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COMPOSER ROBERT SCHUMANN NOT A BIPOLAR. NEW SOURCES

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According to new findings the name of Robert Schumann has to be struck off the list of famous people with bipolar disorder. The author has reviewed hundreds of hitherto unknown sources, daily notes of his psychiatrists, letters, diaries, among others. Schumann turned out to have been an alcoholic, who suffered from delirium tremens, 4 days, misdiagnosed as madness by his physicians. The famous suicidal attempt by jumping into the Rhine was just a floating rumour, not reality. Schumann was admitted to a privately owned madhouse. In spite of all his painstaking he could not free himself. His wife did not want him back. Finally he died from malnutrition and pneumonia. - Schumann always worked as easy as Mozart, according to the financial needs of his fast growing family. Attributing this to a manic state is erroneous. Already in young age Schumann had trained his "inner hearing", he just wrote down, what he had heard. Only once in his life Schumann said himself to have been a melancholic, but that was for making up a plausible excuse for an intimate relationship to an other girl, pretending medical advice against melancholia. - All of these scattered sources are available only in German language. In two books I have written lengthy quotations in order to ease the access. However, there is no English translation available.