

WOMEN IN JAZZ



ELLA FITZGERALD

- American jazz singer has 'horn-like' improvisational ability
- She was the first African-American woman to win multiple Grammy Awards
- Recorded more than 200 albums throughout her career
- Made her debut at the Apollo Theatre in New York which was one of the first theatre to allow black people to perform at



ELLA FITZGERALD

- Ella and Mel Torme at the 1976
Grammy Awards



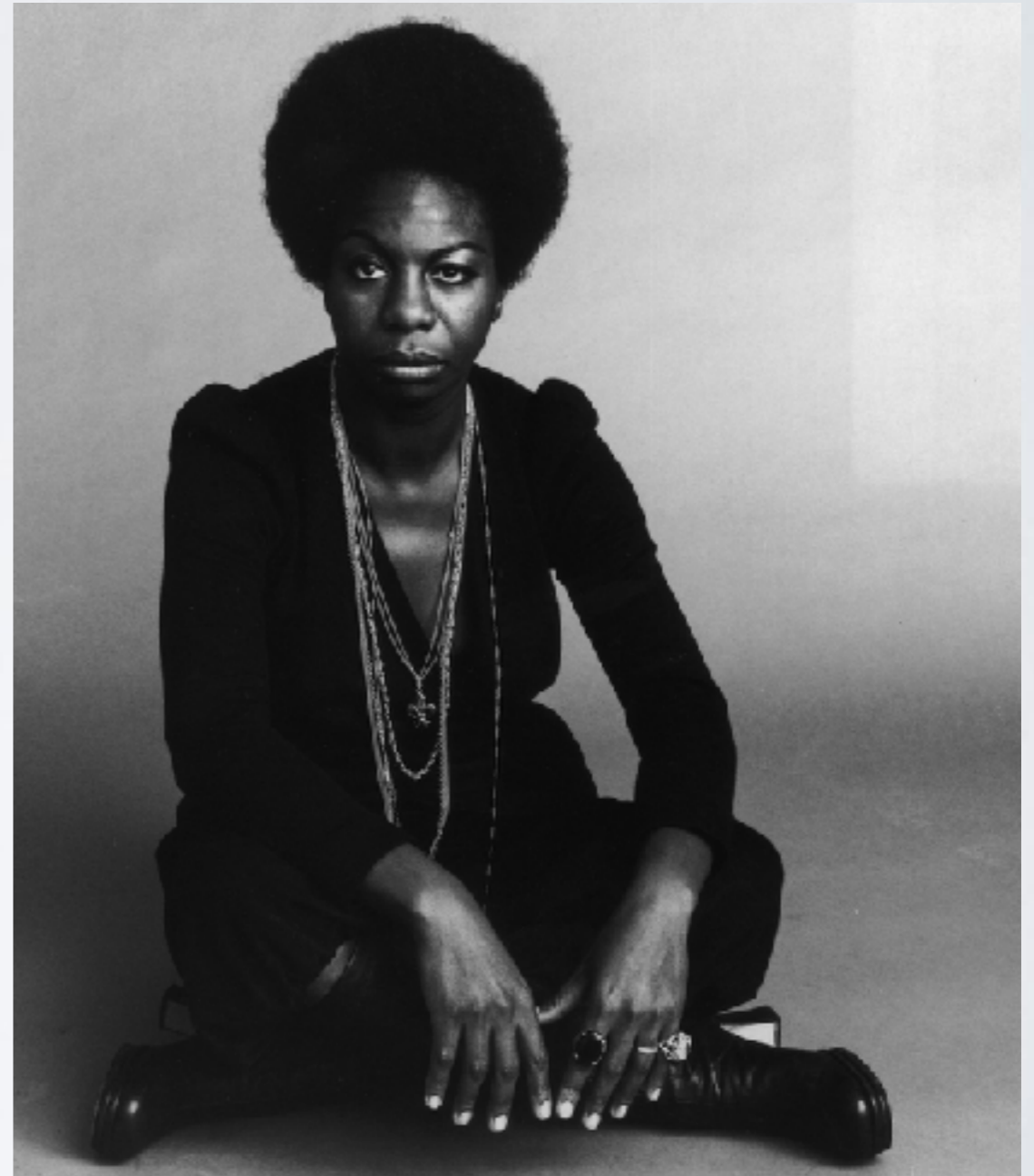


ELLA - SUMMERTIME

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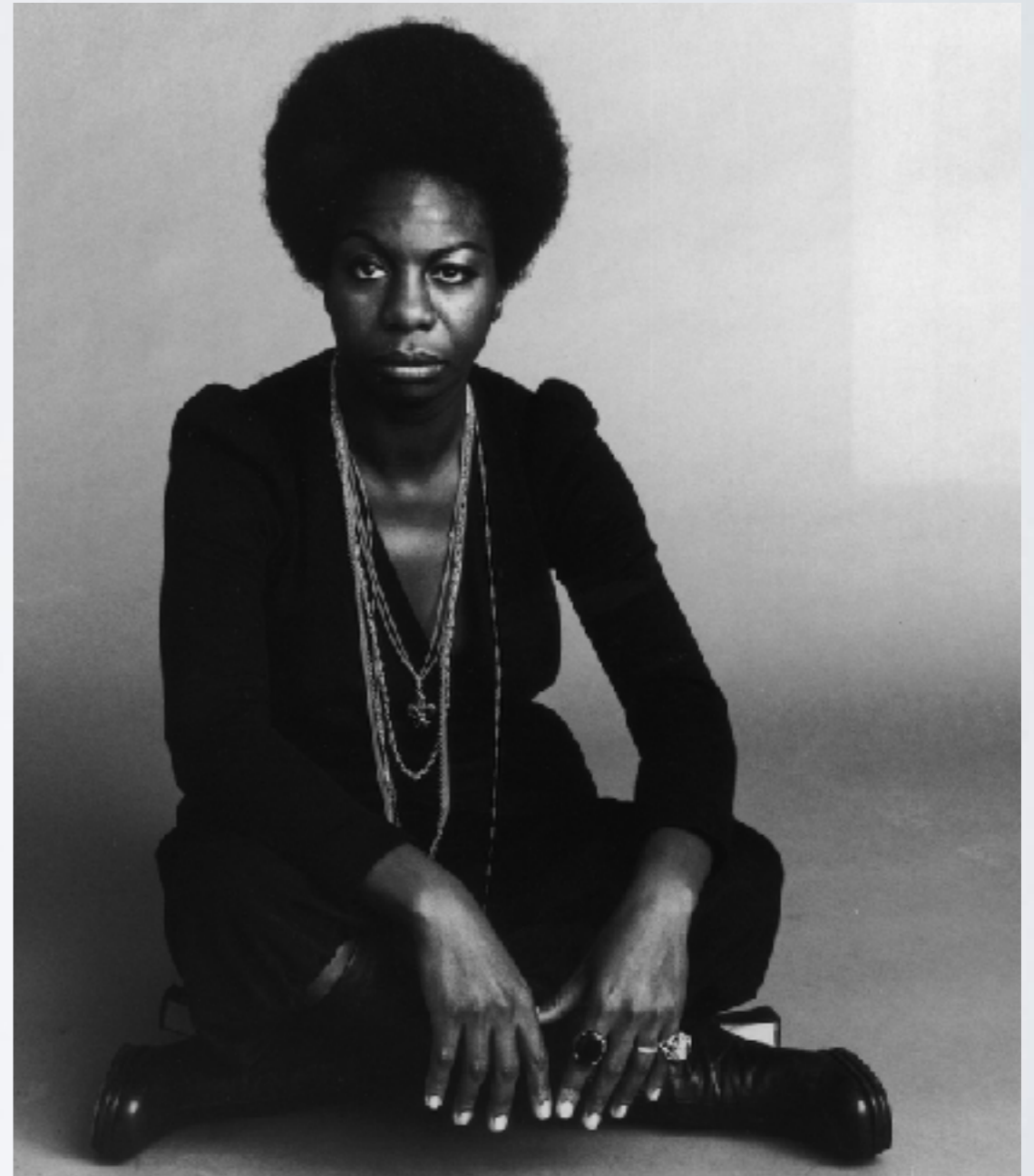
NINA SIMONE

- Pianist, vocalist, songwriter
- Known for singing “I Loves You, Porgy”
- Was politically active with songs like “To Be Young, Gifted and Black”
- Civil rights activist
- Birth name: Eunice Waymon
- Passed age 70



NINA SIMONE

I loves you, Porgy
Don't let him take me
Don't let him handle me and drive me mad
If you can keep me
I wanna stay here with you forever and I'll be glad
Yes, I loves you, Porgy
Don't let him take me
Don't let him handle me with his hot hands
If you can keep me
I wants to stay here with you forever
I've got my man
I love you, Porgy
Don't let him take me
Don't let him handle me and drive me mad
If you can keep me
I wanna stay here with you forever
I've got my man
Someday I know he's coming to call me
He's going to handle me and hold me soon
He's going to be like dying, Porgy
When he calls me
But when he comes I know I'll have to go
I love you, Porgy
Don't let him take me
Honey, don't let him handle me and drive me mad
If you can keep me
I wanna stay here with you forever
I've got my man





MARIA SCHNEIDER

- American composer and jazz orchestra leader
- Won multiple grammy awards
- Rejean Marois arranged her orchestral work “Winter Morning Walks” for Nite Cap at Capilano University



MARIA SCHNEIDER

- Maria Schneider Orchestra at the Jazz a Vienne “Hang gliding”





MARY LOU WILLIAMS

- American jazz pianist, arranger and composer
- Prodigy with perfect pitch and a highly developed musical memory by the age of 4
- Arranged for Ellington (bandleader, pianist), Louis Armstrong, Tommy Dorsey (swing big band leader), Benny Goodman (“King of Swing” big band leader, clarinetist), Cab Calloway (vocalist, dancer, bandleader)



