

This is a list of solo viola works by women composers, last updated in 2021. Feel free to use it for programming, and don't hesitate to reach out for suggestions or if you'd like to fund me to expand it with more titles.

Elaine Aberdam

Five Little Pieces for viola solo (1988)

Armine Abrahamyan (b.1978)

Sonata for Viola Solo, 2004

Monolog for Viola Solo, 2005

Luna Alcalay (1928–2012)

Gyroskop for viola solo (1998); Edition HH; Music Information Centre Austria

un sogno à tre for flute, viola and harp (1990); Music Information Centre Austria

Olivia Alcatraz-Bernabo

Monologue for viola solo (2017); Editions Gérard Billaudot

Eveline Accart (1921–2015)

Sonata for solo viola (published 1974); Éditions Gérard Billaudot; Éditions Françaises de Musique; Theodore Presser

Liana Alexandra (1947–2011)

Quasi Cadenza for violin or viola solo, Op. 27 (1983)

İpek Mine Altinel (b. 1966)

Viyola için Müzik (Music for Viola) for viola solo (2000)

Elinor Armer (b. 1939)

Taking the Waters on Oling Island for viola solo; The American Viola, J.B. Elkus & Son; MMB Music

Beth Anderson - Harold

MAY SWALE (viola) commissioned by Mimi Dye, premiered by Mimi Dye at Old First Church in San Francisco on 5/30/97

Lera Auerbach (b. 1973)

Monologue for viola solo, Op. 38 (1997); Hans Sikorski

Allyson Applebaum

Soliloquy*

Eleanor Aversa

Fort Etude #3 for brave solo viola 2.30" (2020) Premiered by Jonathan Vinocour as part of the San Francisco Symphony 1:1 concert series, 7/16/20

Svitlana Azarova

I fell into the sky... 3' (2011)

Grażyna Bacewicz (1909–1969)

Sonata for viola solo (1958); Polskie Wydawnictwo Muzyczne
Polish Caprice

Alexis Bacon

Elegy solo viola version (2015) 5'
Sonata for solo viola (2014) 14'

Rasa Bartkevičiūtė (b. 1967); Rasa Bartkevičiūtė at the Lithuanian Music Information and
Publishing Centre

Solo for viola solo (1994)

Carin Bartosch Edström (b. 1965)

Happiness Is a G-String for viola solo (1996); Swedish Music Information Centre

Sally Beamish (b. 1956); Scottish Music Centre

Ariel for viola solo (2012)
Halbkreis (1982)
Pennillion for viola solo (1998)
The Wise Maid (1998)
That Recent Earth for viola solo (2003)
Glanz (2016)

Janet Beat (b. 1937)

Circe for viola solo (1974); Bastet Productions; Furore Verlag

Lisa Beilawa (b. 1968)

Synopsis #9: I don't even play the bassoon (2006-2009)

Hilat Ben-Kennaz – הילת בן קנז (b. 1970)

Question Mark for viola solo (2007); Israeli Music Center

Noa Blass – נעה בלאס; Noa Blass website

Eight Inventions for viola solo (1994); Or-Tav Music Publications

Annesley Black

Maiko (2006) 15'

Sylvie Bodorova (b. 1954)

Gila Rome: Meditation for Viola solo (1980)

Victoria Bond (b. 1945)

Insects for solo electric viola (1996); Protone Music
Jasmine Flower (茉莉花; Moli Hua) for viola solo (1999); Protone Music

Marie- Pierre Brassat

Solitude/Yielding, musique pour danse, alto solo, 8min.

