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Giuseppe
VERDI
(1813 - 1901)

Simon Boccanegra

Simon Boccanegra	Tito Gobbi
Jacopo Fiesco / Andrea	Boris Christoff
Amelia Grimaldi / Maria Boccanegra	Victoria de los Angeles
Gabriele Adorno	Giuseppe Campora
Paolo Albiani	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

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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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