MARY LOU WILLIAMS

- Made \$30/week for gigs that took her to Detroit, Chicago, and St. Louis
- 1926 dropped out of high school and married her band leader at the age of 16 names John Williams (saxophone player)





JENNIFER SCOTT

- Canadian singer and pianist born in Vancouver
- 11 Albums
- Scott grew up in Blueridge, a neighbourhood in the District of North Vancouver and now living in Vancouver



ANITA O'DAY

- American jazz singer known for her sense of “rhythm and dynamics”
- Fun fact: changed her surname from Colton to O'Day, which is pig latin for “dough”, slang for money





SARAH VAUGHAN

- American jazz singer, nicknamed “Sassy” and “The Divine One”
- Won 4 Grammy’s
 - Hall of Fame “If You Could See Me Now
 - Hall of Fame “Sarah Vaughan Remastered”
 - Lifetime Achievement
 - Jazz Vocal Performance, Female (Gershwin Live! Album)



BILLIE HOLIDAY

- African American jazz singer
- Nicknamed “Lady Day”
- Her autobiography is titled ***Lady Sings the Blues***
- Billie’s biggest selling record was “Strange Fruit” in 1939
- Passed at the age of 44
- Fact: Her father was only 15 and her mother was only 13 years old when Billie was born (1915)





BRIA SKONBERG

- Canadian trumpeter and singer - born and raised in Chilliwack BC
- Earned a JUNO Award for her album "Bria" in 2016
- Performs traditional jazz but is able to blend modern music to it as well



BRIA SKONBERG

“I play jazz because it's the closest I can get to flying.... spreading joy, relating the human experience, and putting good into the world to counteract the negative. I want to make music that makes people feel, and think.”

- Bria Skonberg



BRIA SKONBERG

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-IzNg3-7sjI>
- “Que Sera Sera” (Whatever Will Be Will Be)



JONI MITCHELL

- Canadian singer-songwriter in folk, pop/rock and jazz
- 9 Grammy awards, and induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
- Performed with Jaco Pastorius (Bassist), Wayne Shorter (saxophonist), and Herbie Hancock (pianist), Pat Metheny (guitarist)



JONI MITCHELL

- Performing the Dry Cleaner from Des Moines





INGRID JENSEN

- Canadian trumpet player born in North Vancouver
- Graduated from Berklee college
- Debut Album *Vernal Field* won a Juno Award



JILL TOWNSEND

- A prolific composer and arranger, Jill Townsend is the leader of the critically acclaimed Jill Townsend Jazz Orchestra.
- The Canadian National Jazz Awards twice nominated JTJO for Large Ensemble of the Year.
- Their most recent recording *Legacy, featuring the music of Ross Taggart* (Cellar Live 2015) presents new arrangements by Jill Townsend and Bill Coon and was voted #1 in CBC's "Top Ten Outstanding CD's of the Year"
- Jill received her Master of Music Degree from the University of Victoria.



JILL TOWNSEND

[https://
www.youtube.com/
watch?
v=ZQkbIa8U9CQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZQkbIa8U9CQ)

Jill Townsend Big Band
plays Jazz at The Pat -
Patricia Hotel



AMY WINEHOUSE

- British singer and songwriter
- Known for soul, blues and jazz
- Album Back to Black (2006) led to five grammy awards
- Passed aged 27



LADY GAGA

- American singer, songwriter and actress known for her versatility
- Cheek to Cheek (jazz album) with Tony Bennett
 - Consists of jazz standard by popular composers such as George Gershwin (pianist), Cole Porter (composer), Irving Berlin (composer)



BETTY CARTER

- American jazz singer known for her improvisational techniques imaginative interpretation on lyrics and melodies
- Born 1929, in Michigan - father was musical director of a church
- Grew up in a family where she was raised to be extremely independent



BETTY CARTER

- Book: Open the door (Biography of Betty Carter)
- “I have been far removed from my immediate family. There's been no real contact or phone calls home every week to find out how everybody is... As far as family is concerned, it's been a lonesome trek... It's probably just as much my fault as it is theirs, and I can't blame anybody for it. But there was... no real closeness, where the family urged me on, or said... 'We're proud'... and all that. No, no... none of that happened”



BETTY CARTER

- When she began performing live (age 16), she was too young to be admitted into bars, so she obtained a forged birth certificate to gain entry in order to perform.





NANCY WILSON

“In addition to being a revered vocalist, the Grammy Award-winning beauty was also a mother, an HBCU alum, a philanthropist and an actress. She touched millions around the world with her voice and her radiant spirit will forever live on in the hearts of those who loved her.”



NANCY WILSON

- American jazz singer who was the ultimate entertainer
- Her career spanned over five decades
- She won an Emmy Award for her 1974-1975 television program, The Nancy Wilson Show, and also landed roles as an actress on the big and small screens.
- She won three grammy awards
- She has her own star on the Hollywoods walk of Fame
- Passed of natural causes



NANCY WILSON

[https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=RRKP-qejvVU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RRKP-qejvVU)

“The Very Thought of You”



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