

Founding Members of the Magnolia Women's Music Collective

The founding members of the Magnolia Women's Music Collective and their primary roles in Magnolia Productions are listed below, not in any particular order. Lissa LeGrand came up with a total of 34 women in all, not counting Sue Noblin, their ASL signer, who was straight, is not really a founding member, yet she was important to their performances.

Lissa LeGrand put "producer" by names of women who took care of all the technical aspects of staging a concert, such as: running sound and lights; stage crew members; people doing the recordings; etc. "Production team" refers to all those who helped in all manner of general means: roadies, loading equipment in and out; general needs for the artists, including: transportation, housing, childcare, etc. There were also those who did clean-up; printing of flyers and programs; ushering; etc.

1. [unnamed member] – contract negotiator/administrator/producer/financial team
2. Joy Godsey – singer/songwriter/production team/financial team
3. Marti Billingsley – (deceased) administrator/financial team/publicity team
4. Janis Hathaway – graphics designer/publicity team
5. [unnamed member] – singer/songwriter/producer/marketing (T-shirts, etc.)/ Marathon's lead singer/guitarist
6. Marty Shelley – (deceased) singer/songwriter/production team
7. June Holloway – lighting designer/production team
8. Bootsie Abelson – (deceased) MC/production team
9. Kay Crutcher – singer/musician/production team
10. Linde Brocato – singer/songwriter/production team
11. Robin Kessler – singer/musician/production team
12. Mimi Neighbors – singer/songwriter/production team
13. Debbie Diehl – contract negotiator/administrator/financial team
14. [Unnamed member] – singer/songwriter/producer
15. Regina Cates – musician/producer/publicity & marketing team/ Marathon drummer
16. Josie Grable – (deceased) musician/producer/publicity team/ Marathon lead guitarist
17. Lissa LeGrand – singer/songwriter/producer/ Marathon bassist
18. Patsy Williamson – production team
19. Sue Noblin – ASL Interpreter. An integral part of all our concerts. Not an official Magnolia member, and not a lesbian.

Other women that Lissa LeGrand remembers "being there" from pretty early on, but not necessarily as founding members:

1. Sonia Franeta - production team
2. Nancy Beatty - lighting designer/production team
3. Kay Ramey - production team
4. "Bones" (Cindy Crouch) - production team
5. "Moochie" - production team

6. Kathy Johnson - Attorney
7. Sally Kopp - (deceased) - administrator/financial team/production team
8. Suzanne Ray - (deceased) – musician
9. Alice Faye Love - (deceased) - artist/photographer/videographer/documentarian

And a few more who joined a little later on:

1. Sylvia Toffel – dancer
2. Lynn Buchanan – dancer
3. Krickett Stutts – sound engineer
4. Beth Gundersen – production team
5. Kate Peirce – publicity/production team
6. Judy Cole White (deceased) – publicity/production team