

A Peek Inside the Wanderground Archives: A Zoom Event

The Songs of Our Souls!

Let's reminisce about some of the music from the 1970s , 80s, 90s.

New England based -

Important Resources

- Because of a Song - <https://becauseofasong.com/>
- Paid My Dues
- Hot Wire
- Book – Irene Young Photos – Something About the Women

Intro notes:

- Interactive question – who 1st Lesbian musician?? / women's music album -starting with 1970
- "Women's" Music
- Some of the music now available on YouTube & Spotify
- Breadth of genres (though disparaged as white girls with guitars)
- Musicians playing on each other's albums!
- Selections here – mostly ones that really emphasize Lesbian
 - Not all Lesbians sing Lesbian themes – or even women centered themes
- Many passed – many still working today
- Also in collection – books - songbooks - t-shirts – buttons – calendar – festival memorabilia (mostly NEWMR)

Women's Music

Earliest tune ??

1970

- Therese Edell –
 - 1970 - Prophecy's Child
 - 1977 – From Women's Faces. (Moonflower)
 - Let Your Children Go (3:15)
 - Obit - <https://www.citybeat.com/news/composer-therese-edell-1950-2011-12163306>
 - <https://windycitytimes.com/2011/03/23/womens-music-legend-therese-edell-dies/>
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- June Millington (and sister Jean) – (Filapina)
 - Fanny – 1st all-female rock-band on major label – 1969 – film trailer from 2021 – (2:48) <https://youtu.be/zspd9hFRtkw> - can be viewed on PBS
 - Ladies on the Stage (1978) - <https://youtu.be/YLHnQashVac> (4:41)

- First solo album – Heartsong (1980)

1972

- Mountain Moving Day - <https://www.cwluherstory.org/rock-band-articles>
 - Chicago Women's Liberation Band & New Haven Women's Liberation Rock Band <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=REpgDEIHYZg>
 - New Haven – Sister Witch - <https://youtu.be/hxpVGEGZw0M> (4:41)
 - Article by Jennifer Abod (good pics): https://www.jenniferabod.com/new-haven-womens-liberation-rock-band.htm?doing_wp_cron=1723899871.7260100841522216796875
 - So Fine – on Spotify (3:20) <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/4xEBsuKvEUHlpXLw1vsq6g>
 - Wikipedia - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago_and_New_Haven_Women%27s_Liberation_Rock_Bands

1973

- Alix Dobkin – Lavender Jane Loves Women
 - Woman in your life is you
 - Homepage: <https://www.alixdobkin.com>

1974

Year of 1st National Women's Music Festival – Univ of Illinois - <https://nwmf.info/wia/>

- Meg Christian – I Know You Know
 - Face the Music - (Sweet Darlin Woman)
 - Wikipedia - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meg_Christian
 - Youtube video – sweet darlin - <https://youtu.be/gZJwkEQwbtI>
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- Willie Tyson – Full Count (with Lammas baseball team on cover)
 - <https://queermusicheritage.com/apr2012wt1.html>
 - See photo with Maxine by JEB
 - <https://youtu.be/VgwyIE3Safw> – The Bloods (2:45) -
 - <https://youtu.be/x3kt4SoS24g> – you'd look swell in nothing (1:34)

1975

- Cris Williamson – The Changer and the Changed
 - Website: <https://www.criswilliamson.com/>
 - Retrospective movie - <https://youtu.be/fxCrjY73lz8>
- Kay Gardner – Mooncircles – died 2002
 - Website - <https://kaygardner.com/>
 - Wikipedia - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kay_Gardner_\(composer\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kay_Gardner_(composer))

- Inner mood II with Meg C -
https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=iEqok1z4Apc&list=OLAK5uy_ncv_tHwuTliLtE_hF-ZcKslgB8prs4dek
- **Deadly Nightshade** (formerly Ariel in 1967!) – formed 1972 – recording 1975
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Deadly_Nightshade
 - <https://www.thedeadlynightshade.net/>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7glUu6CBzW0> – high flyin woman (3:25)
- Flying Lesbians – Song: I’m a Lesbian (how about you)
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flying_Lesbians
 - Album: <https://youtu.be/sqhlRo1fiH0> (19:41 – swing!)

