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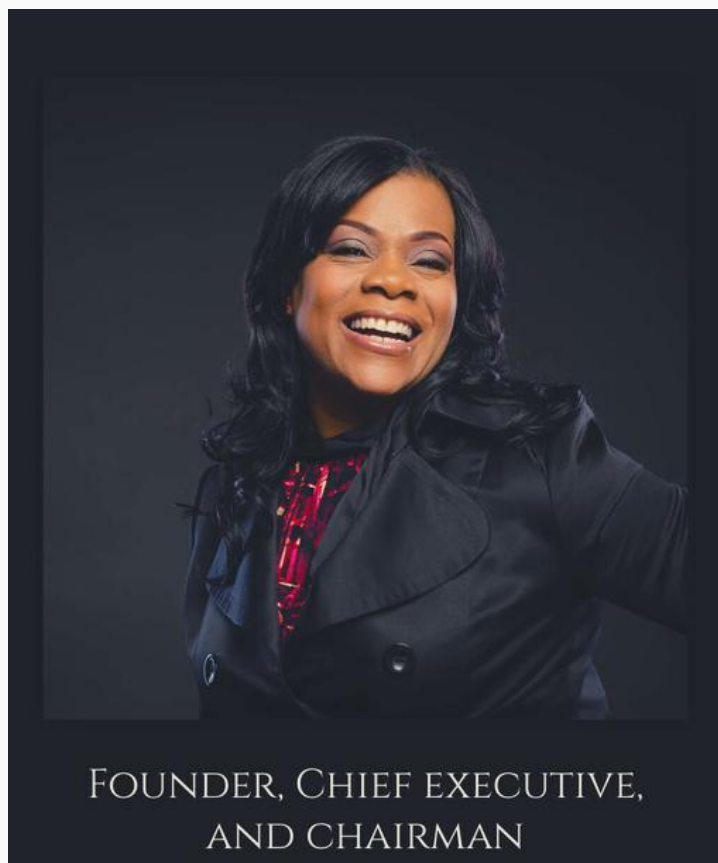


Happy New Year...Almost!

BY DR. JANICE MCLEAN DELOATCH

Hello! We are so happy you are here! Women Songwriters is headed into its 3rd year of highlighting incredible women in music! Some name you recognize and some maybe not! But all have left an indelible mark on the music industry. Women Songwriters Hall of Fame's mission is to honor women whose work represents the heritage and legacy of the World's music songbook. Right now women make up 21.7 % of artists, 12.5% are songwriters and only 2.7% are producers.

Wow.."incredible!" is what you are thinking right?! (continued pg. 2)



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With Valuable Partners, Corporate Sponsors and supporters like you, we can open doors for others who otherwise would not get the experience of being mentored by some of the best Songwriters in the Music Industry.

You can support Scholarships, The WSHOF Annual Awards Ceremony, be a travel sponsor, a program menu sponsor, WSHOF Museum Sponsor or maybe have your own wing in the Museum.

The mission of Women Songwriters Hall of Fame is to honor women whose work represents the heritage and legacy of the world's music songbook.

Women Songwriters Hall of Fame celebrates established women songwriters, but also serves as a resource for developing new songwriting talent through workshops, showcases, discovery and scholarship. Women Songwriters Hall of Fame seeks to be a resource and to host an Award Show, Give Scholarships to women who want to pursue music and exhibit our museum collection honoring great women honorees in music.

In the first year of WSHOF 2021 - We held the first Women Songwriters Hall of Fame Awards on June 25, 2021 at the Women's Museum of the Arts in Washington, DC. The Honorees for 2021 were: Roberta Flack, Valerie Simpson, Naomi Judd, The Go-Go's, Klymaxx(Cheryl Cooley -Accepting), Dawn Lewis, Jekalyn Carr, Dr. Veryl Howard, Bunny Hull, Tawatha Agee, Mary Chapin Carpenter and others.

The first award ceremony was well-attended with participants coming from California, Texas, Delaware, Boston, New Jersey, Florida, New York, Maryland, Washington, DC, Connecticut, Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit and Jamaica. The evening also exceeded expectations during the 2019-COVID Pandemic period shift to in-person attendance.

Women Songwriters has also celebrated two other milestones since our Inaugural Awards Ceremony was held on June, 25, 2021.

December, 2021 saw the Winter Social Songwriting Mixer in Washington, DC with new songs written and performed by Lisa Marie Williams, Jessica Ricca, Kanysha Williams, Brianna Knight, Susan Dalzell and Robin Sailor Zander with the winner announced being Jessica Ricca and Kanysha Williams.

