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Richard
WAGNER
(1813-1883)
Parsifal

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Parsifal Wolfgang Windgassen
Kundry Martha Mödl
Gurnemanz Ludwig Weber
Amfortas George London
Tituel Arnold van Mill
Klingsor Hermann Uhde
First Knight of the Grail Walter Fritz
Second Knight of the Grail Werner Faulhaber
First Squire Hanna Ludwig
Second Squire Elfriede Wild
Third Squire Günther Baldauf
Fourth Squire Gerhard Stolze

Bayreuth Festival Chorus and Orchestra
Hans Knappertsbusch, Conductor
Recorded during July and August, 1951
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The production enshrined in this live recording was one of the epoch-making theatrical events of the twentieth century. It was also momentous on the musical side, bringing forward such names as Windgassen, van Mill and London alongside established stars such as Mödl, Uhde and Weber. In charge of these wonderful singers and the handpicked chorus and orchestra was Hans Knappertsbusch, who never did anything finer than this set, the first complete recording of *Parsifal*. With an almost ideal blend of warmth and clarity for its time, the recording still sounds amazingly good; and the interpretation, edited from the general rehearsal and two performances, has stood the test of time.

CD 1	55:15	CD 2	62:10	CD 3	78:20	CD 4	76:26
1-7 Act I Part 1	55:15	1-9 Act I Part 2	62:10	1-11 Act II	72:35	1-11 Act III	
			12 Act III Part 1	5:45	Part 2		76:26

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