Charlotte Bray

In Black light, (2018) for Solo Viola, 8'

Elegy for George,(2005) solo viola, 8'

Amelia Brey

admiT (2019) 4'

Carolyn Waters Broe

Tokudo, The Gate of Enlightenment for viola solo (1983); Classics Unlimited Music

Hora-Dance Around the Pillar of Ashera

Diana Burrell (b. 1948)

Songs for Harvey for viola solo (1988); United Music Publishers

Britta Byström (b. 1977)

Dream Day for viola solo (2013); Edition Wilhelm Hansen

Ann Callaway (b. 1949)

Chorale for viola solo (1993); J.B. Elkus Music; Subito Music

Edith Canat de Chizy (b. 1950)

Lament (2016)

Gila (Gillian) Carcas

Triskele (1993), 6' for solo viola

Christine Elise Chen

love letters and other mysteries -1. Letter to Andrew, for viola

Anna Clyne

Reveal (2020) 6' solo viola

Manena Contreras (b. 1966)

Fantasia (2004)

Katherine Corecig (b. 1980); Katherine Corecig website

Degustation, 7 Courses for viola solo (2011)

Cecilia Damstroem (b. 1988)

Loco viola solo op.17 (2010)

Violeta Dinescu

Din cimoiu (unpublished)

Megan DiGeorgio

confined tides (2018) solo viola 5'

Sarah DuBois (b. 1951); Sarah DuBois website

Midnight Partita for viola solo (2013)

3 Movements for viola solo (2004)

Sonata for viola solo (2001)

Reena Esmail (b. 1983)

Take what you need (2016)

Eibhlís Farrell (b. 1953)

Penelope Weaving for viola solo (1994); Ireland Contemporary Music Centre

Suzanne Farrin

Some were from sooner than that, for viola <http://suzannefarrin.com/music.html>

Amanda Feery (b. 1984)

Boreal for viola solo (2010); Ireland Contemporary Music Centre

Elaine Fine (b. 1959)

Sephardic Suite (2003)

Vivian Fine (1913–2000)

The Song of Persephone for solo viola (1964); Catamount Facsimile Edition

Graciane Finzi (b. 1945); Graciane Finzi website

Ainsi la Vie for viola solo (1991); Éditions Durand; United Music Publishers

Elena Firsova (b. 1950)

Suite for viola solo, Op. 2 (1967); Meladina Press; Hans Sikorski

Lillian Fuchs (1901–1995)

12 Caprices for unaccompanied viola (1950); G. Schirmer

15 Characteristic Studies for unaccompanied viola (1956); Oxford University Press

16 Fantasy Etudes for unaccompanied viola (1959); International Music Company

Sonata Pastorale for unaccompanied viola (1953); Associated Music Publishers

Odette Gartenlaub (1922–2014)

Étude concertante for viola solo (1984); Éditions Gérard Billaudot; United Music Publishers

Ada Gentile (b. 1947)

Per viola sola for viola solo (1987); Ricordi

Barbara Giuranna

Solo per viola (Italian, 1899-1998)

Rosemary Glyde (1948–1994)

Wei-ji, Suite for 4 violas (1993)

Whydah, Fantasia for viola solo (1993)

Konstantia Gourzi (b.1962)

Evening at the window, op. 75 (2017/18) 10'

Náraon, the Angel in the Yellow Garden, op. 64 (2015/16) 6'

Nine lullabies for a new world - Hommage à J.S. Bach, op.49 (2012) 10'

Sängerin der Komischen Oper, op.23 (2004) 12'

Amanda Harberg (b. 1973); Amanda Harberg website

For Sydney (2011)

Sadie Harrison (b. 1965)

3 Dances for Diana Nemorensis for viola solo (2013); University of York Music Press

Allah Hu (2014)

Barbara Heller (b. 1936)

Nah oder fern (Near or Far) for viola solo (1982, 1987–1988); Moeck Verlag; Edition Schott

Alice Ping Yee Ho (b. 1960); Alice Ping Yee Ho website

With These Tears... for viola solo (2001)

Margriet Hoenderdos (1952–2010); Margriet Hoenderdos website

December '02 for viola solo (2002)

Februari '03 for viola solo (2003)

Lex inertiae No. 2 for viola solo (1989)

Imogen Holst (1907–1984)

Suite for viola solo (1930); British Music Information Centre

Rachel Holstead (b. 1978)

