

Composers of Color in the Classical Music Tradition

Learn about them! Listen to their music! Play their music! Program them with your students! This does not include composers or songwriters who are primarily associated with jazz or American popular music traditions. This is not to diminish jazz or pop music, but to acknowledge that composers of color have significantly increased visibility in those genres as compared with concert music, and that the concert tradition needs significant diversification.

H. Leslie Adams	Justin Holland	Florence Price
Samuel Ekpe Akpabot	Vijay Iyer	Julio Racine
Eleanor Alberga	Occide Jeanty	Robert Ray
Margaret Allison Bonds	José Julián Jiménez	Amadeo Roldán y Gardes
George Bridgetower	Jin Xiang	Le Chevalier de
Leo Brouwer	Francis Johnson	Saint-Georges
Harry T. Burleigh	Hall Johnson	Ignatius Sancho
Carlos Chavez	James P. Johnson	Jeff Scott
Chen Yi	J. Rosamond Johnson	Bright Sheng
Chou Wen-Chung	Scott Joplin	Hale Smith
Samuel Coleridge-Taylor	Ulysses Kay	Irene Button Smith
Will Marion Cook	Mzilikazi Khumalo	William Grant Still
Arthur Cunningham	Charles Lucien Lambert	Tyshawn Sorey
William Dawson	Lucien-Léon Lambert	Fela Sowande
Edmond Dédé	Sidney Lambert	Maurice Strothotte
R. Nathaniel Dett	Ludovic Lamothe	Toru Takemitsu
Du Yun	Tania León	Tan Dun
Julius Eastman	George Lewis	Shirley Thompson
Halim El-Dabh	J. H. Kwabena Nketia	Henry Threadgill
Justin Elie	Burt Mason	Masato Uchida
Duke Ellington	Toshiro Mayuzumi	Chinary Ung
Akin Euba	Michael Mosoju Moerane	George Walker
Gabriela Lena Frank	Undine Smith Moore	Errolyn Wallen
Harry Lawrence Freeman	Jeffrey Mumford	Wang Jie
José Mauricio Nunes	Fred Onovwerosuoke	José Silvestre White
Garcia	Coleridge-Taylor	Olly Wilson
Antonio Carlos Gomes	Perkinson	Julius Penson Williams
Adolphus Hailstork	Julia Perry	John Wesley Work III
Moses Hogan	Zenobia Perry	Isang Yun
Toshio Hosokawa	Alain Pierre Pradel	Pamela Z

...and many more!

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