

Op-Ed: 10 best female angelic voices of our time

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The following ten female vocalists are some of the best in the music business, and they all have one thing in common: they possess the voice of an angel.

These ten choices are arranged alphabetically, in no particular order.

Alison Krauss: 27-time-winning Grammy sensation Alison Krauss can not only play the fiddle, but she leaves her audience breathless in her live concerts with [Alison Krauss and Union Station](#).

When Krauss sings "Down in the River to Pray" during her encore a-capella, she was able to silence the entire Radio City Music Hall venue in New York, where her mellifluous voice took over.



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Singer-songwriter
Judy Collins



Country and bluegrass group Alison Krauss and Union Station

Randee St. Nicholas

Claire Lynch: [Claire Lynch](#) is the reigning International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) "Female Vocalist of the Year" and her [Dear Sister](#) album was a true masterpiece, thanks to her angelic and heavenly vocals. It is no wonder that it garnered an A rating from Digital Journal.



Bluegrass singer Claire Lynch

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Dale Ann Bradley: A five-time-winning IBMA "Female Vocalist" winner, Dale Ann Bradley, has recorded stellar solo albums and has done impressive collaborations with Alison Krauss ("I'll Take Love" and "I Wish It'd Been You," among others) and country songstress Pam Tillis ("Somewhere South of Crazy"). Her vocals are gentle, soothing and the perfect lullaby.



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Bluegrass singer Dale Ann Bradley

Dolly Parton: Country queen Dolly Parton has made a career thanks to her lilting, crystalline and pleasant vocals. How can anybody forget such bittersweet classics as "Coat of Many Colors," "Jolene," "9 to 5" and "I Will Always Love You." Dolly is a living legend.



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Country superstar Dolly Parton

Emmylou Harris: Country and folk music are not complete without the ethereal and atmospheric voice of Emmylou Harris. It is no wonder that she is one of the most sought-after harmony and background vocalists in the industry. On top of that, she has won 13 Grammy awards and was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, and rightfully so.



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Country singer Emmylou Harris chats about this year's 'Woofstock' at Fontanel charity event.

Jackie Evancho: While classical crossover sensation Jackie Evancho is only 14 years old, her voice is huge and well above her time. The way she sings such songs as Celine Dion's "My Heart Will Go On," Elton John's "Can You Feel The Love Tonight" and such classics as "Music of The Night," "Ave Maria," "Nessun Dorma" and "Time To Say Goodbye" is absolutely spectacular and unbelievable. She will be releasing her upcoming studio album *Awakening*, which is sure to be magnificent.



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Teen music superstar Jackie Evancho

Judy Collins: Judy Collins is a true music icon. Having had the pleasure to hear her sing live last year at The Paramount in New York, her vocals were melodic and impeccable. Collins' hits "Send In The Clowns," "Both Sides Now" and "Someday Soon" were mesmerizing.



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American singer-songwriter Judy Collins

Lee Ann Womack: Country sensation Lee Ann Womack will be releasing a new album soon. Her vocals on her signature song "I Hope You Dance" and that entire album are crystalline and she possesses great control over her voice. She performed "I Hope You Dance" in Maya Angelou's funeral in a bittersweet and delicate performance.



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Country singer Lee Ann Womack

Martina McBride: While country star Martina McBride is best known for her powerhouse voice, her poignant ballads are a true work of musical art and she is able to touch the hearts of her audience with her. She maintains a crystal tone and her smash hits include "Concrete Angel," "God's Will,"

"Blessed," "I'm Gonna Love You Through It," "Independence Day," "Love's the Only House," "Anyway," "Wrong Again" and "Where Would You Be" where her voice is just glorious. Her versions of the Christmas tunes "Silent Night" and "O Holy Night" are fantastic and hypnotic.



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Country singer Martina McBride talks about her 'Joy of Christmas' tour

Sarah McLachlan: I have had the pleasure to see Sarah McLachlan sing live this week at the Beacon Theatre in New York and her warm vocals, piano-playing and songwriting are all in a league of their own. Her live versions of "Fear," "I Will Remember You" and "Angel" were amazing. She also sang material from her brand new studio effort Shine On.



David Bergman

Grammy-winning singer Sarah McLachlan