The first performances of *Les Femmes Vengées* (The Avenged Women) in 1775 restored the fortunes of Francois-André Danican Philidor, which had been wavering since the great success of *Tom Jones* a decade earlier. His opéra-comique, which foreshadows the plot of Mozart's *Così fan tutte* (Mozart had been in Paris during the first performances of Philidor's work), offers delicious opportunities for mock-indignation and repartee in its arias and ensembles. This recording presents the complete music. Opera Lafayette and Ryan Brown's recording of Philidor's *Sancho Pança* [8.660274] was hailed as a 'witty, authentic interpretation' by the *American Record Guide*.



François-André Danican

## **PHILIDOR**

(1726-1795)

## Les Femmes Vengées

An opéra-comique in one act (1775)

Libretto by Michel-Jean Sedaine (1719-1797)

**Edition: Opera Lafayette** 

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Madame la Présidente	Pascale Beaudin, Soprano
Madame Lek	Blandine Staskiewicz, Mezzo-soprano
Monsieur Riss	Jeffrey Thompson, Tenor
Monsieur le Président	Antonio Figueroa, Tenor
Monsieur Lek	Alex Dobson, Baritone

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