1976

Year of 1st Michigan Women’s Music Festival

- BeBe K’Roche (Jazz, Soul) – Kahlua Mama
 - <https://youtu.be/tRtK5QNEEQY>
- Berkeley Women’s Music Collective – Berkeley Women’s Music Collective (Windbag – dist by Olivia)
 - The Bloods
 - Gay & Proud – (3:26) – good video with pics
<https://youtu.be/r4fwT6PUJXQ?list=PLrC41qFroaAzWP2mvqPZlO2Xa42CcegMX>
 - 2nd album Tryin’ to Survive (Folk, Country) 1976 – also Windbag
- Casse Culver, Album Three Gypsies, Urana Records
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Casse_Culver
- **Linda Shear** – Family of Woman – Old Lady Blue Jeans
 - Wikipedia - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linda_Shear
 - Interview with Elana Dykewomon - <https://www.dykeaquarterly.com/people-linda-shear/>
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- Margie Adam – Songwriter – Pleides Records
 - Homepage - <https://margieadam.com/>
 - Wikipedia - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Margie_Adam
- Sweat Honey in the Rock
 - <https://www.discogs.com/artist/367339-Sweet-Honey-In-The-Rock>
 - <https://sweethoneyintherock.org/>

1977

- **Dyketones** 1977 / Fabulous Dyketones renamed in 1984
 - <https://queermusicheritage.com/feb2005d.html>

- Interview recorded 2019: <https://archive.org/details/ptvmav-Purely Provincetown - The Fabulous Dyketones from the PTV Archives - Stonewall Portraits>
- 1970s / Article in Hot Wire July 1987 / interview 2019
- Lesbian Concentrate – Olivia (Included poetry & Music)
compilation of music and spoken word by lesbian artists. It was released by Olivia Records in 1977 in response to Anita Bryant's anti-gay crusade "Save Our Children"
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lesbian_Concentrate
 - Gwen Avery – Sugar Mama Single (1st album in 2001)
 - Obituary <https://www.sfgate.com/music/article/gwen-avery-passionate-singer-songwriter-and-5217671.php>
 - <https://youtu.be/IBqIRJ7IAfg> (5:55) - use video
 - She cut my hair once!
- Linda Tillery – Album – Linda Tillery (Funk, Soul)
First Album – Sweet Linda Divine (1970 – CBS Records)
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linda_Tillery
 - Womanly Way - <https://youtu.be/7qsjvnaGYEQ> (6:21)
- Teresa Trull – Album – the Ways a Woman Can Be –
 - Woman Loving Woman
 - I'd like to Make Love - <https://youtu.be/7Vi2PifysgQ> (2:11) - good video
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Teresa_Trull
- Woody Simmons – Album Oregon Mountains (mostly bluegrass)
 - <https://woodysimmons.com/>
 - Oregon Mountains: <https://youtu.be/kB3Dz54kYws> (You've got the Love)

1978

- Baba Yaga – On the Edge (Funk, Jazz-Funk, Latin Jazz)
 - Side A – full album - <https://youtu.be/QncTvlSMTWU> - Monogamy - Shbedogamy (16:54)
- Mary Watkins – Album Something Moving (funk Soul)
 - Image of Brick Hut on album cover
 - Full album - <https://youtu.be/E3RTzI4-j64/> Brick Hut at 9:56
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Watkins
 - Leaving all the shadows behind – youtube - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lyr6lOdQ_V0
 - A Chording to the People - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y9rgGOL7FUA>
- Holly Near – Imagine my Surprise (Redwood Records) - 1978
 - <https://hollynear.com/>
 - Hang in There (1973)
 - A Live Album (1975)
 - You Can Know All I Am (1976)

