

LYYRA - biography 2025 - 2026

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Lyyra is the new all-women vocal ensemble from The VOCES8 Foundation and is based in the USA. Creating world-class musical experiences to inspire audiences, Lyyra seeks to redefine the genre of upper voice music in the choral landscape, highlighting the astonishing capabilities within the full spectrum of women’s singing. The sound of this bright, young group combines velvety richness alongside star-like brilliance. With a broad texture and exhilarating range of sound, the group’s talented members specialize in classical, jazz, pop, and folk music from diverse traditions and backgrounds.

In February 2025, Warner Classics & Erato announced an exclusive recording contract with Lyyra. Their first recording under this partnership was a digital single of Vienna Teng’s evocative song “The Hymn of Acxiom,” released on March 7th in celebration of International Women’s Day.

Lyyra tours both at home in the USA and internationally. The group gave its debut performances throughout the USA in 2024, including for the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA), and released its debut EP *More Love* on the VOCES8 Records label. Early 2025 saw the ensemble make its debut European tour with concerts and recording in the UK (Kings Place, London), France (La Folle Journée festival, Nantes), and a tour of German cities. In the summer of 2025, Lyyra will give concerts in the UK, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, and the Netherlands, as well as continuing its US touring.

Lyyra is passionate about music education and is part of The VOCES8 Foundation’s mission to actively promote “Music Education For All.” Engaging in a broad range of work collaborating with schools, universities, and community organizations, The VOCES8 Foundation reaches up to 40,000 people each year.

Reflective of music, harmony, and the night sky, Lyyra takes its name from the constellation that represents Orpheus’ famed lyre. Lyyra is Anna Crumley, MaryRuth Miller, Elizabeth Tait, Aryssa Leigh Burrs, Ingrid Johnson, and Cecille Elliott. Lyyra’s Creative Director is Erik Jacobson.