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Umberto GIORDANO

(1867-1948)

Andrea Chénier

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2 CDs



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Maddalena di Coigny	Maria Caniglia
Andrea Chénier	Beniamino Gigli
Carlo Gérard	Gino Bechi
Countess di Coigny	Giulietta Simionato
Madelon	Vittoria Palombini
Bersi	Maria Huder
Roucher	Italo Tajo
Fouquier-Tinville	Giuseppe Taddei
Mathieu	Leone Paci
Fléville	Giuseppe Taddei
The Abbé, L'Incredibile	Adelio Zagonara
Majordomo, Dumas, Schmidt	Gino Conti
Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala, Milan	
Oliviero de Fabritiis	
Recorded November 1941 in Milan	
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Gigli not only made commercial studio recordings over a period of 37 years (1918-1955) but was also the first international singer to record a substantial series of complete operas in the studio. Made during the Second World War, this recording of *Andrea Chénier* is of historical significance since no country other than Italy during this period undertook complete recordings of operas for commercial purposes. Due to the outbreak of hostilities between Italy and Britain in 1940, this 1941 *Andrea Chénier* was not released in Britain until 1949. The rôle of the revolutionary poet Andrea Chénier suited Gigli's voice and temperament to perfection. It was always one of his favourite parts, to which he brought a splendid ardour and dramatic commitment.

CD 1	53:41	CD 2	74:53
1-7 Act I	28:14	1-10 Act III	37:48
8-15 Act II	25:27	11-15 Act IV	15:52
		16-21 Appendix: A Selection of Arias	21:12
		Sung by Various Artists	

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