

## 12 Songs That Will Make You Feel Fearless, Courtesy of ZZ Ward



Before there was Gaga or Taylor, before pussy hats or Beyoncé's "girls in formation," there was an epic all-female music festival created by women fed up with sexism in the music industry: Lilith Fair. This summer, in honor of the festival's 20th anniversary, we're exploring the history and legacy of the festival, and why the fight for equality in the industry continues today. ([Read the oral history of Lilith—as told by the women who lived it—and more here.](#))

But, of course, you can't *really* have a discussion about the legacy of Lilith Fair without the right soundtrack to accompany it. So we asked singer-songwriter ZZ Ward, whose new album *The Storm* is available now, to craft a playlist that features women from the original Lilith lineup, as well as current artists (ZZ Ward included) who are pushing the music industry forward today.

The result? A playlist perfect for taking on the patriarchy. "I love hearing female artists be their most confident selves," Ward explains of her picks. "All of the women on this playlist create music that makes me feel empowered and strong. It inspires me to be fearless."

Listen, below:

