

Barbara Strozzi (1619-1677), unnamed in painting "The Viola da Gamba Player"



We have been led to believe that only men composed classical music-Bach, Beethoven, Brahms et al. But women have also written exceptional music; they have been overlooked in history—and on stamps as well.



Grazyny Bacewicz (1909–1969)



Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179), composer, writer, visionary, and mystic.



Galina Ustvolskaya (1919-2006), stamp from the micronation Musograd.

The women shown here are a few among others who have made a significant contribution to classical music and should not be forgotten.





Germaine Tailleferre (1892-1983), one of the group of French composers known as "Les Six"



Sisters Nadia (1887-1979) & Lili Boulanger (1893-1918) were both composers.

Clara Schumann (1819-

1896), overshadowed wife of

composer Robert Schumann.



Teresa Carreño (1853–1917); the stamp and label identify her as a great pianist, but ignore her abilities as a composer



Lou Koster (1889-1973), composer from Luxembourg.



Fanny Hensel-Mendelssohn (1805 -1847), overshadowed sister of composer Felix Mendelssohn.