

Women Film Pioneers (1895-1927 or 1931) UNITED STATES and LATIN AMERICA

p = producer/d = director/w = writer/e = editor/a = actor

o = other (assistant director/cinematographer/camerawoman/continuity/production designer/art director/
production manager/exhibitor/studio manager/publicist/critic/scholar)

italicized = unconfirmed

UNITED STATES

Zoe Akins (w)
Adeline M. Alvord (w)
Dorothy Arzner (d/w/e)
Leah Baird (p/w/a)
Hettie Gray Baker (e)
Ruth Ann Baldwin (d/w)
Ann Bauchens (e/a/o)
Clara Beranger (w)
Rea Berger (d/a)
Ouida Bergere (w/a)
Marguerite Bertsch (d/w)
Paula Blackton (d/w/a/o)
Margaret Booth (e)
Alice Brady (a)
Madeline Brandeis (p/d)
Beta Breuil (e)
Leona Bryse (o)
Adele S. Buffington (w)
Ella Stewart Carson (w)
Mrs. George Randolph Chester
(d/w/a)
Josephine Clement (o)
Agnes Egan Cobb (o)
Lenore Coffee (w)
Mrs. Calvin Coolidge (o)
Grace Cunard (p/d/w/a)
Dorothy Davenport (Reid)
(p/d/w/a)
Grace Davison (o)
Beatrice DeMille (p/w/o)
Beulah Marie Dix (w)
Vyvyan Donner (p/d/w/o)
Marie Dressler (w/a)
Mrs. Sidney Drew (Lucille McVey)
(p/d/w/a)
Lillian Ducey (d/w)
Winifred Dunn (w/e)
Katherine Eggleston (w)
Grace Elliot (d)
Marion Fairfax (d/w/e)
Mrs. Milton H. Fahrney (e)
Dorothy "Dot" Farley (a/d)
Dorothy Farnum (w/a)
Flora Finch (p/a)
Helen Gardner (p/d/w/e/a)
Gene Gauntier (p/d/w/a)
Lillian Gish (d/a)
Eloyce Gist (d/w/a)

Corinne Griffith (p/w/a)
Elizabeth Grimball (d)
Texas Guinan (p/a)
Grace Haskins (p/d/w)
Katherine Hilliker (w/e)
Helen Holmes (p/w/a)
Alice Howell (p/a)
Zora Neale Hurston (d/w)
Eugenie Magnus Ingleton (d/w)
Julia Crawford Ivers (p/d/w/o)
Agnes Christine Johnson (w/a)
Edith Johnson (a)
Osa Johnson (p/d/a/o)
Helen Keller (p)
Bradley King (w)
Florence Lawrence (p/a)
Viola Lawrence (e)
Marion Leonard (w/a)
Sonya Levien (w)
Anita Loos (p/w)
Frederica Sagor Maas (w)
Jeanie MacPherson (d/w/a)
Cleo Madison (p/d/a)
Frances Marion (p/d/w/a)
Sarah Y. Mason (w)
June Mathis (w/e/a)
Anne Maxwell (w)
Vera McCord (p/d)
Bess Meredyth (d/w/e/a)
Jane Murfin (d/w)
Mary Murillo (w)
Alla Nazimova (p/w/e/a)
Miriam Nesbitt (d/a)
Mabel Normand (p/d/w/a)
Marjory Ordway (o)
Ruth Bryan Owen (p/d/w/a)
Ida May Park (d/w)
Claire Parker (animator)
Olga Petrova (w/a)
Elizabeth Pickett (d/w)
Mary Pickford (p/d/w/a)
Olga Printzlau (w)
Natasha Rambova (o)
Stella Razetto (a)
Eslanda Robeson (a)
Fanchon Royer (p)
Doris Schroeder (w)
Blanche Sewell (e)
Lorena Stahley (o)

Ruth Stonehouse (p/d/w/a)
Gloria Swanson
Alice Terry (d/a)
Wanda Tuchock (p/d/w)
May Tully (p/d/w)
Florence Turner (p/a)
Eve Unsell (w/e)
Valda Valkyrien (a)
Virginia Van Upp (p/w/o)
Lule Warrenton (p/d/w/a)
Lois Weber (p/d/w/a)
Clare West (o)
Pearl White (a)
Kathlyn Williams (d/w/a)
Elsie Jane Wilson (d/w/a)
Margery Wilson (p/d/w/a)
Marion E. Wong (p)
Dorothy Yost (w)
Clara Kimball Young (p/a)
Anzia Yeszerska

LATIN AMERICA

Argentina

Renee Oro (d)
Emilia Saleny (d)

Brazil

Carmen Santos (p/w/d/a)
Cleo de Verberena (w/d/a)

