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Richard WAGNER
(1818-1893)

Lohengrin

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Lohengrin ..... Lauritz Melchior
Elsa of Brabant ..... Astrid Varnay
Ortrud ..... Kerstin Thorborg
Friedrich von Telramund ..... Alexander Sved
Herald ..... Mack Harrell
Henry the Fowler ..... Norman Cordon

Chorus and Orchestra of the Metropolitan Opera, New York

Conducted by Erich Leinsdorf

Metropolitan Opera broadcast

2nd January 1943

This live recording from January 1943 is a fine example of the excellent standard of Wagnerian performance to be heard in New York during the war years. The young Astrid Varnay, who was to become the most significant Wagnerian dramatic soprano between Flagstad and Nilsson, and Lauritz Melchior, the outstanding *Heldentenor* of his era, are vocally splendid in every way. There are also notable contributions from Kerstin Thorborg, and from the Hungarian baritone Alexander Sved in his only German role. Erich Leinsdorf's admirable pacing of the score is a reminder of the excellent work he did for the Metropolitan Opera.

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