We also Honored and Celebrated our Inaugural Lifetime Achievement and Legacy Honorees - Dr. Cynthia Biggs El and Dee Dee Sharp. These ladies have combined celebrated over 50+ years in music with Dee Dee Sharp in an upcoming movie that looks at the life of Muhammed Ali.

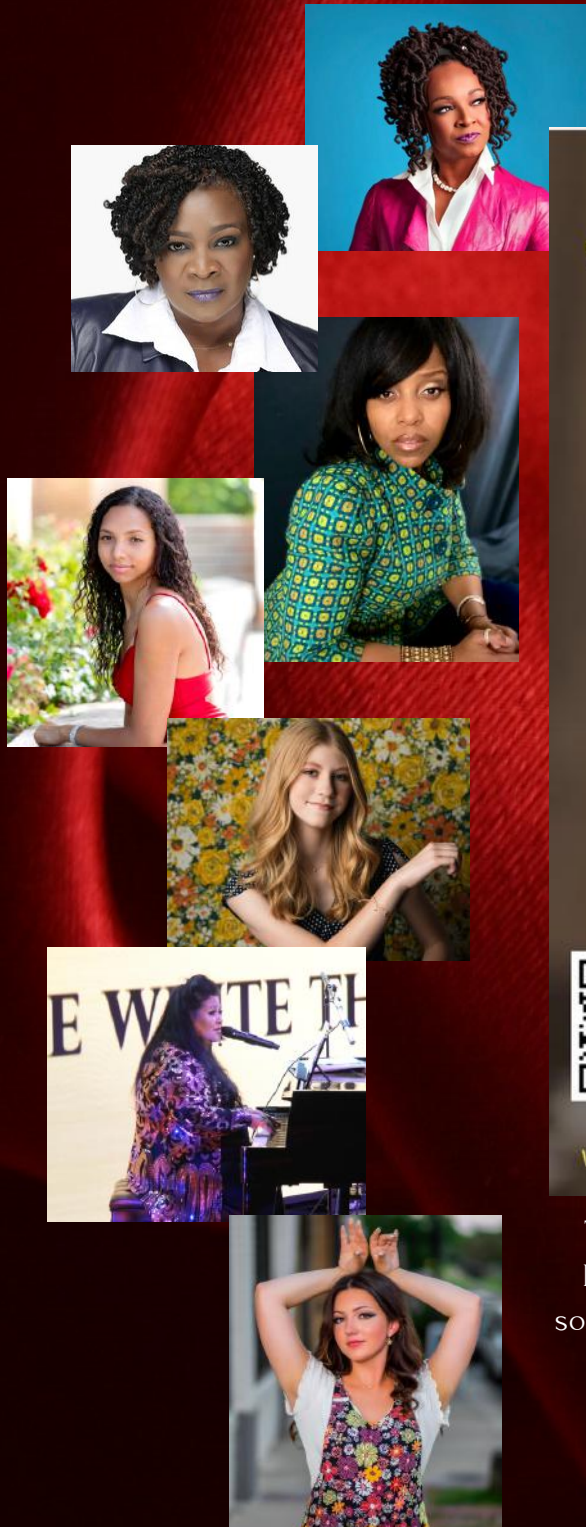
The other milestone over the last 2 years - The 2nd Annual Women Songwriters Hall of Fame Awards held on August 27, 2022 at George Washington University in Washington, DC. The Honorees Inducted for 2022 included: DOE, Loretta Lynn, Gloria Estefan, Marilyn Bergman, Rose Marie McCoy, Siedah Garrett, Jody Watley, Junko Yagami and The Indigo Girls. We celebrated an amazing, inspiring performance and acceptance speech by DOE in Washington DC. Award Acceptance on behalf of Rose Marie McCoy by Isidro Otis and Arlene Corsano. We were treated to amazing acceptance speeches by Jody Watley, Siedah Garrett, Gloria Estefan and Alan & Julie Bergman on behalf of the late Marilyn Bergman. We also want to thank Ms. Barbra Streisand on the video she sent on behalf of Marilyn Bergman. The video showed the power and impact of what true friendships and relationships can look like. Lastly, we were allowed the opportunity to see and hear performances by Tayla Lynn and Tre Twitty, Renee Crutchfield, TeCheetah Lopez, Susan Dalzell, Keyondra Lockett and Lisa Marie Williams.

