

VOCAL MUSIC - 2

What is an alto / contralto?

An alto/contralto is the lowest female voice found in a choir, opera, musical country, pop music and a variety of other musical styles.

What is the range of an alto?

The alto voice usually ranges from F below middle C to D 2 octaves above middle C. The alto voice has a deep sonorous quality.

Famous operatic altos

Marion Anderson, Marta Wittowska, Anna Larson, Dame Janet Baker, Annice Sidwell, Eula Beal, Natalie Stutzmann and Cecilia Arden are just a few of the extensive range of operatic sopranos.

Famous non-operatic altos.

Bessie Smith, Nina Simone, Katy Perry, Bonnie Tyler, Toni Braxton, Cher, Karen Carpenter, Alison Moyet, Shikira, Pink, Shania Twain, Tina Turner, Patsy Cline, Billie Holiday, Judy Garland, Joan Armatrading, Carly Simon, Stevie Nicks, Niki Minaj, Annie Lennox, Oleta Adams, Gladys Knight, Sade, Amy Winehouse, Tracy Chapman, Martha Reeves, Sarah Vaughn, KT Tunstall, PJ Harvey, Sharleen Spiteri, Suzanne Vega are some of the names in a long line of famous non operatic singers with alto voices.

Q1 – what is an alto / contralto?

Q2 - What is the vocal range of an alto / contralto?

Q3 – Name a famous operatic alto / contralto.

Q4 – name a famous non operatic alto / contralto.