1979

- Alive – Album Alive! - 1979
 - <https://www.rhiannonmusic.com/alive-history>
 - <https://youtu.be/hA0KvZVQ4Ms> - a video compilation from 2018
- Heather Bishop
 - <https://www.heatherbishop.com/>
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heather_Bishop
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- Maxine Feldman – Closet sale - Amazon - <https://youtu.be/C1kM7qrOPdQ> (5:25)
 - Also see tribute on NWMF album
 - <https://jwa.org/weremember/feldman-maxine>
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maxine_Feldman
- OVA – based in London
This is a musical retrospective of OVA, the lesbian feminist music duo, Jana Runnalls & Rosemary Schonfeld, who played together for 15 years between 1975 and 1990.
 - Lesbian Fighting Song <https://soundcloud.com/jana-runnalls-233938387> (5:30)
- Robin Flower – More Than Friends (Olivia)
 - <https://robinflower.net>
- Sirani Avedis (Lebanese – American) – Album Tattoos
 - Clear the Sky - <https://youtu.be/Dj3Qg0hTEJU> (2:47)
- Witch Is Witch

1980

- Ferron – Testimony
 - 2 previous smaller run cassettes - Ferron (1977), Backed Up (1978)
 - Bellybowl / Testimony
 - Album Phantom Center: Stand Up (4:37)
 - Wikipedia - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ferron>
 - Homepage - <https://ferronsongs.com/>

1981

Year of 1st NEWMR

- Ann Reed – Debut – Carpe Diem (Self-Released) – now 15+ albums
local to Minneapolis – but I first heard her at Bloodroot in 1980s
 - Heroes – on Hole in the Day – 1993 with chorus– on You Tube - recorded 2012 (4:37) <https://youtu.be/bSOT1iWOJz0>
 - <https://youtu.be/UqarzahQS0E> - with marches & stuff - 2000
 - <https://youtu.be/zLgooJDqgHs> -- fuzzy pics but good – 4:44

1983

- Barbara Higbie (with Teresa Trull) – Unexpected & Playtime (1998) / pianist-violinist
 - 1st solo album – 1990 – Signs of Life
 - I surrender - 1996

1984

- Faith Nolan – discogs - <https://www.discogs.com/artist/3002218-Faith-Nolan>
 - Album Hard to Imagine (1995) – Woman Loving Woman – Reggae – (4:06)
- Nancy Vogl – debut album Something to Go On (1984) – Olivia
 - Fight Like a Dance (1986)
 - Also was in Berkeley Women's Collective – back-up for Robin Flower & many others
- Tret Fure - <http://www.tretfure.com/>
 - (1973 album with her name)
 - **Terminal Hold (1984)**
 - Edges of the Heart (1986)

1985

- Beth York – Transformations (Ladyslipper)
<https://slfaherstoryproject.org/contributors/beth-york/>
 - Barb Ester – partner since 1995 –
<https://slfaherstoryproject.org/contributors/barbara-ester/>
google search gets Barbara Streisand! Or the ARK dept of corrections!
- **Cheryl Wheeler** – debut album “Cheryl Wheeler”
(born raised Timonium, MD – moved to Providence 1976 now in MA)
 - Fall Comes to New England (Driving Home – 1993)
 - Potato (Sylvia Hotel – 1999)
 - Website - <https://www.cherylwheeler.com/>
- Deidre McCalla – Don't Doubt It – Olivia Records
 - Come too Far – from Everyday Heroes & Heroines (3:36) – 1992
 - <https://deidremccalla.com/>
- Washington Sisters – Single – In Synch – Sweet Inspiration (2:17)
 - Album: Understated (1987)
 - <https://historyproject.omeka.net/items/show/1480>

1986

- Casslebury & Dupree
 - City Down
- Deuce – debut album Deuce – jazz – Redwood Records
 - Ellen Seeling (horns/trumpet) & Jean Fineberg (flute / sax)
 - Winjammer (1996) - CD
- Lucie Blue Tremblay

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucie_Blue_Tremblay
- Homepage: <https://www.luciebluetremblay.com/>
- 1992 – Tendresse - Olivia

1987

- Indigo Girls – Strange Fire
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indigo_Girls
- KD Lang - <https://kdlang.com/>

