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Richard
STRAUSS
(1864–1949)

Der Rosenkavalier

The Marschallin, Princess Werdenberg Maria Reining
Baron Ochs of Lerchenau Ludwig Weber
Octavian Sena Jurinac
Herr von Faninal Alfred Poell
Sophie Hilde Gueden
Marianne Leitmetzerin, the Duenna Judith Hellwig
Valzacchi Peter Klein
Annina Hilde Rössel-Majdan
A Singer Anton Dermota
A Police Commissioner Walter Berry

Vienna State Opera Chorus • Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra
Erich Kleiber, Conductor
Recorded 29th May to 28th June 1954
in the Musikvereinsaal, Vienna

Made in the Austrian capital, then under Allied occupation, this first ever complete recording of *Rosenkavalier* has long been viewed as one of the gramophone's major achievements, and now enjoys classic status. Erich Kleiber's wonderfully integrated presentation is regarded as a benchmark for other interpretations, while the contributions of Sena Jurinac (Octavian), Hilde Gueden (Sophie) and Ludwig Weber (Baron Ochs) are widely perceived as outstanding. The singers for the smaller roles were all regular members of the Vienna Staatsoper, whose teamwork made a marked contribution to the overall success of the recording.

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