So as we look ahead to the 3rd year of Women Songwriters Hall of Fame's Annual Award Ceremony and Summer Songwriting Mixer. We hope we can count on your support to increase awareness and support for women in music.

HERE'S TO WSHOF 2023!!

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songwriters: Siedah Garrett, Raja-Nee', NES, Allie McIntosh,
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ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS & PROJECTS



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Subscribe to our website at www.womensongwritershalloffame.org for announcements and updates about the 2023 Songwriting Social Mixer & Award Show happening Friday, June 23rd and Saturday June 24th, 2023!

THE INDUCTEES - WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW?

WSHOF Was Mentioned

In Billboard, Rolling Stone Magazine, Vanity Fair, Forbes and many more in 2021- 2022!

Wiki News

Highlights 2022 Women Songwriters Hall of Fame Honorees and Legends.

Jody Watley



Our host of the 2021 WSHOF Award show was a recipient and inductee in the 2022 Women Songwriter Hall of Fame. Since then, she has received an Honorary Doctorate in Business and the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award from President Biden. Prior major award was the 1988 Grammy Award for Best New Artist

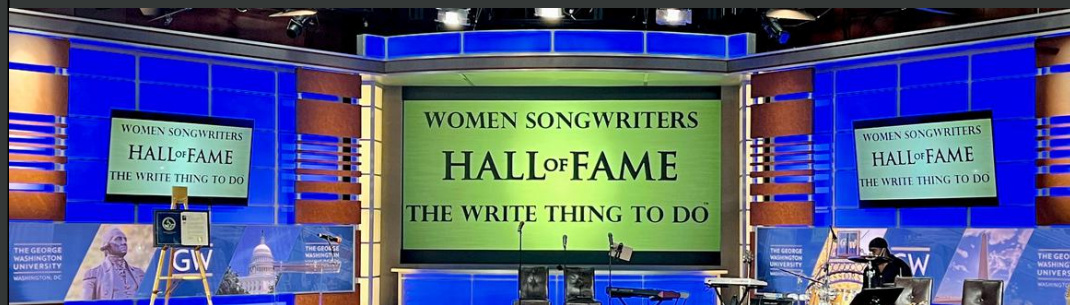
Barbra Streisand endorses Marilyn Bergman

with the most memorable and arguably her best endorsement ever! Marilyn posthumously received the WSHOF Award in 2022.

In September 2022, the ASCAP Foundation gifted a scholarship in the name of Marilyn and Alan Bergman. Prior major award was the 2004 Lifetime Achievement Awards.



WSHOF takes a look at what history making 2021 and 2022 Hall of Fame Inductees have been up to since winning the coveted Women Songwriter Hall of Fame Honor & Award!



Valerie Simpson (2021 WSHOF Honoree) was the Special Guest of 2022 Aretha Franklin Honors. Prior major award was 2018 ASCAP Award



Indigo Girls (2022 WSHOF Honoree) is currently on a worldwide tour garnering SOLD OUT CONCERTS! Prior major award was (year?) Grammy for Best New Artist.



DOE (2022 WSHOF Honoree) Latest Single "When I Pray" goes to #1 on both Billboard's Gospel Airplay and MediaBase Gospel Chart.



Gloria Estefan (2022 WSHOF Honoree) was featured in the 2022 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York. Prior major award was 2017 Kennedy Center Honors, Latin Music Honors among others.



Siedah Garrett (2022 WSHOF Honoree) We hear she is doing music for Broadway and is working on the soundtrack from Steven Spielberg's the Color Purple.



Junko Yagami (2022 WSHOF Honoree) Released her new Album titled "Terra" and has been touring.



WSHOF HONOREE

2021 Inductee to the Women Songwriters Hall of Fame.

Roberta Cleopatra Flack

Is a GRAMMY® Award Winning singer and songwriter. She was the first artist to win the GRAMMY Award for Record of the Year in two consecutive years.

No. 1 Singles

"The First Time Ever I saw Your Face" (GRAMMY 1973).

"Killing Me Softly with His Song" (GRAMMY 1974).

"Feel Like Makin' Love"

"Where Is the Love" and "The Closer I Get to You", two of her many duets with the great Donny Hathaway!

"I didn't know how well my first album had done; it was enough to get me to do the second album, which was a continuation of the music I'd worked on and perfected."

