# THE SINGERS GUIDE FOR DISCOVERING DIVERSE REPERTOIRE

# Tools and Resources for Programming Inclusively and Diversely

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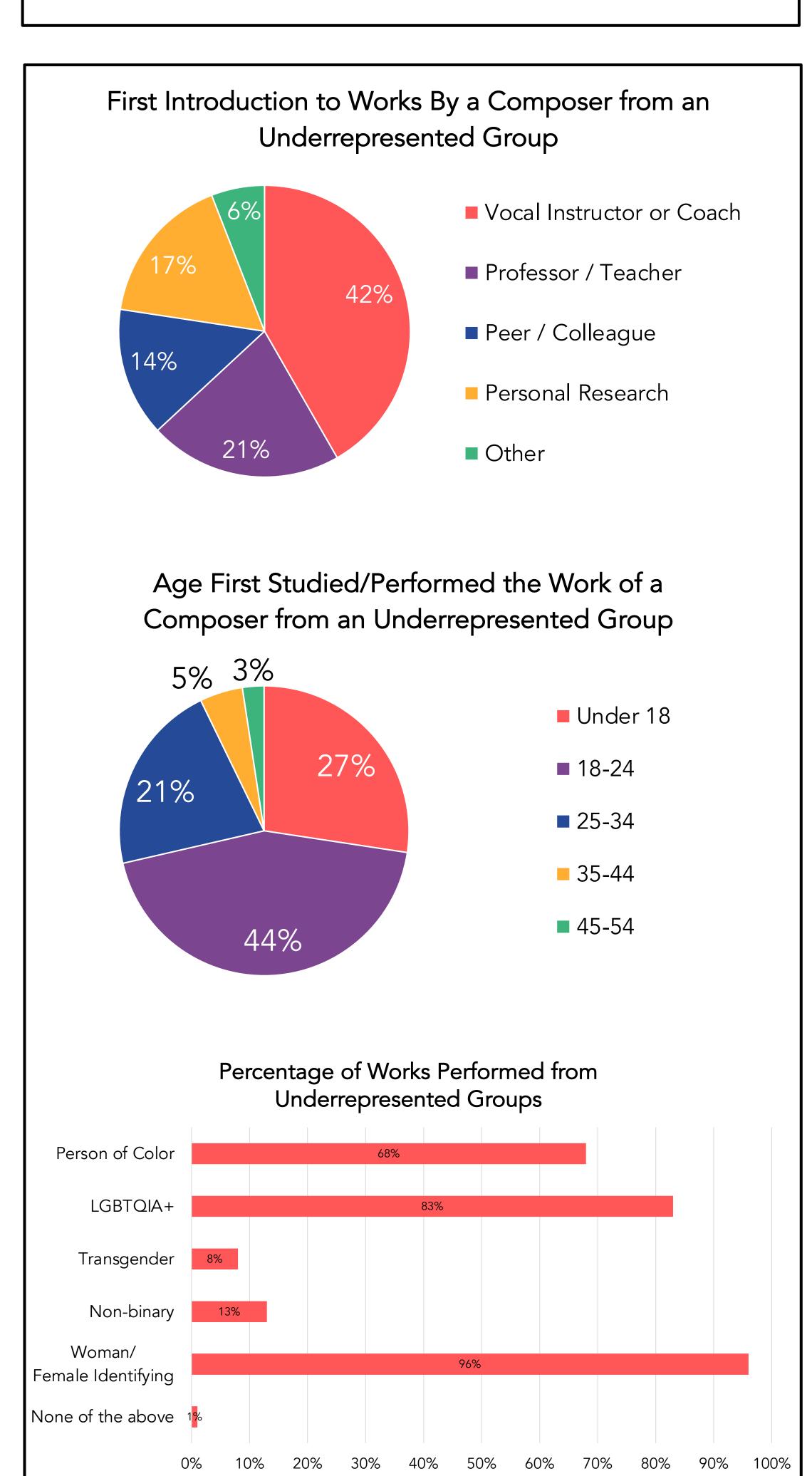
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**DIVERSE & INCLUSIVE** PROGRAMMING PDF

By highlighting the vast works of composers often neglected in our studio and performance programing, we work to make all peoples feel welcome in an art form that has often felt exclusionary.

In doing so, we pay homage to the dedicated and talented composers that have broken through barriers, providing us with music and texts that every person can better relate.



