



**Study Day, *Schumann, his friends and followers: a literary world and its legacies*  
Sunday 16 October 2016, Jacqueline du Pré building, St Hilda's College, Oxford  
10:30am – 4:45pm**

**In association with the Open University Literature and Music Research Group**

This study day forms part of the opening weekend of this year's Oxford Lieder Festival *The Schumann Project*. It presents current academic research in and between the fields of music and literature, concerning Robert Schumann, his music, his literary interests, his friends and followers, and his reception.

The confirmed speakers are Misha Donat, Natasha Loges (Royal College of Music), Robert Samuels (Open University), Delia da Sousa Correa (Open University), Martin Swales (University College London), and Benedict Taylor (University of Edinburgh).

Schumann was inspired by literature throughout his life, and saw no real divide between the world of letters and the world of music. His writings, both musical and literary, inspired a generation of creative intellectuals in Germany and beyond, and engendered a wealth of literary responses in turn. The study day is an opportunity to explore the cultural worlds and influence of musical friends and followers such as Mendelssohn and Brahms; literary contemporaries such as Heine and Rückert; and those well beyond Schumann's time and place who have continued the resonance of his ideas down to our own time.

The lunchtime recital, which takes place in the acclaimed acoustic of the Jacqueline du Pré auditorium, is given by Klemens Sander (baritone), Sholto Kynoch (piano), and Cornelius Obonya (reader). The programme, *Lyrisches Intermezzo*, includes readings of Heinrich Heine's poetry and a complete performance of *Dichterliebe*.

Tickets for the day, including the recital, are £25/£20. Student attendance to the talks is free, the recital ticket £5. Attendance is free to holders of Festival passes. Full details are available from the Festival website: <https://www.oxfordlieder.co.uk/event/622>

The organisers of the day are:

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