String Players Diverse Repertoire suggestions and resources *

(links are active to music or composer websites)

Violin:

Undergraduate

Burleigh, HT- Southland Sketches
Chevalier de St-Georges-14 Concerti for Violin and Orch
Chevalier de St-Georges-3 Sonatas for Violin and Fortepiano
Chen Gang and He Zhanhao-Butterfly Lovers Concerto
Coleridge-Taylor, Samuel Sonata for Violin
Ponce, Manuel "Estrellita"
Roumain, Daniel- Hip Hop Etudes
Still, William Grant-"Here's One"
Still, William Grant-Suite for Violin and Piano
South, Eddie "Praeludium and Allegro"
White, Clarence Cameron "From the Cotton Fields"
White, Clarence Cameron "Bandanna Sketches"
White, Clarence Cameron "Levee Dance"

Further resources:
Music by Black Composers
earsense.org

Graduate

Chen, Yi-Chinese Folk Dance Suite
Chen, Yi-Memory for Solo violin
Chen, Yi- Romance and Dance
Coleridge-Taylor, Samuel Concerto for Violin
Coleridge-Taylor, Samuel Romance for Violin
Coleridge-Taylor, Samuel Suite for Violin and Piano
Marsalis, Wynton Violin Concerto
Marsalis, Wynton Fiddle Dance Suite
Perkinson, Coleridge-Taylor- Blue/s Forms
Piazzolla, Astor Four Seasons of Buenos Aires
Ponce, Manuel Violin Concerto
Price, Florence- Concerto No 1 or No 2 for Violin and Orchestra
Roumain, Daniel-Voodoo Violin Concerto
Roumain, Daniel-Woodbox Violin Concerto
Still, William Grant-Suite for Violin and Piano
Walker, George -Violin Concerto
Walker, George -Violin Sonata
Wallen, Errollyn-Woogie Boogie for violin and piano
Yi, Xiaogang-The Last Paradise for Violin and Orchestra
Yun, Isang Violin Concerto no. 2 and other works

Viola:

Undergraduate

Bunch, Kenji- The Three Gs
Burleigh, HT- Southland Sketches (viola version)
Price, Florence- Adoration for Viola and Piano
Roumain, Daniel- Hip Hop Etudes
Still, William Grant-"Carmela"
Still, William Grant-"Here's One"

Further resources:
American Viola Society Composer Database
Sphinx Foundation catalog of Latin American viola works
earsense.org

Graduate

Al-Zand, Kareem Variations on a Bartok Theme
Anderson, TJ Variations on a Theme by Alban Berg
Bunch, Kenji- Suite for Solo Viola
Bunch, Kenji- Until Next Time
Chihara, Paul- Viola Sonata
Kay, Ulysses- Sonata for Viola and Piano
Kay, Ulysses- Sonatine for Viola and Piano
Léon, Tania -Para Viola y Orquesta
Ngwenyama, Nokuthula -Sonoran Storm
Perkinson, Coleridge-Taylor- Lament for Solo Viola
Piazzolla, Astor- Le Grand Tango
Takemitsu, Toru- A Bird Came Down the Walk
Walker, George- Sonata for Viola and Piano
Wallen, Errollyn -"Lavinia" for solo viola

Cello:

Undergraduate

Piazzolla, Astor- Tres Piezas Breves
Roumain, Daniel- Hip Hop Etudes
Still, William Grant-Mother and Child for Cello and Piano
Still, William Grant- "Summerland"
White, Dolores- Two Spirituals for Cello and Piano

Graduate

Coleridge-Taylor, Samuel-Variations for Cello and Piano
Ginastera, A- Pampeana No. 2 for Cello and Piano
Ginastera, A-Sonata for Cello and Piano
Léon, Tania-Four Pieces for Solo Cello
Moore, Dorothy Rudd Baroque Suite for Unaccompanied Cello
Mumford, Jeffrey-amid fleeting pockets of billowing radiance
Perkinson, Coleridge-Taylor Lamentations/Black Folk Song Suite (solo cello)
Piazzolla, Astor- Le Grand Tango
Simon, Carlos- Lickety Split for Cello and Piano
Takemitsu, Toru- "Orion" for Cello and Piano
Walker, George-Cello Sonata
Wallen, Errollyn- Dervish for cello and Piano
White, Dolores- "Las Tarantulas" for cello and piano
Yun, Isang- Cello Concerto

Further resources:
cello bello blog
Music by Black Composers
Black Women Composers: Twentieth Century Music for Piano and Strings
Sphinx Foundation catalog of Latin American Cello works
earsense.org

Bass:

Undergraduate

Foley, Xavier- Etude No. 3 "Lament"
Foley, Xavier- Etude No. 8 "Heaven"
Martin, Andres- Dos piezas para jóvenes/Two works for young players "Rebelde / Tanguero"
Roumain, Daniel- Hip Hop Etudes

Graduate

Bynes, Mason-The [Wreck]oning for bass solo
Foley, Xavier 12 Etudes for Double Bass
Martin, Andres- Concerto No. 1
Martin, Andres- Sonata pour Contrabajo Solo
Rodrigo Mata- Six Etudes for Double Bass
Ortiz, William-Opiyelgoabiran
Ozawa, Hisato Concerto for Double Bass
Tillis, Frederick- Spiritual Fantasy No. 2
Weston, Trevor- Spring Changes for bass and piano

Further resources:

Bass players for Black composers
Xavier Foley, bassist and composer
Andres Martin, bassist and composer

Well-known living/contemporary BIPOC /AAPI composers who have written significant works for strings:

Kenji Bunch
Primous Fountain
Gabriela Lena Frank
Adolphus Hailstork
Jimmy Lopez
Jesse Montgomery
Daniel Bernard Roumain
Bright Sheng
Tan Dun
Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate
Errollyn Wallen
Chen Yi

* ***There are many wonderful compositions/composers for strings and this list is by no means comprehensive or definitive as to "standard" but rather reflects many of the works that have been repeatedly programmed as of 2022. I encourage everyone to explore the many databases available.***

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