



"COUNTERPARTS"
(A Stageplay About the Schumanns in 2 Acts)

Written by
Myla Lichtman-Fields

Featuring
Jonathan McMurtry as Friedrich Wieck
Jody Horowitz as Clara Wieck
James Brown as Robert Schumann
and
Lucille Walker as the Narrator

READING DATE: Saturday, March 15th, 2003



PEN West, O.C. Presents
a Reading of
Act 1 of

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Directed by
Laurel Kelsh Jones

Featuring

Lisa Layne Griffiths as Clara Wieck
John Frederick Jones as Friedrich Wieck
Frank Romeo as Robert Schumann



Laurel Kelsh Jones.....Narrator
Donald B. Fields.....The Judge
Produced by Margaret Saine, Ph.D.
Setting: A Courtroom in Leipzig, Germany
August of 1840

After four years of being refused the hand of Friederich Wieck's daughter, Robert Schumann was finally forced to take legal steps--required by Saxony law--in order to win a court dispensation giving him permission to marry his beloved *virtuosa* interpreter of music Clara Wieck.

In the ensuing courtroom battle, Clara's two male *counterparts*--her father and her lover--project their contrasting visions for Clara upon her being.

Act 1 presents Friedrich's arguments.

Act 2 presents Robert's arguments.

