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Ludwig Van
BEETHOVEN
(1770 – 1827)
Fidelio

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Leonore Martha Mödl
Florestan Wolfgang Windgassen
Rocco Gottlob Frick
Don Pizarro Otto Edelmann
Don Fernando Alfred Poell
Marzelline Sena Jurinac
Jaquino Rudolf Schock
First Prisoner Alwin Hendricks
Second Prisoner Franz Bierbach

Vienna State Opera Chorus
Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra
Wilhelm Furtwängler
Recorded 13th-17th October 1953
in the Musikvereinsaal, Vienna

This 1953 recording of *Fidelio*, conducted by the pre-eminent German conductor of the twentieth century, Wilhelm Furtwängler, was made immediately after a series of performances given by largely the same forces at the Theater an der Wien in Vienna, scene of the very first performance of the opera in 1805. Headed by Martha Mödl, a commanding presence on the operatic stage well into her eighties, and the outstanding *heldentenor* of his generation, Wolfgang Windgassen, the cast for Furtwängler's Vienna performances and recording represented the cream of European opera singers of the period. Both Sena Jurinac and Rudolf Schock were on the threshold of major international careers.

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1 Overture	6:38	1-13 Act II	62:50
2-13 Act I	64:40		

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