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Richard  
STRAUSS

(1864-1949)

# Der Rosenkavalier

(American Broadcasting Corporation Telecast 21st November 1949)

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Octavian ..... Risë Stevens  
Die Feldmarschallin ..... Eleanor Steber  
Baron Ochs ..... Emanuel List  
Sophie ..... Erna Berger  
Faninal ..... Hugh Thompson  
Annina ..... Martha Lipton  
Valzacchi ..... Peter Klein  
Italian Singer ..... Giuseppe Di Stefano  
Marianne Leitmetzerin ..... Thelma Votipka  
Mahomet ..... Peggy Smithers  
Marschallin's Major-domo ..... Emery Darcy  
Orphans .. Paula Lenchner, Maxine Stellman, Thelma Altman  
Milliner ..... Lois Hunt  
Animal Vendor ..... Leslie Chabay  
Hairdresser ..... Matthew Vittucci  
Chorus and Orchestra of the Metropolitan Opera, New York  
Conducted by Fritz Reiner

This acclaimed performance of *Der Rosenkavalier* opened the 1949-50 season at the Metropolitan Opera in New York and was televised live by ABC. The sound track of the transmission has been restored for this release. The inimitable Fritz Reiner, whose mastery of orchestral balance and excellent sense of line and architecture made him one of the greatest conductors of the music of Richard Strauss, directs a superb cast which includes two American-born singers, Eleanor Steber, who created the eponymous rôle in Barber's *Vanessa*, and Risë Stevens, whose varied career included Hollywood films and Broadway musicals.

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Der Rosenkavalier, design from a Lielig card (Mary Evans Picture Library)

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