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**BELLINI**  
(1801-1835)  
**I Puritani**

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2 CDs


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Elvira ..... Maria Callas  
 Arturo ..... Giuseppe Di Stefano  
 Riccardo ..... Rolando Panerai  
 Giorgio ..... Nicola Rossi-Lemeni  
 Bruno ..... Angelo Mercuriali  
 Gualtiero Valton ..... Carlo Forti  
 Enrichetta ..... Aurora Cattelani

Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala, Milan  
 Tullio Serafin

Chorus Master: Vittore Veneziani

Recorded March and April 1953  
 in the Basilica di Santa Eufemia, Milan  
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This historic recording of *I Puritani* is notable for many reasons: it was the first opera Maria Callas recorded with the forces of La Scala, during a period when the Milanese theatre was the scene of her greatest triumphs, and it marked the start of the rediscovery, on record, of the bel-canto repertoire. This was due partly to the development of the long-playing record, and partly to the totally new character which Callas brought to the operas of this repertoire with her smoky tone, vocal agility and dramatic intensity. The producer, Walter Legge, assembled a strong cast around his new *protégée*: Giuseppe Di Stefano, possessed of a beautiful, natural tenor voice, Nicola Rossi-Lemeni, a pre-eminent bass throughout the 1950s and the young Rolando Panerai, one of Italy's emerging talents.

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1-7 Act I, Scene 1	22:06	11-11 Act II	41:30
8-20 Act I, Scene 2	47:03	12-21 Act III	31:49

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