

A Distaff Brass Band Bibliography

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Ladies Ideal Band, Mauston, Wisconsin, 1888

To mark International Women's Day, 2023, here is a list of books, articles and other publications which relate to female brass players and their ensembles. These 271 items have been selected from the Brass Band Bibliography, currently with 12,700 entries.

Although aspects of female instrumentalists and their role in bands are included in many other publications, these are the only ones with a direct focus on the topics. This is far from comprehensive, however, and there will be many more articles, particularly in the brass band press over the years, which are absent.

I have particularly found the stories of the early female bands and soloists to be inspiring and hope to continue to document them in various ways in my own works.

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