

Black Women in Music

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Fine Arts Library

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**This display was created
in February 2011, in
commemoration of Black
History Month. Once again,
I filled the cases with
album covers, photos, cds,
books and other
memorabilia and added
quotes along the way.**



I hadn't set out to change the world in any way. Whatever I am, it is a culmination of the goodwill of people who, regardless of anything else, saw me as I am, and not as somebody else.

--Marian Anderson



If a song's about something I've experienced or that could've happened to me it's good. But if it's alien to me, I couldn't lend anything to it.

Because that's what soul is all about.

--Aretha Franklin



**I hate straight singing. I have to change a tune
to my own way of doing it. That's all I know.
--Billie Holiday**



**Accomplishments have no color.
-Leontyne Price**



The only thing better than singing is more singing.

--Ella Fitzgerald



How can you sing of amazing grace and all God's wonders without using your hands?

--Mahalia Jackson



**The question is not... if art is enough to fulfill my
life, but if I am true to the path I have set for
myself, if I am the best I can be in the things I do.
Am I living up to the reasons I became a singer
in the first place?
--Kathleen Battle**



**Years ago I learned to be totally responsible for
Dionne Warwick. I will not wait for opportunities.
I will create them.
--Dionne Warwick**



**I love to sing. It's the easiest thing for me to do.
--Chaka Khan**



**There are notes between notes, you know.
--Sarah Vaughan**



**Jazz is a white term to define black people. My music is black classical music.
--Nina Simone**



I wanna show that gospel, country, blues, rhythm and blues, jazz, rock 'n roll are all just really one thing. Those are the American music and that is the American culture.

--Etta James

