Unaccompanied Cello Works by Women Composers

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Below, you will find the following information: a list of the composers and a list of all the pieces in the series organized by level of difficulty. To learn more, listen to audio samples, or purchase sheet music, use the link to the postcard.

Composers

Composers

1. **Jean Ahn - March 2024 Postcard #2**
2. **Eleanor Alberga - March 2022 Postcard #2**
3. **Amanda Aldridge - July 2022 Postcard #2**
4. **Lucía Álvarez - July 2023 Postcard #2**
5. **Tanya Anisimova - September 2021 Postcard #3**
6. **Leticia Armijo - September 2020 Postcard #2**
7. **Ayala Asherov - September 2021 Postcard #1**
8. **Lera Auerbach - December 2021 Postcard #3**
9. **Grażyna Bacewicz - January 2021 Postcard #3**
10. **Lauren Bernofsky - November 2021 Postcard #3**
11. **Jessica T. Carter - September 2022 Postcard #1**
12. **Andrea Casarrubios - March 2021 Postcard #3, September 2023 Postcard #3**
13. **Yu-Hui Chang - April 2021 Postcard #3**
14. **Dorothy Change - August 2024 Postcard #3**
15. **Aileen Chao - January 2025 Postcard #1**
16. **Deborah Cheetham - October 2022 Postcard #1**
17. **Reena Esmail - January 2021 Postcard #2, October 2024 Postcard #2, December 2024, Postcard #2**

18. **Elisenda Fábregas - December 2021 Postcard #2, February 2024 Postcard #1**
19. **Elaine Fine - September 2020 Postcard #3, November 2020 Postcard #1, March 2021 Postcard #1**
20. **Caitlin Foster - April 2021 Postcard #2**
21. **Gabriella Lena Frank - Hebraic Themes Postcard #3**
22. **Ilse Fromm-Michaels - November 2021 Postcard #2**
23. **Monique Gabus - October 2021 Postcard #3**
24. **Barbara Heller - May 2021 Postcard #1**
25. **Hildegard von Bingen (transcr. Erica Lessie) - October 2021 Postcard #1**
26. **Ssu-Yu Huang - October 2024 Postcard #1**
27. **Elena Kats-Chernin - October 2021 Postcard #2, May 2024 Postcard #1**
28. **Ursula Keusen-Nickel - December 2021 Postcard #1**
29. **Elizabeth Knudson - October 2020 Postcard #3**
30. **Kohei Kondo - March 2024 Postcard #1, July 2024 Postcard #1**
31. **Tania León - February 2022 Postcard #2**
32. **Erica Lessie - July 2021 Postcard #1, August 2021 Postcard #1**
33. **Yi-Ning Lo - July 2024 Postcard #3**
34. **Liz Davis Maxfield - September 2020 Postcard #1, July 2021 Postcard #2**
35. **Jessie Montgomery - June 2022 Postcard #2**
36. **Seung-Won Oh - September 2024 Postcard #3**
37. **Dorothy Rudd Moore - March 2022 Postcard #3**
38. **Hilda Paredes - October 2023 Postcard #2**
39. **Wilma Pistorius - December 2020 Postcard #1**
40. **Florence Price - April 2022 Postcard #1**
41. **Kaitlyn Raitz - March 2021 Postcard #2**
42. **Elena Ruehr - December 2020 Postcard #2**
43. **Georgina Sánchez Torres - March 2023 Postcard #1**
44. **Juri Seo - December 2024 Postcard #3**
45. **Nina Shekhar - May 2021 Postcard #3**
46. **Sarah Kirkland Snider - December 2020 Postcard #3**
47. **Wanda Sobieska - October 2020 Postcard #1, November 2021 Postcard #1**
48. **Jane Stanley - August 2021 Postcard #3**
49. **Hilary Tann - July 2021 Postcard #3**
50. **Persis Parshall Vehar - November 2020 Postcard #3**
51. **Gwyneth Walker - August 2021 Postcard #2**
52. **Daijana Wallace - March 2022 Postcard #1**
53. **Meira M. Warshauer - September 2021 Postcard #2**
54. **Rain Worthington - October 2020 Postcard #2, April 2021 Postcard #1**
55. **Chen Yi - April 2024 Postcard #1, August 2024 Postcard #2**
56. **Ilse de Ziah - November 2020 Postcard #2, January 2021 Postcard #1, May 2021 Postcard #2**