~ Roberta Flack



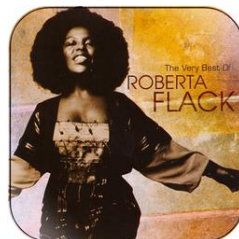
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ROBERTA FLACK

2021 Women Songwriters Hall of Fame Honoree



Roberta, an active humanitarian and mentor founded the Roberta Flack School of Music at the Hyde Leadership Charter School in the Bronx. Although she announced her retirement from singing in 2022, Roberta Flack will be releasing a book and a Documentary in January 2023.



BEHIND THE EXHIBITION

From the Women Songwriters Hall of Fame Museum

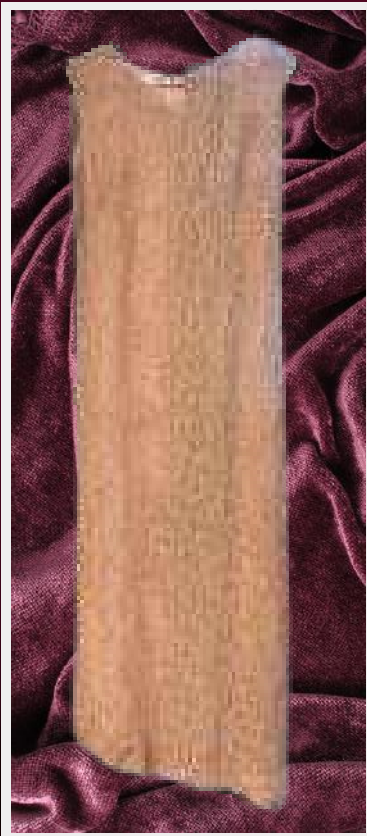


CHERYL COOLEY OF KLYMAXX 2021 WSHOF HONOREE

Cheryl Cooley, the original lead guitarist and band director of the platinum selling all-female band Klymaxx, donated a signed Squier mint green and white guitar.



ROSE MARIE McCOY 2022 WSHOF HONOREE (POSTHUMOUSLY)



Beaded Gown worn by
Rose Marie McCoy
During one of her
Performances.



IN MEMORIAM

NAOMI JUDD

2021 WOMEN SONGWRITERS
HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Naomi Judd is a Grammy Award winning country music singer and actor. Hailing from the Appalachian foothills of Ashland, KY., mother and daughter duo, The Judds, were first discovered by RCA label head Joe Galante in 1983 after landing a spot on WSM-TV's "The Ralph Emery Show." They made their chart debut by the end of the year with "Had A Dream (For The Heart)," and the two were on their way to becoming one of the best-selling duos of all time.



"Not only was I being celebrated at this auspicious event in Washington D.C., I was among other accomplished songwriters. A good time was had by all."

- Naomi Judd

For the rest of the 1980's, each single from The Judds released by RCA went to the Billboard Top 10, with 14 hits going all the way to number one. The Judds swept the CMA's vocal Group/Duo category from 1985 to 1991 and garnered six Grammy Awards.

Not long after being Inducted into the Women Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2021, The Judds received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and on May 1, 2022, were inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Hear Naomi in her own words...
(Video Location 2:32)



Photo Credit: Courtesy of Thomas Henderson. Naomi Judd Holding her 2021 Women Songwriters Hall of Fame Award.

WHO'S IN THE NEWS?

JUNKO YAGAMI



WSHOF Honoree Hits The News In Japan!

Junko Yagami's impressive musical resume does not disappoint! She has released 25 albums, including 6 live concert albums, and is a notable figure in Japanese music of the 1970s and 1980's. So it was no surprise when WSHOF announced her 2022 Induction into the Women Songwriters Hall of Fame. The news of her induction spread like a wild fire in Japan and so did the news about WSHOF! UTA-KON [a hugely popular show on NHK- Japanese National TV Station] along with the following Newspapers: Tokyo Newspaper, Nikkei, Mainichi and Kyodo to name a few, congratulated Junko on her induction and being honored with the coveted award.

Junko Yagami is a singer-songwriter whose music, carefully delivered word by word, inspires listeners. She made her professional debut with the single "Omoide wa utsukushisugite" in 1978. Her third single "Mizuiro no Ame" was a big hit, followed by a string of best sellers including "Omoide no sukuriin," "Polar Star," "Mr. Blue – watashi no chikyuu" and "Purple Town." She moved her base to Los Angeles in 1987. In 2012, live performances in Japan were resumed in full scale. Her 20th original album "TERRA~here we will stay" was released on September 29th, 2021, after a five-and-a-half-year break. Her discography includes, "Here I am -Head to Toe-," "There you are" and others. She is active performing throughout Japan with various types of musicians in live concerts: such as special concert "Yaga Matsuri" at Shibuya Bunkamura Orchard Hall, "To your town" "Billboard live – The Night Flight" and "Premium symphonic concert."

