

The following is a list of notable experimental musicians:

Laurie Anderson - electronic music
Animal Collective - Noise rock, Indie Rock
Aphex Twin - electronic music
Sleepytime Gorilla Museum - Avant-rock, surrealist imagery, use home-made instruments made by band member Dan Rathbun.
Autechre - electronic music
Robert Ashley - totalist television opera
Derek Bailey - guitarist
Conny Bauer - free improvisation, trombonist
Controlled Bleeding - Paul Lemos
David Behrman - live electronics
Burkhard Beins - percussion and objects
Black Dice - noise rock, ambient
Boards of Canada - electronic music
Boredoms - noise music
Pierre Boulez - serial music
Björk - electronic music
Graham Bowers - avant-garde, ambient, sound theatre
Glenn Branca - guitar, noise ensemble
George Brecht - performance art
Gavin Bryars - indeterministic orchestration
Buckethead - guitarist
John Cage - aleatoric music
Neil Campbell
Can - 'Krautrock' pioneers
Cornelius Cardew - British composer
Eugene Chadbourne - guitarist, shockabilly
Les Claypool - Bass guitarist, experimental rock, experimental funk
Coil - sidereal sound, scrying, hallucinogens, ANS, etc.
Nicolas Collins
Clayton Counts - noise, electroacoustic composer
Henry Cow - Rock in Opposition
Alvin Curran - found sounds
Current 93 - coined the term "apocalyptic folk"
Stuart Dempster - reverberant spaces, just intonation, extended trombone techniques
Delia Derbyshire - pre-synthesizer electronic music pioneer
Arnold Dreyblatt - just intonation
Kevin Drumm - guitarist
Judy Dunaway
Trevor Dunn - bassist
Earth - drone metal
Leif Elggren
Einstuerzende Neubauten - German industrial music
Brian Eno - ambient music, algorithmic composition
Experimental Audio Research - ambient, synth/noise
Morton Feldman
Henry Flynt - violinist, guitarist, inventor of Electronic Hillbilly Music
Fifty Foot Hose - pre-synthesizer electronic rock pioneers
David First - drones and interference beats
Robert Fripp - guitarist
Fred Frith - free improvisation, Rock in Opposition
John Frusciante - avant-garde, stream of consciousness
Ellen Fullman - long string Instrument
Bernhard Gál - sound installation, multi-media, composer and artist
Diamanda Galás - vocalist, composer

Pierre Henry- musique concrète
Katt Hernandez- violinist, microtonalist, improviser
Lejaren Hiller - first computer composition Illiac Suite (1957) with Leonard
Issacson
Christopher Hobbs - experimental and systems music composer
The Hub - interactive real time computer network: John Bischoff, Tim Perkis, Chris
Brown, Phil Stone, Scot Gresham-Lancaster, Mark Traylor
Don Joyce - sound collage
Led Zeppelin - noise rock, psychedelic rock, experimental rock
Gabby La La - multi-instrumentalist
Annea Lockwood - environmental sounds
Alvin Lucier - acoustical phenomena
Melt Banana - noise rock
Merzbow - noise music
Moondog - composer
Mr. Bungle - disregard of genre
Gordon Mumma - live electronics
Muslingauze
Ben Neill - sound installations, mutant trumpet
Phill Niblock - minimal music composer
Nihilist Spasm Band - noise music
Nocturnal Emissions
Nurse With Wound - collaborative solo project of artist Steven Stapleton
Michael Nyman - composer and former critic and musicologist
Obsil - electroacoustic music
Pauline Oliveros - meditative music, just intonation, reverberant spaces, Expanded
Instrument System
Yoko Ono - happenings
John Oswald - plunderphonics
Nam June Paik - "happenings", action music
Paul Panhuysen - string and other sound installations
Harry Partch - just intonation, drama, opera
Mike Patton - experimental rock, various genres, noise music, experimental
electronica, experimental vocals
noCore - noise music, live electronic music performer
Steve Reich - multimedia documentary opera
The Residents
Roger Reynolds - multimedia, spatial
Boyd Rice - noise music, ambient music
Terry Riley - multimedia Minimalist composer
Ernesto Rodrigues - composer, free improvisation, free jazz
David Rosenboom - biofeedback (human)
Keith Rowe - British guitarist
Ruins - Japanese avant-punk, worked with Derek Bailey
Jessica Rylan - home-made analog synthesizers, voice
Pierre Schaeffer - musique concrète
Raymond Scott - em pioneer; pioneer of the music sequencer
Shaking Ray Levis - free improvisation
Elliott Sharp - multi-instrumentalist
Sonic Youth - American post-punk/noise rock band
Karlheinz Stockhausen - multimedia, musique concrète, electronic music
Morton Subotnick - multi-media, electronics
Sun Ra- keyboards, free jazz, arkestra
Sunn o))) - drone metal band
Swans - style-shifting No Wave-based art rock
Richard Teitelbaum - electronics, extended technique, improvisation
James Tenney - alternate tunings, perceptual phenomena
Throbbing Gristle - industrial music, noise, shock lyrics

Vladimir Ussachevsky - electronic music pioneer
Edgard Varèse - musique concrète
Jozef van Wissem - composer, luttist
The Velvet Underground - drones, taboo subjects
Carl Michael von Hausswolff
Whitehouse - noise music
Iannis Xenakis - stochastic
La Monte Young - just intonation, minimalist, drone music
Richard Youngs - postmodern minimalist
Frank Zappa - experimental rock, psychedelic rock
Captain Beefheart - experimental rock, psychedelic rock
Evan Ziporyn - gamelan, Bang on a Can
John Zorn - postmodern, various genres