Refrain for viola solo (2001–2002); Ireland Contemporary Music Centre

Chiayu Hsu (b.1965)

12 Signs (2008)

Betsy Jolas (b. 1926); Betsy Jolas website

Episode sixième for viola solo (1984); Alphonse Leduc

Elena Kats-Chernin (b. 1957)

Three Interludes for solo viola (2000, 2003); Boosey & Hawkes; Australian Music Centre

Rag Interlude

Tranquil Interlude

Naive Interlude

Tonia Ko
Soothe a Tooth (2020) 5'

Barbara Kolb (b. 1939)
Cavatina for violin or viola solo (1983, revised 1985); Boosey & Hawkes

Veronika Krausas (b. 1963)
Inside the Stone for viola solo (1997); Canadian Music Centre

Catherine Lamb
dove
of animal (2011/13)

Cristina Landuzzi (b. 1961)
Sarabande for viola solo (1996); Edizioni Suvini Zerboni

Anne Leilehua Lanzilotti (b. 1983)
ko'u inoa (2017)

Libby Larsen (b. 1950)
Stunned (2017)

Anne Lauber (b. 1943)
Quatre pensées (Four Thoughts) for viola solo (1990); Canadian Music Centre

Elodie Lauten (1950–2014)
Prophecy for viola solo (1999)

Tania León (b. 1943)
Hebras d' Luz (Threads of Light) for electric viola (2004)

Liza Lim (b. 1966)
Amulet for viola solo (1992); G. Ricordi London; Australian Music Centre
The Su Song Star Map (2017/2019)

Carey Lovelace
Rising

Enid Luff (b. 1935)
Viola Lullaby for viola solo (1996); Primavera; Welsh Music Information Centre

Elisabeth Lutyens (1906–1983)
Echo of the Wind for viola solo, Op. 157 (1981); University of York Music Press
Sonata for viola solo, Op. 5 No. 4 (1938); Alfred Lengnick

Elizabeth Maconchy (1907–1994)
5 Pieces for viola solo (1937)

5 Sketches for viola solo (1983); Chester Music

Ursula Mamlok (1923–2016)

From My Garden for viola solo (1965); C.F. Peters
Composition for viola solo*

Pamela J. Marshall (b. 1954)

Rising for viola solo (2009); Spindrift Music

Diana McIntosh

gut reaction (1986)

Polina Medyulyanova – Полина Медюлянова (b. 1974); Polina Medyulyanova at the Living Composers Project

Scherzo for viola solo (1994)

Sonia Megías López (b. 1982); Sonia Megías López website

¡La Viola suena!, Cycle for viola (1999–2000)

Celta for viola solo (1999)

Krisztina Megyeri (b. 1974); Krisztina Megyeri at the Budapest Music Centre

Preludium and Lament for viola solo (1999)

Mela Meierhans (b. 1961)

LaUtDeMiLa for viola solo (1992–1993); Tre Media Musikverlage

Ella Milch-Sheriff (b. 1954)

Longing (געגועים) for viola solo (2005)

Barbara Monk Feldman (b. 1953)

Movement for solo viola (1979); Canadian Music Centre

Rita Monkovich – ריטה מונקוביץ (b. 1954)

Capriccio for Richard (קפריצ'יו לריצ'רד) for viola solo (1994); Israeli Music Center

Jessie Montgomery (b. 1981)

Rhapsody No.1 (2014)

Rhapsody No.2 (2020)

Chloe Moon (b. 1952)

Five Miniatures for solo viola (1972); Centre for New Zealand Music

Impressions for solo viola (1987); Centre for New Zealand Music

Geraldine Mucha (1917–2012)

Sonatina for viola (1945)

Florentine Mulsant (b. 1962)

Thème et variations (Theme and Variations) for viola solo, Op. 62 (2016); Furore Verlag
Vocalise for viola solo, Op. 53 (2014); Furore Verlag

Thea Musgrave (b. 1928)
In the Still of the Night for viola solo (1997); Novello & Co.

