video
51. Noname	Wikipedia Website Video
52. Oaktown 357	Wikipedia Website Video
53. Pebblee Poo	Website Video
54. Queen Pen	Wikipedia Website Video
55. Rah Digga	Wikipedia Website Video
56. Rapsody	Wikipedia Website Video
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58. Rico Nasty	Wikipedia Website Video



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60. Salt-N-Pepa	Wikipedia Website Video
61. Sa-Roc	Wikipedia Website Video
62. Soft but Deadly	Website Video
63. SZA	Wikipedia Website Video
64. Syd	Wikipedia Website Video
65. Jill Scott	Wikipedia Website Video
66. Shawnna	Wikipedia Website Video
67. Sister Souljah	Wikipedia Website Video
68. Siya	Wikipedia Website Video
69. Suga T	Wikipedia Website Video
70. Sweet Tee	Wikipedia Website Video
71. Tank and the Bangas	Wikipedia Website Video
72. The Conscious Daughters	Wikipedia Website Video
73. The Lady of Rage	Wikipedia Website Video
74. The Sequence	Wikipedia Website Video
75. TLC	Wikipedia Website Video
76. Tierra Whack	Wikipedia Website Video
77. Tink	Wikipedia Website Video
78. Trina	Wikipedia Website Video
79. Vita	Wikipedia Website Video
80. Yo-Yo	Wikipedia Website Video
81. Young M.A	Wikipedia Website Video

Diaspora /Africa, Latin America, Caribbean (146)

Africa (Afro-Pop, Indigenous, Mbaqanga, Mbira, Morna, Rumba, Soul, Soukous, Wassoulou)

1. Adina	Wikipedia Website Video
2. Alsarah	Wikipedia Website Video
3. Khaira Arby	Wikipedia Website Video
4. Asa (Elemide)	Wikipedia Website Video
5. Yemi Alade	Wikipedia Website Video

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6. Ayo (Ogunmakin)	Wikipedia	Website	Video
7. Concha Buika	Wikipedia	Website	Video
8. Yvonne Chaka Chaka	Wikipedia	Website	Video
9. Stella Chiweshe	Wikipedia	Website	Video
10. Brenda Fassie	Wikipedia	Website	Video
11. Chiwoniso	Wikipedia	Website	Video
12. Simphiwe Dana	Wikipedia	Website	Video
13. Efyia	Wikipedia	Website	Video
14. Dina El Wadidi	Wikipedia	Website	Video
15. Cesária Évora	Wikipedia	Website	Video
16. Fatoumata Diawara	Wikipedia	Website	Video
17. Fatu Gayflor	Wikipedia	Website	Video
18. Angelique Kidjo	Wikipedia	Website	Video
19. Bi Kidude	Wikipedia	Website	Video
20. Kandia Kouyaté	Wikipedia	Website	Video
21. Irene Logan	Wikipedia	Video	
22. M'Pongo Love	Wikipedia	Website	Video
23. Magool	Wikipedia	Website	Video
24. Miriam Makeba	Wikipedia	Website	Video
25. Thandiswa Mazai	Wikipedia	Website	Video
26. Mahotella Queens	Wikipedia	Website	Video
27. M'bilia Bel	Wikipedia	Website	Video
28. Meklit	Wikipedia	Website	Video
29. Tshala Muana	Wikipedia	Website	Video
30. Nneka	Wikipedia	Website	Video
31. Dawn Padmore	Wikipedia	Website	Video
32. Christine Salem	Wikipedia	Website	Video
33. Fanta Sacko	Wikipedia	Website	Video
34. Wendy Shay	Wikipedia	Website	Video
35. Somi	Wikipedia	Website	Video
36. Oumou Sangaré	Wikipedia	Website	Video
37. Sista Afia	Wikipedia	Website	Video
38. Rokia Traoré	Wikipedia	Website	Video
39. Alicios Theluji	Wikipedia	Website	Video
40. Zap Mama	Wikipedia	Website	Video



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41. Zahara [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
42. Malika Zara [Website](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)

Latin America, Caribbean + (Aboriginal, Afro-Cuban, Bolero, Bossa Nova, Indigenous, Salsa, Samba, Soca)

1. Xiomara Alfaro [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
2. Christine Anu [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
3. Flavia Coello [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
4. Ana Costa [Website](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
5. Gaby Amarantos [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
6. Daymé Arocena [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
7. Susana Baca [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
8. Maroochy Barambah [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
9. Luz Esther Benitez [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
10. Alaíde Costa [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
11. Celia Cruz [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
12. Eva Despaigne [Website](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
13. Carmen Delia Dipini [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
14. Mariene Bezerra de Castro [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
15. Emma Donovan [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
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19. Ruby Hunter [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
20. Ibeyi [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
21. Karla Kanora [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
22. Toto La Momposina [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
23. Toña La Negra [Wikipedia](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
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25. Betsayda Machado [Website](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)
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29. Quesia Luz [Website](#) | [Website](#) | [Video](#)

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31. Clara Nunes	Wikipedia Website Video
32. Ellen Oléria	Wikipedia Website Video
33. Omara Portuondo	Wikipedia Website Video
34. Milly Quezada	Wikipedia Website Video
35. Lagrima Rios	Wikipedia Website Video
36. Magdalena Sanchez	Wikipedia Website Video
37. Elza Soare	Wikipedia Website Video
38. Sara Tavares	Wikipedia Website Video

Reggae, Roots, Rocksteady, Dancehall

1. Alaine (Laughten)	Wikipedia Website Video
2. Althea & Donna	Wikipedia Website Video
3. Angie Angel	Website Video
4. Tanya Asaki	Website Video
5. Lorna Bennett	Wikipedia Website Video
6. Judy Boucher	Wikipedia Website Video
7. Sophia Brown	Website Website Video
8. Ci'Cile	Wikipedia Website Video
9. Sandra Cross	Website Website Video
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11. Etana	Wikipedia Website Video
12. Dezarie	Wikipedia Website Video
13. Phyllis Dillon	Wikipedia Website Video
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| 28. Jerry Jones | Website Video |
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| 30. Kelissa | Website Website Video |
| 31. Diana King | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 32. Lady G | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 33. Lady Passion | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 34. Lady Saw | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 35. Layori | Website Website Video |
| 36. J. C. Lodge | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 37. Macka Diamond | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 38. Malika Madremana | Website Video |
| 39. Louisa Mark | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 40. Cedella Marley Booker | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 41. Rita Marley | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 42. Judy Mowatt | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 43. Nefatari | Website Website Video |
| 44. Patra | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 45. Dawn Penn | Wikipedia Website Video |
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| 49. Queen Omega | Wikipedia Website Video |
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| 52. Sevana | Website Website Video |
| 53. Raine Seville | Wikipedia Website Video |
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| 62. Tifa (Latifa Brown) | Website Website Video |
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| 64. Worl-a-Girl | Wikipedia Website Video |
| 65. Joy White | Website Website Video |
| 66. Ginger Williams | Wikipedia Website Video |

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