1988

- **Alison Farrell** – Fine Lines (gypsy Moth records)
 - Tomboy (1992) – song: I Like Being a Dyke (2:55)
 - Article from 2019 - https://www.newhavenindependent.org/article/allison_farrell
 - You tube – let's take it slow - <https://youtu.be/mAldkPEoPW8>
- Dianne Davidson – Breaking All the rules (coming out album)
 - Has a few albums when younger – 1971, 1972 – album from 1974 that came out in 2020
- Melissa Ethridge – Debut album Melissa Ethridge
 - Coming out Album - Yes I Am (1993)
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Melissa_Etheridge
- Tracy Chapman

1989

- Altazor - Lateinamerican folklore, canto nuevo, nueva canción,, worldmusic & pop group.
 - Redwood records
 - <https://www.discogs.com/artist/3545816-Altazor>
- Jamie Anderson – 1st Album Closer to Home –
 - Song No Closet (not sure what album) - <https://youtu.be/OqrmlweiaLU>

1992

- Melanie DeMore – album: Share my Song – Redwood
 - <https://melaniedemore.com/bio/>
 - <https://becauseofasong.com/melanie/>

1994

- Anique Lamerduc (from New Zealand)
 - Lesbiana (2:35)
- Lilian Allen – redwood records
 - Conditions Critical

- Lourdes Perez (Puertorriquena) – Debut Recuerdate Por Mi (now has 14+ albums) – lives in Austin, TX (lived in CT for short time)
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lourdes_P%C3%A9rezvideo
 - Website: <https://www.lourdesperez.com/>
 - Interview: <https://www.rootsworld.com/rw/feature/perez.html>
 - Vestigios – 1997 – Tengo la Vida – with Irene Farrera
 - with English subtitles - <https://youtu.be/DZ2wS9GY6PI>
 - video playing together - <https://youtu.be/GtXY8yF6npg> (5:26)
- Zoe Lewis
 - <https://zoelewis.com/>
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zo%C3%AB_Lewis
 -

1995

- Irene Farrera (from Venezuela) – Alma Latina 1st album – 1994 Redwood
 - Walking in the Jungle (1997) – The Wy You Love Me (5:07) / Tanta Saudade (2:22)
 - 3rd album ??
 - Soy De Ti (1999)
- Lisa Koch – You Make My Pants Pound (Tongueinchi Records) – (3:29)
 - Womanly Song (3:14)
 - (1990) Dos Fallopias – with Peggy Platt

1997

- **Mary Gauthier** – debut album: Dixie Kitchen (country/folk) – now 11 albums named after her restaurant located in Boston, MA (she was born in New Orleans)
 - Ways of the World (about being a tomboy) (3:20)
 - <https://www.marygauthier.com>
 - Interviews on Country Queer; <https://countryqueer.com/stories/interview/mary-gauthier-the-cq-interview-pt-1/> and <https://countryqueer.com/stories/interview/no-more-alone-a-conversation-with-mary-gauthier/>

1998

- DykeAppella – Album: At the Gates of Heaven – Lesbian Picnic (2:54)
- **Laura Wetzler** – Album: Songwriter’s Notebook – Taste of You – (3:15)
 - <https://laurawetzler.com>

1999

- Gaye Adegbalola – Blues singer – had been singing with Saffire Uppity Blues Women (since 1990)
 - Bitter sweet blues albums – Prove It On Me (by Ma Rainy) – (2:54)

Olivia Records - NOW – Olivia travel

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olivia_Records
- <https://queermusicheritage.com/may2008s.html>
- <https://www.olivia.com>
- TIMELINE - <https://sfbaytimes.com/olivia-timeline-from-grassroots-to-worlds-largest-lesbian-travel-company/>

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Redwood Records – Less active – reissues – Holly in 2012 – now more website – active for 18 years

- <https://becauseofasong.com/project/redwood-records-catalog/>
- Last Lesbian: Lilian Allen & Melane Demore – then just Holly productions

Now redwood records is recording studio owned by men (Santa Cruz CA)