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GIORDANO: Andrea Chénier

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Cover Image: *Beniamino Gigli as Andrea Chénier*
(Lebrecht Collection)

Umberto
GIORDANO

(1867-1948)

Andrea Chénier

ADD

Playing
Time
2:08:34

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 Sung by Various Artists	21:12



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