# KASSIA DATABASE

A resource for musicians to aid in the discovery and celebration of art song by women composers.

### In the Database:

- 3,000 songs from the Baroque period through the 21st century by over 200 women composers. Repertoire for beginning through professional performers.
- Website includes Database, Songs for the Developing Singer, Resources, and Links to Recordings.
- Songs categorized by level, voice type, language, composer, and composer dates; includes range, tessitura, piano accompaniment, information on the vocal line, and links to available scores.

# INSTITUTE FOR COMPOSER DIVERSITY Art Song Works Database

A resource for the musical community through which composers from underrepresented groups can be discovered.

### In the Databases:

- 3,000 songs from the Baroque period through the 21st century by over 100 composers from underrepresented groups, including gender, racial/ethnic demographics, sexual/romantic identity, residence.
- Website includes Databases, Submissions, and Recourses.
- Songs are categorized by level, voice type, language, composer, and composer dates; includes range, tessitura, piano accompaniment, information on the vocal line, and links to available scores.

## OTHER RESOURCES

Finding diverse repertoire is quickly becoming more accessible. There are many websites, social media accounts, podcasts, texts and books, and more to help teachers and students discover new works.

### **WEBSITES**









Music Project

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**



Reveal



in Music



Classical

Wear Yellow Proudly

# **PODCASTS**





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Getting the Song Out

GETTING THE SONG OUT

Classical

Composers

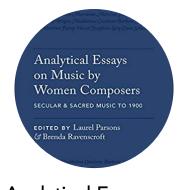


**HERstory Pod** 

### **TEXTS AND BOOKS**



American Spirituals



**Nusic by Women** 



AMERICAN CLASSICAL COMPOSE

# SONGS FOR THE DEVELOPING SINGER

Looking for repertoire for the beginning vocal student? Look no further!

It can be daunting wading through the wealth of art song literature only to find works that are too advanced for the needs of an emerging, late-high school or collegiate-level

Here are some pieces that allow your student to develop a healthy singing technique in their repertoire while also introducing them to language skills, musical interpretation, acting, musicality, and so much more!

### LOW



Già la notte s'avvicina RANGE: A3-D5 approaching Bel Canto style.



RANGE: C4-C5 TESSITURA: F4-C5 Chordal piano, simple melody simple rhythm, middle tessitura Good first song in French.



MAUD CUNEY HARE RANGE: C4-D5 TESSITURA: C4-C5 Primarily arpeggiated and syllabically set. Can be sung in Creole or English. Traditional folk song.

### MEDIUM



PAULINE VIARDOT

TESSITURA: F4-C5

Piano doubles the vocal melody,

for a more beginning student

approaching French repertoire.

short phrases, only sustained at the

end, repetitive melodic line. Good

RANGE: F4-F5

**EVELYN SIMPSON CURENTON** RANGE: D4-Eb5 TESSITURA: Ab4-Db5 \_egato, sustained writing. More opportunity for the singer to work or



ESSITURA: E-flat4-B-flat5 Repetitive vocal line, simple vocal line and rhythms, medium tessitura, arpeggiated, sustained. Good for working on quieter dynamics while staying on the breath.

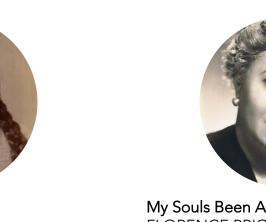
### HIGH



RANGE: E-flat4-G5

more advanced beginner.

Night AMY BEACH RANGE: D4-G5 TESSITURA: F4-E-flat5 Can be sung in English or German. Good for working style of 18th Sustained, some larger intervallic Century German song. Better for a leaps, tessitura higher at the end Beautiful, lush song.



FLORENCE PRICE RANGE: Eb4-Ab5 TESSITURA: Ab4-Eb5 Very simple structure - repetitive melody throughout. Great for working on varying expression spiritual style, and more.

### COMPOSERDIVERSITY.COM KASSIADATABASE.COM



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# WAYS TO BE AN INCLUSIVE PROGRAMMER:

RESEARCH

**BE CONSISTENT** EDUCATE

COMMUNICATE

Find your favorite resources to aid in your research

Program inclusively at every performance; do not wait for anniversaries or an awareness month Advocate for composers and their works in the classroom and studio

Talk with peers, colleagues, students about how you can improve your programming