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The 10 best touching tracks by female artists, according to Ellen Allien

The BPitch control boss rounds up some of her favourite emotionally charged tracks from fellow female musicians.

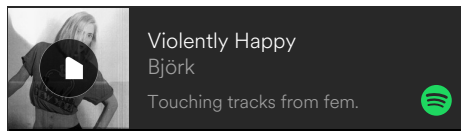
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Considered by many as techno royalty, the BPitch boss has been at the forefront of European techno for nearly two decades now. Working between her hometown of Berlin and Ibiza, Ellen Allien remains a linchpin of the world's most dynamic party scenes – whether she's switching between DJing, producing, and running the BPitch Control label, events, and artist agency since 1999.

She recently revived the golden age of '90s clubbing with a [full throttle addition to our mix series](#), and now ahead of her appearance at The Social Festival on September 10th at Kent Country Showground, she returns with a 10 best list of emotionally charged tracks from fellow female musicians, ranging from FKA twigs through to avant-garde '80s musician Laurie Anderson.



Read through Ellen's selections below and listen seamlessly via our [YouTube playlist](#).

Björk *Violently Happy*

Ellen Allien: "I've been playing the vocals from this track in my DJ sets for many years. I just mix the a cappella part of the track with beats from another record. I need to hear Björk's voice from time to time, just to feel good."

K Hand *Edge Water*

Ellen Allien: "DJ K Hand from Detroit. The 'Global Warning' EP includes some of my most played acid tracks. K Hand has the groove. Her tracks always sound analogue and simply fantastic..."

Dillon *Thirteen Thirty Five*

Ellen Allien: "I've been singing this song since Dillon's debut album came out on BPitch. I love the lyrics and the story behind it, so this song always comes back to my mind."

Dasha Rush *Dance With Edgar Poe*

Ellen Allien: "This is an emotional listening track with spoken words. I can often hear a lot of personality and deepness in Dasha's music and I adore that."

FKA twigs *Water Me*

Ellen Allien: "One of the best new female singers I think."

I don't know why, but she reminds me of Kate Bush in the way that her dance performance and music work together."

Nina Simone *Baltimore*

Ellen Allien: "Nina Simone has the most special voice ever and this is the most beautiful song about Baltimore. It's simply fantastic how the instruments let her words fly over the city. Thank you Lady Simone for all your songs!"

Cassy *Keep Trying*

Ellen Allien: "Cassy produces modern house and I love how she is using her voice here in the centre of the track. To me, it feels like the beats just help the voice to flow. This track definitely has a melancholy yet positive vibe for me."

Kyoka *Lined Up*

Ellen Allien: "One of the tracks I really enjoy playing DJ sets. The beat structure, cute voice, reggae samples, and noise elements are just dope. This sound arrangement is so brilliant and fresh."

Laurie Anderson 'Big Science'

Ellen Allien: "I actually love the whole album. I'm so impressed by the fact that she entered the UK charts in the '80s with her abstract and avant-garde music. She is a pioneer in electronic music."

Silvie Loto *Breeze*

Ellen Allien: "The minimal touch in Silvie's tracks plus her sensibility to combine the right sounds, beats, and vocals just take me away. When I close my eyes and

listen to this track, it feels like I'm flying over the ocean."

Ellen Allien plays at The Social Festival, which takes place September 9th and 10th at Kent Country Showground ([tickets](#)).

R e l a t e d



Watch FKA Twigs perform In Time and cover Sia's Elastic Heart in The Live Lounge

Twigs vogues with dancer Dominant during her cover of Sia's hit single.



FKA Twigs x Inc.

Gravely serious soul acts unveil a surprise one-off collaboration.



Cassy in conversation with King Britt

Soul siblings King Britt and Cassy chat pop sensibilities, their love for Philadelphia, and parenthood.



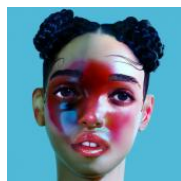
FKA twigs - Pendulum

Watch twigs get all tied up in the video for one of the many highlights of 'LP1'.



The Dummy guide to Janet Jackson

After a brief hiatus, Janet returns with her 11th studio album 'Unbreakable'. To mark the occasion, Dummy explore some of her finest moments.



FKA twigs announces debut album 'LP1'

Young Turks will release the debut album from twigs on August 11th.

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