Jody Nagel (b. 1960)
Vortex for viola solo (1993); Jomar Press

Elisabeth Naske (b. 1963)
Kamfu - wie das Leben so spielt for viola solo

Olga Neuwirth
Weariness heals wounds I (2014) for viola

Maria Newman (b. 1962); Maria Newman Website
Dances for Deliverance for viola solo (1990)
Othmar

Nokuthula Ngwenyama (b. 1977)
Sonoram Storm (2016)

Maria A. Niederberger (b. 1949); Maria A. Niederberger website
Petite Suite for viola solo (1996); The American Viola. New Works for Viola Solo; J.B. Elkus & Son; MMB Music

Irina Odăgescu-Țuțuianu (b. 1937)
Melos, Sonata for viola solo, Op. 48 (1982); Editura Muzicală

Betty Olivero (b. 1954); Betty Olivero website
Per Viola (לויולה) for viola solo (1993); Israel Music Institute

Michiru Ōshima (b. 1961)
Viola Sonata (ビオラソナタ) (2013)
In the Kitchen for viola solo (2015); composed for Sylvain Duranetel and La Cuisine à l'alto

Sıdıka Özdil (b. 1960)
Bir Türk Halk Dansı Üzerine Çeşitlemeler (Variations on a Turkish Folk Dance) for viola solo (1986)

Carolina Noguera Palau (b. 1979)
Elegia Errante (2009)

Isabelle Panneton (b. 1955)
Pièce brève for viola solo (1981, revised 1994); Canadian Music Centre

Roxanna Panufnik (b. 1968)

Canto for viola solo (2018)

Krinió Papastávrou

Divertimento for viola solo; Bardic Edition

Jeong Eun Park (b. 1979)

Mook Nyum (A Moment of Silence) for solo viola (2001); American Viola Society Publications

Kye Ryung Park

Viola Sanjo for viola solo (2003)

Barbara Pentland (1912–2000)

Variations for viola solo (1965); Canadian Music Centre

Carmen Petra-Basacopol (b. 1926)

Confesiuni (Confessions) for viola solo, Op. 132 (2011); Editura Muzicală

Anna Pidgorna (b. 1985)

The Child, Bringer of Light (2013)

Katalin Pócs (b. 1963); Katalin Pócs at the Budapest Music Centre

Darab brácsára (Piece for Viola) for viola solo (1998)

Claire Polin (1926–1995)

Pièce d'Encore for solo viola (1976); Seesaw Music

Serpentine, Lyrical Instances for solo viola and imaginary dancer (1972); Seesaw Music

Roswitha Popp (b. 1953); Roswitha Popp webpages (in German)

Études de Concert Brillante for viola solo; Sternscher Musikverlag

Marta Ptaszyńska (b. 1943); Marta Ptaszyńska webpage

Elegia in Memoriam John Paul II for viola solo (2005); Polskie Wydawnictwo Muzyczne

Marie-Christine Raboud-Theurillat (b. 1948); Marie-Christine Raboud-Theurillat at Musinfo

Viola, 4 Movements for viola solo, Op. 45 (2007)

Erika Radermacher (b. 1936); Erika Radermacher at Musinfo

2 Impromptus for viola solo (1996)

Priaultx Rainier (1903–1986)

Solo Suite for cello or viola solo (1963–1965); Schott Music

Shulamit Ran (b. 1949)

Perfect Storm for viola solo (2010); Theodore Presser Company

Gitty Razaz (b. 1986)
Songs & Whispers (2019)
Spellbound (2020)

Barbara Redman (b. 1954)
Crossing the Bar (2017/2018)
Mutt Strutt (2014)
The Dream (2020)
Elegy for solo viol (2015/2019)
Rejoicing (2019)
Maggie (2020)
Lamentation (2020)

Freylach Medley (2017)
Quest for peace (2019)

