

Donizetti Lucrezia Borgia

Melodramma in a Prologue and Two Acts

Libretto by Felice Romani

Based on Victor Hugo's most sensational play, *Lucrèce Borgia*, a scandalous tale of murder, torture, incest, homosexuality, drunkenness and orgies, Donizetti's opera is one of the great masterpieces of Italian *bel canto* repertoire. While omitting some of its more excessive elements, the libretto by Felice Romani inspired Donizetti to compose superb arias, duets, ensembles and choruses, bringing each act to a stirring conclusion. Beautifully costumed and designed, brimming with high drama and pathos, this production stars in the infamous title rôle Greek diva Dimitra Theodossiou, praised for her stupendous acting and singing in Donizetti's *Roberto Devereux* (Naxos DVD 2.110232).

Lucrezia Borgia **Dimitra Theodossiou**
Gennaro **Roberto De Biasio**
Don Alfonso, Duke of Ferrara **Enrico Giuseppe Iori**
Maffio Orsini **Nidia Palacios**
Rustighello **Luigi Albani**
Gubetta **Giuseppe Di Paola**
Astolfo **Mauro Corna**

**Orchestra and Chorus of the
Bergamo Musica Festival Gaetano Donizetti
Tiziano Severini**

Chorus Master: Fabio Tartari

Director: Francesco Bellotto

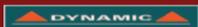


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Sung in Italian



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