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**Giacomo
PUCCINI**
(1858-1924)
Turandot

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Emperor Altoum of China	Armando Giannotti
Princess Turandot, his daughter	Gina Cigna
Liù, a young slave girl	Magda Olivero
Calaf, the Unknown Prince	Francesco Merli
Timur, his father, exiled king of Tartary ...	Luciano Neroni
Ping	Afro Poli
Pang	Gino del Signore
Pong	Adelio Zagonara
A Mandarin	Giuseppe Bravura

Chorus and Orchestra of the
Italian Broadcasting Authority, Turin
Franco Ghione, Conductor • Achille Consoli, Chorus master
Recorded on 31 sides by Cetra,
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Turandot was Puccini's last opera which remained unfinished at his death. It was completed by Franco Alfano, using sketches composed by Puccini. The opera is notable for the exotic richness of its orchestration and for the fearsome vocal demands of the title rôle, taken on this recording by Gina Cigna, the leading Italian dramatic soprano of the inter-war years. Calaf is sung by Francesco Merli, a leading tenor at La Scala with a particularly robust tone. Liù is sung by Magda Olivero, whose unique voice and electric stage presence made her appearances unforgettable.

CD 1	78:53	CD 2	73:08
[1-9] Act I	34:11	[1-10] Act III	37:25
[10-21] Act II	44:41	[11-21] Appendix: Early recordings of selected passages from <i>Turandot</i>	35:43

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