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Giuseppe
VERDI
(1813– 1901)
La Traviata

Playing
Time
2:02:17

Violetta Valéry Maria Callas
Flora Bervoix Ede Gandolfo Marietti
Annina Ines Marietti
Alfredo Germont Francesco Albanese
Giorgio Germont Ugo Savarese
Gastone De Letorières Mariano Caruso
Doctor Grenvil Mario Zorogniotti
Baron Douphol Alberto Albertini
Marquis d'Obigny Gino Bianchi
Giuseppe Franco Rossi

CETRA Chorus • Giulio Mogliotti, Chorus Master
Turin Radio Symphony Orchestra
Gabriele Santini, Conductor

Recorded September 1953 at the Auditorium RAI, Turin

This recording of *La Traviata* was made at the beginning of Callas' career. Although the great soprano was not yet at the peak of her vocal and dramatic powers, the characteristic passion, immediacy and empathy in her portrayal of Violetta are ever present. Franco Zeffirelli, who attended the 1951 Florence performance, her first, recalled 'how the audience went mad ... it was sensational, vocally and musically'. Tito Gobbi wrote of a performance later that same year in São Paulo, Brazil: 'I cannot believe anyone ever sang that first act as Callas sang it ... I find it impossible to describe the electrifying brilliance of the coloratura, the beauty, the sheer magic of that sound which she poured out then. And with it perfect diction, colour, inflection and feeling'.

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54:20

1-11 Act I

31:45

1-8 Act II, Scene 2

22:33

12-25 Act II, Scene I

36:12

9-20 Act III

31:47

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