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BEETHOVEN • BRAHMS

MOZART • ROSSINI • WEBER

BBC Symphony Orchestra

Arturo Toscanini

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TOSCANINI: BEETHOVEN

BEETHOVEN:

Symphony No. 6 in F major, Op. 68 'Pastoral' **38:14**

- 1 Allegro ma non troppo **8:58**
(Cheerful impressions awakened by arriving in the country)
- 2 Andante molto moto (Scene by the brook) **11:49**
- 3 Allegro (Peasants' merrymaking) **5:06**
- 4 Allegro (Thunderstorm) **3:27**
- 5 Allegretto **8:56**
(Shepherds' Song: Joyous thanksgiving after the storm)

Recorded June, July and October 1937

MOZART:

Die Zauberflöte - Overture **6:44**
Recorded June 1938

ROSSINI:

La Scala di seta - Overture **6:09**
Recorded June 1938

WEBER (orch. BERLIOZ):

Invitation to the Dance **9:26**
Recorded June 1938

BRAHMS:

Tragic Overture **12:46**
Recorded October 1937

Together with Beethoven's *First* and *Fourth Symphonies* and *Leonora Overture No.1* (Naxos 8.110854), these Toscanini performances with the BBC Symphony Orchestra complete the commercial releases sanctioned for issue by the Maestro at the time of his visits to London at the invitation of the BBC in the middle and late 1930s. Toscanini laid great emphasis on wanting Beethoven's *Sixth Symphony* to sound smooth and 'pastoral'. Although the sessions were spread over four months, there is a wonderful fluidity and spontaneous ease of expression that is not found in many of his other recordings of the work. Although Toscanini was perhaps more renowned for the wealth of recordings with the NBC Symphony Orchestra, both live and more particularly in the studio, there is no question that the BBC caught him in full maturity and at the peak of his powers.

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