



**JAZZ: SHADOWS & SILENCE: THE ERIK SATIE PROJECT – TESSA SOUTER –**  
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One doesn't associate lyrics with composer Erik Satie. We think of quiet miniatures for solo piano. Leave it to vocalist/lyricist Souter to find a way, as she has with other instrumental compositions, to make these songs fully respectful of Satie's works and uniquely her own.

She states in the press release that she's "surprised there aren't more jazz tributes to Satie." It frankly never occurred to me, and I've played these works myself for decades.

It speaks to her creativity that she did think of it and brought along a great line-up of musicians to fully realize her vision: Billy Drummond on drums, Yasushi Nakamura on bass, Nadjé Noordhuis on trumpet, Luis Perdomo on piano and Steve Wilson on soprano saxophone.