Michèle Reverdy (b. 1943)
Rencontres for viola solo (1994); Gérard Billaudot

Emma-Ruth Richards; Emma-Ruth Richards website
Hora Spoitorilor for viola solo (2012)
Namaz (Prayer) for viola solo (2012)

Marga Richter (1926–2020)
Darkening of the Light for viola solo (1961); Carl Fischer
Suite for solo viola (1962); Harold Branch Publishing; Carl Fischer

Lucia Ronchetti (b. 1963); Lucia Ronchetti website
Requiem for viola solo (1982, revised 2006)
A Solo from Last Desire for viola solo (2005)
Studi profondi for viola solo (1984)

Kateřina Růžičková (b. 1973)
Něco pro violu (Something for Viola) for viola solo (1995); SelfPrint Music

Aziza Sadikova (b. 1978); Aziza Sadikova at the Living Composers Project
Entfernung for viola solo (2003); Ries & Erler Musikverlag

Virginia Samuel
For Solo Viola for viola solo (1983)

Tona Scherchen (b. 1938)
Lien (恋) for viola solo (1973); Universal Edition

Ruth Schonthal
Four Epiphanies

Ewa Serafin (b. 1955)

Notturmo for viola solo (2004); Music Information Centre Norway

Judith Shatin (b. 1949)

L'étude du Cœur for viola solo (1983, revised 1987); C.F. Peters

Caroline Shaw (b. 1982)

in manus tuas for cello or viola solo (2009)

Alice Shields

SRI MATA - viola solo (2015)

Arlene Sierra

Cricket-Viol for solo Viola/Voice (2010)

Faye-Ellen Silverman (b. 1947)

Memories for solo viola (1974); Seesaw Music

Emily Singleton (b. 2002)

In our Walk (2019) 9'

Bettina Skrzypczak (b. 1962); Bettina Skrzypczak website

Arcato for viola solo (2000); Ricordi Verlag, München

Dina Smorgonskaya – Дина Михайловна Сморгонская (b. 1947)

Suite (Сюита) for viola solo (1976)

Marcelle Soulage (1894–1970)

Sonata in F major for viola solo, Op. 43 (1921); Buffet-Crampon, Paris

Ann Southam

Re-Tuning (1988)

Carolyn Sparey (b. 1946)

Fragment 1: Kalimát-i-Maknúnih (The Hidden Words) for viola solo (2002); Scottish Music Centre

Fragment 2: Haft-Vadi (The Seven Valleys) for viola solo (2005); Scottish Music Centre

Fragment 3: Meditation on "As a Lamp" for viola solo (2004); Scottish Music Centre

Fragment 4: Meditation on "The Love of Bahá" for viola solo (2002); Scottish Music Centre

Fragment 5: Meditation on "Arise" for viola solo (2002); Scottish Music Centre

Fragment 6: Meditation on "As God Is My Witness" for viola solo (2002); Scottish Music Centre

Les Planchistes de Paris au Musée d'Art Moderne (The Skateboarders of Paris at the Musée d'Art Moderne) for viola solo (2004); Scottish Music Centre

Path to Bahá for viola solo (1999); Scottish Music Centre

Seven Folk Songs for viola solo (2000); Scottish Music Centre

Iris Szeghy (b. 1956); Iris Szeghy website

Ciaccona (Chaconne) for viola solo (1991); Tonger Verlag

Dobrinka Tabakova (b. 1980)

Pirin Suite for Solo Viola (1999); Valonius Press

Hilary Tann (b. 1947)

The Cresset Stone, Meditation for solo viola (1993); Oxford University Press

Phyllis Tate (1911–1987)

Variations for viola solo (1970); Oxford University Press

Daniela Terranova (b. 1977)

Colore d'ombra for viola solo; Bèrben Edizioni Musicali

Jamie Thierman

Requiescat in Pace (2010)

Anna S. Þorvaldsdóttir (b. 1977)

Emotional Landscape of a Charmed Friendship for viola solo (2006); Íslensk Tónverkamiðstöð

Augusta Read Thomas (b. 1964)

