



Press Information:

**Josephine Lang  
(1815 – 1880):**

**"Fairy Dances" – Lieder**

**Heike Hallaschka, Soprano  
Heidi Kommerell, Piano**

Already in her early youth, Josephine Lang was able to fill renowned contemporaries with enthusiasm for her abilities as a singer and composer. The young Felix Mendelssohn was present at a private salon in Munich when the fifteen-year-old performed songs of her own. He was so impressed that he later gave her instruction in composition free of charge. In the following period, Josephine Lang repeatedly came into contact with Mendelssohn, his sister Fanny Hensel and their composition teacher Carl Friedrich Zelter, which of course influenced her musical development very positively. Mendelssohn confirmed his judgement of the composer, today largely unknown, in an appeal to her husband decades after that first encounter::

*"... for Heaven's sake, keep her composing diligently!  
...how tiny the masterworks of some famous names seem next to this fresh music."*

Josephine Lang wrote almost exclusively Lieder, of which the most important are collected in this new recording - almost forgotten treasures whose rediscovery is an incalculable gain for the musical world.

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