

Notable Salonnières of the Classical and Romantic Eras

If you'd like to learn about more badass salonnières, here's a brief list of hostesses, musicians, and composers from the Classical and Romantic eras:

Paris

- Princess Cristina Trivulzio di Belgiojoso
- Winnaretta Singer, Princesse Edmond de Polignac - Romantic era; heir to the Singer sewing machine fortune
- Madame Germain de Stael - Her salons featured both the arts and intellectual/political discussions, and Napoleon supposedly banished her from France for educating people from lower classes about politics.
- Pauline Viardot-Garcia - a piano student of Liszt
- Madame Juliette Récamier
- Comtesse Merlin

Vienna

- Countess Wilhelmine von Thun - Helped pave the way for Mozart's success & fame and also promoted Beethoven's works
- Marianna Martines - Mozart & Handel regularly attended salons hosted by Marianna & her sister
- Aloysia, Konstanze, and Josepha Weber - Konstanze became W.A. Mozart's wife; all 3 sisters were talented sopranos
- Maria Theresia von Paradis
- Marianna von Auenbrugger
- Marie Bigot
- Josepha Auernhammer

Berlin

- Madame Sara Levy - Jewish; the great-aunt of Felix Mendelssohn; her husband was a flutist
- Clara Schumann - We mostly hear about her public career, but she hosted salons as well
- Fanny Mendelssohn - She primarily performed in salon concerts at her home