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UTA-KON <https://www.nhk.or.jp/music/utacon/>

Newspapers :

Tokyo Newspaper <https://www.tokyo-np.co.jp/article/184159>

Nikkei <https://www.nikkei.com/article/DGXZQOCB266Z10W2A720C2000000/>

Mainichi <https://mainichi.jp/articles/20220618/k00/00m/040/072000c>

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WE ARE!!



WSHOF Hits The Top Magazines In the Country!

In our first two years as an organization, the Women Songwriters Hall of Fame has received the support of and have inducted some of the greatest women songwriters in the world, as well as provided quality programs and benefits to established and independent songwriters, artists and producers. While building the foundation of what will no doubt be the "go-to" organization for women in the music industry, we took a step back to analyze our offerings, accomplishments and goals for growth and improvement. During our reviews, we found within the pages of distinguished magazines, numerous articles devoted to, or mentioning the Women Songwriters Hall of Fame and our Inductees. The tiny drop in the bucket made a big splash! Instantly it became clear that the impact WSHOF made, reached farther than we could ever have imagined. We have the ear of the industry! With that comes the momentous duty to continue to amplify the voices of the women within it. The direct results of our efforts are undeniable. Songwriters and artists have gotten a resurgence in their careers, some have been recognized by other industry organizations and some have found their starting point. Because of this, we will continue to build our membership to be one huge voice in the industry. Together we can do it! We can't wait to see what WSHOF will do in 2023!

- Vanesa L. Powers
WSHOF



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Towanna, Janice, Dr. Howard - WSHOF Awards 2021



SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS!

Janice and Marylyn WSHOF Awards 2022



Mrs. Maryland, Sharon Chism Mrs. District of Columbia WSHOF Awards 2022



Doe WSHOF Awards 2022



Jody Watley and Valerie Simpson WSHOF Awards June 2021



Jekalyn Carr WSHOF Awards June 2021



Evelyn Rubio WSHOF Awards 2022



Kym RoX WSHOF Awards 2022



Dr. Cynthia Biggs El and Dee Dee Sharp - WSHOF Awards Dec. 2021



Dawnn Lewis and Byron Cage WSHOF Awards June 2021



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A LOOK BACK AT 2022

Women Songwriters Hall of Fame Awards

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



"Music Is My Air"

Music Licensing Master Class with
Emmy Award Winning Songwriter
Michele Vice-Maslin

JAN
26



"Healing The Whole Woman"

FREE Master Class with Dr. Chris Sopa

FEB
12



Songwriting Contest Mixer

Women Songwriters Hall Of Fame

JUN
24



Women Songwriters Hall of Fame Awards 2023

Details Coming Soon!

JUN
25



Museum Talk

Details Coming Soon!

AUG
26

THANK YOU!

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It's been a busy year, but we wouldn't have it any other way!

Happy Holidays to all of the Women Songwriters Hall of Fame Awards Honorees ,Members, Newbies, Sponsors and Supporters. You are the reason WSHOF is taking off like a rocket! We have a lot planned for 2023 and are looking forward to your active participation in the amazing programs and events happening in the coming year. Please feel free to offer your expertise by joining our Committees as a Thriving Member of WSHOF . Let's bring in 2023 with a boom that's heard all around the world.

Much Happiness In The New Year.

~ Dr. Ruth Bryant White,
WSHOF / BNJTV



Dr. Ruth Bryant White has been featured in Print Media like LA Times, Parenting Magazine, Chicago Tribune, Boston Globe, and news programs as CNN, E! Entertainment, Entertainment Tonight, BBC, for her work on Racial Harmony is Creator/Founder of Breaking News Journal TV and Film Broadcasting Company, which is the only Clean TV Revolution of over 300 TV and Film Prgrams with 40 plus Content Providers in over 20 different genres from Food and Fashion, to Education and Entertainment. Women Songwriters Hall of Fame TV Coming soon! . BNJ TV was est, 2008, with plans to expand to over 190 countries reaching over 100 Million New Subscribers with Sneak Peeks to see all programs by subscribing on www.bnjtv.com and Ruth was the first official 2008 Presidential Candidate of the Elections before Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton or John McCain.



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