Barbara Strozzi was born in 1619 in Italy.

She was a composer of the Baroque Era.

Barbara Strozzi was one of the first women who published music under her own name.

Many of the women composing when Strozzi did publish their music under a male name.

She had 4 children: 2 daughters and 2 sons.

3 of her children entered the church as nuns and monks.

Strozzi published her first compositions in 1644.

She published 8 other collections of music after her father's death.

Most of Barbara Strozzi's music is for female voice and lute.

Strozzi learned from her father how to treat text with extra care.

She was a very talented lute player.

She had a reputation for being one of the best singers of her time.

She often performed for private parties and wealthy social gatherings.

Being a composer was very rare among women during Strozzi's life.

Only a few women composers came before Strozzi.