

# Lauro Rossi

(1812–1885)

## Cleopatra

*Melodramma in Four Acts*

Libretto by Marco D'Arienzo

First performed at the Teatro Regio, Turin, on 5 March 1876, Lauro Rossi's penultimate opera *Cleopatra* caught the public's attention in the wake of Verdi's *Aida* (1871). Like that better-known work, it contains some wonderful arias and set pieces, including a marvellous Act 1 banquet scene, Cleopatra's Act 2 aria, the thrilling ensemble that closes Act 3, and the confrontation between Cleopatra and Octavian in Act 4, all making for compelling viewing and listening. From the brooding opening scene in which Diomedes foretells the fall of Egypt to Cleopatra's death scene, this gripping grand opera by one of Italy's forgotten masters springs vividly to life in this revival filmed at the 2008 Macerata Sferisterio Festival.

Cleopatra .....	Dimitra Theodossiou
Marco Antonio .....	Alessandro Liberatore
Ottavio Cesare .....	Paolo Pecchioli
Diomede .....	Sebastian Catana
Proculejo .....	William Corrò
Ottavia .....	Tiziana Carraro

**FORM – Orchestra Filarmonica Marchigiana**

**Coro Lirico Marchigiano 'V. Bellini'**

**Conductor and Chorus Master: David Crescenzi**

**Director, Set and Costume Designer: Pier Luigi Pizzi**

**Choreographer: Gheorghe Iancu**

**Lighting Designer: Sergio Rossi**

**Complesso di palcoscenico Banda 'Salvadei'**

**Prima Ballerina: Anbeta Toromani**

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**Video Director: Davide Mancini**

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