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Resources for Organ Music by African American Composers

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The NYC AGO board set up a committee to work on diversity issues within the chapter. The committee members are Janet Yieh, Sam Bartlett, Nathaniel Gumbs, and Larry Long.

The committee has put together a list of organ music by African-American composers for chapter members. If members know of other works, please email them to Larry Long (registrar@nycago.org) and they will be added to this list. This list is also available on the chapter website (nycago.org).

Composers

Judith M. Baity (b. 1944)

A Whimsical Intermezzo for Organ

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912)

*Three Pieces: Arietta, Melody, Elegy
Impromptu*

Organ Albums, Book 1 and 2

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

Four Spirituals

Meditation on Amazing Grace

Prelude and Toccata on Veni Emmanuel

Suite for Organ

Fantasy on Brother James' Air

Robert A. Harris (b. 1938)

Solemn Processional

Carl Haywood (b. 1949)

Improvisation on We Shall Overcome

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Four Spiritual Preludes

Evening Song

On the Name Maurice Duruflé

Passacaglia

Partita on 'Detroit'

*Hymn Intonations, Harmonizations & Interludes
Vol XIII*

Toccata, Arioso & Finale

Te Deum

Organ Suite from Ulysses Kay

Thomas Kerr (1915-1989)

Reverie for Celestes

Mark Miller (b. 1967)

*Toccata on 'Lift Every
Voice'*

Florence B. Price (1887-1953)

Adoration

Suite for Organ

Short Organ Works Vol. 2

Undine Smith-Moore (1905-1989)

Variations on Nettleton

William Grant Still (1895-1979)

Reverie

Fela Sowande (1905-1987)

Jubilate

George Walker (1922-2018)

Prayer: An Offertory

Chorale Prelude on Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

Trevor Weston (b. 1967)

Pools of Living Water

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Sam Bartlett

Dr. Gregory D'Agostino

Donald R. Meineke

William Randolph

Jason Roberts

J. David Williams

Janet Yieh

Online Resources and Articles

AGO HQ Organ Works by Black Composers, compiled by Calvert Johnson 2013
<https://www.agohq.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/OrganWorksByBlackComposersBibli.pdf>

African-American Organ Literature: A Selective Overview, Mickey Thomas Terry 2003
<https://www.thediapason.com/african-american-organ-literature-selective-overview>

Published Multi-Volume Collections

African-American Organ Music Anthology, Vol. 1-8
MorningStar Music Publishers, Editor Mickey Thomas Terry
<https://www.ecspublishing.com/african-american-organ-music-anthology-volume-1.html>

King of Kings, Organ Music of Black Composers, Past and Present Vol. 1-3
GIA, Editor James Abbington
<https://www.giamusic.com/store/resource/king-of-kings-volume-1-print-g7236>

Pipedreams Episodes

Show #0106 February 5, 2001, curated by Michael Barone and Mickey Thomas Terry
<https://pipedreams.publicradio.org/articles/africanamericancomposers.shtml>

Show #0206 February 4, 2002
<https://www.pipedreams.org/episode/2002/02/04>

Upcoming Pipedreams Episodes February 2021

February 7, 2021 Show #2105 ***Shining a Light*** In celebration of African-American History Month, performances and compositions by Black musicians.

February 14, 2021 Show #2106 ***Imagining Color*** With inspired improvisations and standard repertoire, spiritual tunes and jazz favorites.

February 21, 2021 Show #2107 ***More Than Just Black and White*** Another color-full collection of music featuring Black composers, performers, and themes.

February 28, 2021 Show #2108 ***A Diversity of Riches*** Further exploration of intriguing repertoire and inspired performances.