

**A List of Black Composers**  
(identified as such by the [Institute for Composer Diversity](https://www.instituteforcomposerdiversity.org/))  
**who have one or more scores available at [www.imslp.org](http://www.imslp.org)**

This is certainly not a comprehensive list of Black composers. It is meant to be a resource for those wishing to quickly access Black composers' scores free of charge, as a starting place for diversifying their performing and teaching repertoire.

I encourage you to seek out, teach, and perform music *not* in the public domain, including by living Black composers and other people of color, and to help ensure that these artists are recognized and compensated for their work.

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ALDRIDGE, AMANDA (AKA MONTAGUE RING) (d. 1956)

BLAND, JAMES A. (d. 1911)

BURLEIGH, HARRY (d. 1949)

COLERIDGE-TAYLOR, SAMUEL (d. 1912)

COOK, WILL MARION (d. 1944)

DAVIS, GUSSIE LORD (d. 1899)

DÉDÉ, EDMOND (d. 1903)

DETT, ROBERT NATHANIEL (d. 1943)

DOUGLASS, JOHN THOMAS (d. 1886)

EUROPE, JAMES REESE (d. 1919)

FREEMAN, HARRY LAWRENCE (d. 1954) (H. LAWRENCE FREEMAN)

HANDY, W. C. (d. 1958)

HAYDEN, SCOTT (d. 1915)

HOGAN, ERNEST (d. 1909)

HOLLAND, JUSTIN (d. 1887)

JACKSON, TONY (d. 1921)

JOHNSON, FRANCIS (d. 1844)

JOHNSON, J. ROSAMOND (d. 1954)

JOPLIN, SCOTT (d. 1917)

LAMBERT, LUCIEN-LÉON GUILLAUME (d. 1945)

LAMBERT, SIDNEY (d. 1905)

LUCAS, SAM (d. 1916)

MORTON, JELLY ROLL (d. 1941)

PRICE, FLORENCE B. (d. 1953)

SAINT-GEORGES GUADELOUPE, CHEVALIER DE (d. 1799)

SCOTT, JAMES (d. 1938)

SMITH, CHRIS (d. 1949)

STROTHOTTE, MAURICE ARNOLD (d. 1937)

WHITE, CLARENCE CAMERON (d. 1960)

WIGGINS, THOMAS (d. 1908)