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WOMAN CONDUCTORS: THE POWER LIST

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It's 2016 and we no longer get excited about a music director turning out to be non-male. Every few months, it seems, another young woman conductor rises to a position of authority.

Yet, when we survey the current field, we find no more than half a dozen women near the top of the profession and barely 20 in contention for real leadership.

It's 2016. Way to go.

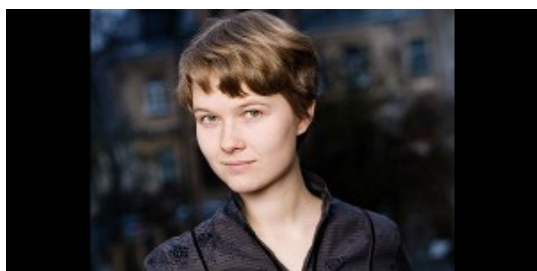
Here's the Slipped Disc power list. Who have we forgotten?

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1 Marin Alsop, 59, broke the glass ceiling at Baltimore Symphony.

2 Simone Young, former Generalmusikdirector, Hamburg.

3 Mirga Gražinytė-Tyla, (<http://slippedisc.com/2016/04/mirga-mothers-come-up-and-thank-me/>) 29, incoming music director at Birmingham, UK



4 Susanna Mälkki, 47, chief conductor Helsinki Philharmonic; principal guest, LA Phil

5 Emmanuelle Haim, 54, founder Le Concert d'Astrée, France

6 Xian Zhang, 43, music director New Jersey Symphony

7 Han-na Chang (<http://slippedisc.com/2016/03/conductor-who-quit-qatar-lands-a-new-orch/>), 33, ex-Qatar Philharmonic, now Trondheim Symphony

8 Ewa Strusińska, 39, music director Szczecin Philharmonic Orchestra, Poland

9 Anu Tali, 43, music director Sarasota Orchestra

10 Alondra de la Parra, 35, music director Queensland Symphony, Australia.

11 Elim Chan (<http://slippedisc.com/2016/04/elim-lands-her-first-music-directorship/>), 29, music director at NorrlandsOperan in Umeå, Sweden



12 Jo-Ann Falletta, 62, Buffalo Philharmonic

13 Gemma New, 28, Hamilton Philharmonic, Canada

14 Tania Miller, 47, Victoria Symphony, Canada

15 Julia Jones, 55, Generalmusikdirektor, Wuppertal, Germany

16 Karen Kamensek, 46, ex-music director Hannover State Opera

17 Karina Cannelakis, (<http://slippedisc.com/2016/02/and-the-next-music-director-is/>) 34, Solti prize winner

18 Sarah Ioannides, 44, music director, Tacoma Symphony Orchestra.

19 Joana Carneiro, 39, principal conductor, Orquestra Sinfónica Portuguesa

20 Kristiina Poska, (<http://slippedisc.com/2016/04/the-worlds-busiest-woman-conductor/#sthash.Uk5eYLRw.dpuf>) 37, first kapellmeister at the Komische Oper, Berlin



Readers' additions:

21. Anna-Maria Helsing, 44, ex-chief conductor of Oulu Symphony, the first woman to head a Finnish orch

22. Speranza Scappucci, 42, former Muti assistant now working at the Met and Concertgebouw.

23. Mei-Ann Chen, music director of Memphis Symphony and Chicago Sinfonietta

24. Laurence Equilbey, 54, Chief Conductor of the Insula Orchestra (Paris)

25. Nicole Paiement, principal guest conductor, Dallas Opera.