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Richard
WAGNER
(1813-1883)
Parsifal

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4:32:11

Parsifal	Wolfgang Windgassen
Kundry	Martha Mödl
Gurnemanz	Ludwig Weber
Amfortas	George London
Titurnel	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.

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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	76:26

12 Act III Part 1

5:45

Part 2

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