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Giuseppe
VERDI
(1813 - 1901)

Simon Boccanegra

Simon BoccanegraTito Gobbi
Jacopo Fiesco / Andrea Boris Christoff
Amelia Grimaldi / Maria BoccanegraVictoria de los Angeles
Gabriele Adorno Giuseppe Campora
Paolo Albani Walter Monachesi
Pietro Paolo Dari

Rome Opera House Chorus and Orchestra

Gabriele Santini

Recorded 25th – 30th September and 1st November, 1957
in the Opera House, Rome

Featuring a near-ideal cast, this recording of Verdi's darkly dramatic *Simon Boccanegra* drew high praise from *The Gramophone*: "Gobbi is...a masterly singing actor and here he has one of his greatest rôles, one that deploys his full range as a singing tragedian. Victoria de los Angeles is an inspired choice for the girlish, ardent heroine, and has so much glorious music to sing...[Gabriele Santini] gives a momentous, carefully paced and constantly illuminating reading of the score of one of Verdi's most powerful treatments of the fatal entanglements between political intrigue and family history". Last but not least, Christoff gives an unforgettable portrayal of the complex and powerful character of Fiesco.

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