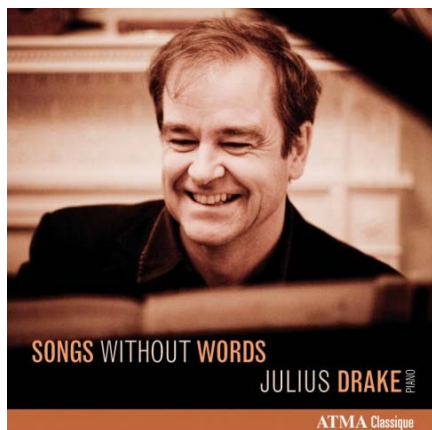


**ATMA Classique**



**Artist:** Drake, Julius  
**Title:** *Songs without words*  
**Label:** ATMA Classique  
**Catalogue No:** ACD2 2616

**Track list:**

**ROBERT SCHUMANN**

[ALBUM FÜR DIE JUGEND OP. 68]

1 Mignon 3:19 / 2 Melodie 1:05

**JOHANNE BRAHMS** [DREI INTERMEZZI OP. 117]

3 No. 1 in E flat major 5:43

**FELIX MENDELSSOHN**

[LIEDER OHNE WORTE]

4 No. 12 "Venezianisches Gondellied" 2:44

5 No. 18 "Duetto" 3:06

**ROBERT SCHUMANN** [KINDERSZENEN OP. 15]

6 No. 12 Kind im Einschlummern 2:12

**FRANZ SCHUBERT**

[SIX MOMENTS MUSICAUX D. 780]

7 No. 2 Andantino in A flat major 6:57

**FRANZ LISZT** after Franz Schubert

8 Der Doppelgänger 4:26

**EDVARD GRIEG** [LYRIC PIECES VOL 3]

9 Erotik 2:41

**CLAUDE DEBUSSY** [SUITE BERGAMASQUE]

10 Clair de Lune 6:03

**FRANCIS POULENC** [HISTOIRE DE BABAR]

11 Berceuse 1:50

**LEOŠ JANÁČEK** [ON AN OVERGROWN PATH]

12 The Madonna of Frydek 3:08

**BÉLA BARTÓK** [MIKROKOSMOS]

13 Melody 1:19

14 Like a Folksong 0:57

15 Melody in the Mist 1:27

16 Nottorno 1:45

**BENJAMIN BRITTEN** [HOLIDAY DIARY OP. 5]

17 Night 5:57

## New Release – March 29, 2011

### *Songs without words*

#### Julius Drake, piano

Including works by Brahms, Britten, Bartok, Mendelssohn, Schubert, Schumann, Liszt, among others.

"... *this inspired accompanist is now the best in the business.*"

~New York Magazine

ATMA Classique is pleased to announce the release of *Songs without words*, the solo recording debut of the British pianist **Julius Drake**. He conceived this CD as a personal journal on the piano, and performs selections from Johannes Brahms' *Intermezzi*, Fanny and Felix Mendelssohn's *Lieder ohne Worte* (Songs without words), and Franz Schubert *Moments musicaux*, among others.

"Since much of my playing life has been devoted to accompanying song, I thought I would choose piano music of a songlike nature for this disc," says Drake.

Drake lives in London and specializes in the field of chamber music, working with many of the world's leading artists. He appears at all the major music centres including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Centre, the Concertgebouw, the Musée de Louvre, La Scala, and the Musikverein. His passionate interest in song has led to invitations to devise song series for, among others, the Wigmore Hall, London, the BBC, and the Concertgebouw. A series of song recitals – *Julius Drake and Friends* – in the historic Middle Temple Hall in London, has featured recitals with many outstanding artists. He was appointed artistic director of Leeds Lieder in 2009 and the Machynlleth Festival in Wales from 2009 - 2011.

This is Julius Drake's second CD with ATMA. In 2008, he accompanied Canadian baritone **Nathan Berg** on a recording of lieder by Brahms, Strauss, Schumann, and Schubert.

Highlights of Drake's upcoming engagements include recitals with tenor **Matthew Polenzani** at Alice Tully Hall in New York on April 3; with counter tenor **Bejun Mehta** at the Amsterdam Concertgebouw on April 5; with mezzo-soprano **Katarina Karneus** at London's Wigmore Hall on April 7; and with tenor **Ian Bostridge** at the Philharmonie, Luxembourg on April 9 and 10.

*Songs without words* will be available from March 29, 2011

Further details: [www.atmaclassique.com](http://www.atmaclassique.com)

Media Contact : *Luisa Trisi*, [ltrisi@sympatico.ca](mailto:ltrisi@sympatico.ca)