Works by Level of Difficulty

Beginner

1. ***Bright Eyes*** by Florence Price - April 2022 Postcard #1
2. ***Responsory fol. 476 1a-4a*** by Hildegard von Bingen (transcr. Erica Lessie) - October 2021 Postcard #1 (beginner or advanced, depending on the version)

Late Beginner/Early Intermediate

1. ***By the Fountain from Three Arabian Dances*** by Amanda Aldridge - July 2022 Postcard #2
2. ***A Cellist's Garden of Verses by Elaine Fine*** - November 2020 Postcard #1
3. ***Cello Boogie No. 1*** by Ilse de Ziah - January 2021 Postcard #1
4. ***Ferdinand*** by Elaine Fine - March 2021 Postcard #1
5. ***Fire Horse*** by Erica Lessie - July 2021 Postcard #1
6. ***Five States of Change (Wood, Metal, Fire, Water, Earth)*** by Wanda Sobieska - October 2020 Postcard #2
7. ***Looking for the Possible Embrace*** by Wilma Pistorius - December 2020 Postcard #1
8. ***Nayn*** by Erica Lessie - August 2021 Postcard #1
9. ***November*** by Liz Davis Maxfield - September 2020 Postcard #1
10. ***Resolves*** by Rain Worthington - April 2021 Postcard #1
11. ***Sounds & Signs*** by Barbara Heller - May 2021 Postcard #1
12. **Yizkor** by Ayala Asherov - September 2021 Postcard #1 (Andante – advanced; Allegro – late beginner/intermediate; Lento – advanced)

Intermediate

1. ***Ensueños del agua*** by Leticia Armijo - September 2020 Postcard #2
2. ***Expecting*** by Jessica T. Carter - September 2022 Postcard #1 (mostly intermediate with a few bars that are advanced)
3. ***Froggy, Froggy*** by Jean Ahn - March 2024 Postcard #2
4. ***The Green Mountains*** by Gwyneth Walker - August 2020 Postcard #2 (mostly intermediate, with a few advanced passages)
5. ***Ike & Icky*** by Liz Davis Maxfield - July 2021 Postcard #2
6. ***Das Lied der Vögel: Variationen für Violoncello solo über ein katalanisches Weihnachtslied*** by Ursula Keusen-Nickel - December 2021 (except for the Adagio, which might be considered advanced level because of the double stops)
7. ***Permit Me*** by Deborah Cheetham - October 2022 Postcard #1
8. ***Prayer on the Seashore*** by Kohei Kondo - March 2024 Postcard #1
9. ***Railway for Meditation – Toccata for Unaccompanied Cello***,Op. 187 by Kohei Kondo - July 2024 Postcard #1
10. ***She, In the Dark, Found Light*** by Kaitlyn Raitz - March 2021 Postcard #2
11. ***Solace in Darkness*** by Ilse de Ziah - May 2021 Postcard #2
12. ***Suite for Violoncello Solo, Op. 15*** - by Ilse Fromm-Michaels - November 2021 Postcard #2 (Boureé and Gavotte)
13. ***Then Again*** by Rain Worthington - October 2020 Postcard #2
14. ***Varsha (Rain)*** by Reena Esmail - January 2021 Postcard #2

Late Intermediate/Early Advanced

1. ***Andantino*** by Wanda Sobieska - November 2021 Postcard #1
2. ***Armadura*** by Andrea Casarrubios - September 2023 Postcard #3
3. ***Déploration pour une amie défunte*** by Monique Gabus - October 2021 Postcard #3
4. ***Docking Overnight by Maple Bridge*** by Ssu-Yu Huang - October 2024 Postcard #1
5. ***Inch Strand*** by Ilse de Ziah - November 2020 Postcard #2
6. ***Lift*** by Elena Ruehr - December 2020 Postcard #2
7. ***Patina*** by Elena Kats-Chernin - October 2021 Postcard #2