Chile

Rosario Rodriguez de la Serna
Alicia Armstrong de Vicuna
Gaby von Bussenius Vega

Mexico

Cube Bonifant (w/a)
Mimi Derba (p/d/w/a)
Adriana and Dolores Ehlers (d)
Cándida Beltrán Rendón (p/d/w)
Elena Sanchez Valenzuela
Adela Sequeyro Haro (p/d/w/e/a)
Carmen Toscano (w/d)

Peru

Angela Ramos de Rotalde (w)
Maria Isabel Sanchez Concha
Stefania Socha

EUROPE, EASTERN EUROPE, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, ASIA and the MIDDLE EAST

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Australia

Kate Howarde (p/d/w)
Lottie Lyell (d/w/e/a/o)
Isobel McDonagh (p/d)
Paulette McDonagh (p/d/w)
Phyllis McDonagh (p/o)

Austria

Leontine Sagan (d/w)
Louise Veltée (married Kolm,
Fleck) (d/p/w)

Belgium

Aimee Navarra (d/w)

Canada

Emma Gendron (d/w)
Marie de Kerstrat (o)
Nell Shipman (d/w/a)

Czechoslovakia

Thea Cervenkova (d)
Ludmilla Chichkova (d)
Ada Karlovsky (d)
Zet Molas (p/d/w/a)
Hedvika Raabeova (d)
Hermina Tyrlova (animator)
Lenka Weissova (d)
Karel Zeman (animator)

Egypt

Assia (p/a)
Aziza Amir (p/d/a)

England

Ethyle Batley (d)
Billie Bristoe (o)
Ethel M. Dell
Mary Field (d)
Cissy Fitzgerald (d)
Rosita Forbes (p)
Lucy, Lady Duff Gordon (o)
Elinor Glyn (p/d/w/a)
Lydia Hayward (w/a)
Violet Hopson
Caroline Leguana
Jaqueline Logan (d/a)
Kathleen Mason

Blanche McIntosh
Jakidawra Melford (w)
Lotte Reiniger (d/w/animator/o)
Alma Reville (w/e/o)
Dinah Shurey (p/d/w)
Stella Court Treatt (d)
Margaret Turnbull (w)
Florence Turner (w)

France

Yvette Andreyor
Josette Andriot
Jeanne Bruno-Ruby (d/w)
Renee Carl (d/a)
Colette (w)
Lucy Derain (d/w)
Suzanne Devoyod (d/w/a)
Germaine Dulac (d/w)
Marie Epstein (p/d/w/o)
Loie Fuller (d/a)
Suzanne Grandais
Alice Guy-Blache (p/d/w/o)
Marie-Louise Iribe (d/a)
Rose Lacau-Pansini (d)
Marie-Anne Colson Malleville (d)
Mistinguett
Musidora (p/d/w/a)
Claude Revol (d)
Gabrielle Sorere (d)
Elyana Tayer (d/a)
Tityana (d/w)
Marguerite Viel (d/w)

Germany

Fern Andra (p/d/w/a)
Else Bassermann (w/a)
Ella Bergmann-Michel (d)
Jane Bess (w)
Gertrud David (p/w/d)
Marie Luise Droop (p,w)
Ruth Goetz (w)
Lydie Hegewald (p)
Hanna Henning (d)
Luise Heilborn-Korbitz (p/w)
Diana Karenne (d/a)
Hella Moja (p/w/a)
Erna Morena (p/a)
Lotte Neumann (w/a)

Asta Nielsen (p/a)
Henny Porten (p/a)
Rosa Porten (d/a)
Iwa Raffay (p/d/w)
Lotte Reiniger (d/w/animator/o)
Olga Chekova (Tschechowa)
(p/d/a)
Salka Viertel (w)
Irmgard von Cube (w/d/a)
Thea von Harbou (d/w)
Olga Wohlbruck (d)
Luise del Zopp (w)

India

Fatma Begum (d/w/a)
Devika Rani (o)

Italy

Francesca Bertini (p/d/a)
Lyda Borelli
Giulia Cassini (Rizzotto) (d/a)
Elenora Duse (w/a)
Diana Karenne (d/a)
Elvira Notari (d/w/a)

Norway

Ada, Aud, Gerd Egede-Nissen
(a/o)

Poland

Wanda Jakubowska (w/d/p)

Sweden

Pauline Brunius (d/w/a)
Anna Hoffman-Uddgren (d/w/a)
Karin Swanström (d/a/o)

Switzerland

Ella Maillart
Annmarie Schwarzenbach

USSR

Lilly Brick
Alexandra Kholcholova (a/d/w)
Olga Preobrazhenskaya (d/w/a/o)
Esfir Shub (d/w/e)
Yelizaveta Svilova (d/e/o)
Vera Stroyeva (p/d/w)

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