Dream Catcher for viola solo (2008); original for violin; G. Schirmer

Incantation for viola solo (1995, 2002); original for violin; G. Schirmer

Pulsar for viola solo (2003); original for violin; G. Schirmer

Rainbow Bridge to Paradise (2016)

Venus Enchanted (2016)

Pulsar (2003)

Capricious Toccata (2015)

Rhea Enchanted (2016)

Janet Owen Thomas (1961-2002)

Partita (1994)

Anna Thorvaldsdóttir (b. 1977)

Sola (2019)

Transitions (2019)

Katia Tiutiunnik (b. 1967)

Al-Hisar for viola solo (2001); Australian Music Centre

Dumuzi's Embrace for viola solo (2018); Australian Music Centre

Prayer for viola solo (2002); Australian Music Centre

White Night for viola solo (2006); Australian Music Centre

Karmella Tsepikolenko (b. 1955)

Solo-Momento No. 3 (Соло-Моменто №3) for viola solo (2003)

Calliope Tsouropaki – Καλλιόπη Τσουπάκη (b. 1963); Calliope Tsouropaki website
Enigma for viola solo (1999); Donemus

Sara Scott Turner (b. 1926)
Reflections I & II for viola solo (1990); Canadian Music Centre

Nancy Van de Vate (b. 1930); Nancy Van de Vate website
6 Etudes for solo viola (1969); Arsis Press
Suite for solo viola (1975); American Composers Alliance

Judit Varga (b. 1979); Judit Varga website
10 Portraits for viola solo (2010)
Unausgesprochen for viola solo (2004)

Mariana Villanueva
Medea

Marina Vlad (b. 1949); Marina Vlad at the Living Composers Project
Natură moartă V (Still Life V) for viola solo (1999)

Sláva Vorlová (1894–1973); Sláva Vorlová information at www.kapralova.org
Fantasie na lidovou píseň z XV. století (Fantasy on a 15th-Century Czech Folk Song)
for viola solo, Op. 33 (1953); Český Hudební Fond

Aleksandra Vrebalov (b. 1970)
Spell No. 7 for viola solo (2016); Composers Edition 8'

Melia Watras (b. 1969); Melia Watras website
Photo by Mikel for viola solo (2012)
Prelude for viola solo (2014)
Sonata for viola solo (2012)

Katharina Weber (b. 1958); Katharina Weber at Musinfo
Ankunft-Abkunft for viola solo (1997)

Stephanie Wiener
Sonata in D

Ruth Wiesenfeld (b.1972)
SPYR (2014)

Katrina Wreede (b. 1960); Katrina Wreede website
Bop Caprice I for solo viola (1991)
Bop Caprice II for solo viola (1992)
Invocation #3 for solo viola (1998)
Romp for solo viola (1996)

Xu Yi – 徐儀 (b. 1963); Xu Yi website
Qing for viola solo (2009); Éditions Henry Lemoine

Akiko Yamane – 山根明季子 (b. 1982); Akiko Yamane website
Curiouser and Curiouser! (キュリオサー & キュリオサー !) for viola solo (2011)
Windingly Moving Object β (うねうねとうごくオブジェ β) for viola solo (2009)

Rachel Yatzkan (b. 1968)
Viola Solo for viola solo (1994); Edition Samfundet

Judith Lang Zaimont (b. 1945); Judith Lang Zaimont website
Astral – A Mirror Life on the Astral Plane for viola solo (2004); Jeanné Music Publications

Inessa Zaretsky (b. 1964); Inessa Zaretsky website
Humoresque for viola solo

Ruth Zechlin (1926–2007); Ruth Zechlin website
In Memoriam Witold Lutosławski for viola solo (1995); Ries & Erler Musikverlag

Lidia Zielińska (b. 1953)
Glossa for violin or viola solo (1986); Brevis, Poznań

Grete von Zieritz (1899–2001)
Suite for viola solo, Op. 141 (1976); Astoria Verlag

Links:

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