8. ***Some Mornings Need Lullabies*** by Aileen Chao - January 2025 Postcard #1
9. ***Suite for Violoncello Solo, Op. 15*** - by Ilse Fromm-Michaels - November 2021 Postcard #2 (Prelude and Aria)
10. ***Usunien I Mornië – Escaping The Darkness*** by Caitlin Foster - April Postcard #2
11. ***Winter Song*** - by Jane Stanley - August 2021 Postcard #3

Advanced

1. ***Baroque Suite for Unaccompanied Cello*** by Dorothy Rudd Moore - March 2022 Postcard #2
2. ***Cajón*** by Nina Shekhar - May 2021 Postcard #3
3. ***Canto en forma de Saeta*** by Georgina Sánchez Torres - March 2023 Postcard #1
4. ***Devaneos*** by Lucía Álvarez - July 2023 Postcard #2
5. ***In a Glass Jar*** by Yi-Ning Lo - July 2024 Postcard #3
6. ***In Memoriam (September 11, 2001)*** - by Meira M. Warshauer - September 2021 Postcard #3
7. ***Jingu Suite*** by Chen Yi - April 2024 Postcard #1
8. ***Kaprys Polski*** by Grażyna Bacewicz - January 2021 Postcard #3
9. ***Khazn's Recitative: Elu D'vorim*** by Gabriella Lena Frank - Hebraic Themes Postcard #3
10. ***Persistent Memory*** by Seung-Won Oh - September 2024 Postcard #3
11. ***Responsory fol. 476 1a-4a*** by Hildegard von Bingen (transcr. Erica Lessie) - October 2021 Postcard #1 (beginner or advanced, depending on the version)
12. **Ride Through** by Eleanor Alberga - March 2022 Postcard #2
13. ***Sandhiprakash*** by Reena Esmail - December 2024, Postcard #2
14. ***Sephardic Suite*** by Elaine Fine – September 2020 Postcard #3
15. ***September 11*** by Tanya Anisimova - September 2021 Postcard #3
16. ***Seven - Song of Isolation*** by Andrea Casarrubios - March 2021 Postcard #3
17. ***Shades*** by Daijana Wallace - March 2022 Postcard #1
18. ***Suite for Violoncello Solo, Op. 15*** - by Ilse Fromm-Michaels - November 2021 Postcard #2 (Gigue)
19. ***Wild Rice*** by Elena Kats-Chernin - May 2024 Postcard #1
20. **Yizkor** by Ayala Asherov - September 2021 Postcard #1 (Andante – advanced; Allegro – late beginner/intermediate; Lento – advanced)

Late Advanced/Professional

1. **Bloom** by Dorothy Change - August 2024 Postcard #3
2. ***Cadenzas for solo cello for the Haydn Cello Concerto No. 2 in D Major*** by Jessie Montgomery - June 2022 Postcard #2
3. ***The Cresset Stone*** by Hilary Tann - July 202 Postcard #3
4. ***Duende*** by Elisenda Fábregas - February 2024 Postcard #1
5. ***Fandango*** - by Lauren Bernofsky - November 2021 Postcard #3
6. ***Four Pieces for Violoncello*** by Tania León - February 2022 Postcard #2
7. ***Homenatge à Pau Casals*** by Elisenda Fábregas - December 2021 Postcard #2
8. ***Memory*** by Chen Yi - August 2024 Postcard #2
9. ***Perhaps*** by Reena Esmail - October 2024 Postcard #2
10. ***Rio del Tizon*** by Yu-Hui Chang - April 2021 Postcard #3
11. ***Suite for Cello*** by Juri Seo - December 2024 Postcard #3
12. ***Two Ways of Being*** by Persis Parshall Vehar - November 2020 Postcard #3
13. ***Zuhuy Kak*** by Hilda Paredes - October 2023 Postcard #2

Professional

1. ***The Reserved, the Reticent*** by Sarah Kirkland Snider - December 2020 Postcard #3
2. ***La Suite dels Ocells (Hommage à Pablo Casals)*** by Lera Auerbach - December 2021 Postcard #3