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Giuseppe  
**VERDI**  
(1813-1901)**La Traviata**

Violetta Valéry ..... Antonietta Stella  
 Alfredo Germont ..... Giuseppe Di Stefano  
 Giorgio Germont ..... Tito Gobbi  
 Flora Bervoix ..... Elvira Galassi  
 Gastone ..... Giuseppe Zampieri  
 Marquis d'Obigny ..... Nicola Zaccaria  
 Baron Douphol ..... William Dickie

Orchestra and Chorus of La Scala, Milan  
 Tullio Serafin

Recorded 15th – 21st September, 1955  
 in the Teatro alla Scala, Milan

Having already recorded *La Traviata* for CETRA (Naxos 8.110300-01), Maria Callas was contractually barred from taking part in this 1955 recording of the opera, which featured, instead, the emerging Italian soprano Antonietta Stella, who went on to become an acclaimed interpreter of Verdi's and Puccini's romantic heroines and to record extensively for a variety of labels. When the recording was released in Britain in 1956, *The Gramophone* reviewer thought "Stella sings with a good deal of fine intention... Di Stefano is much better [than his rivals] ...Gobbi is a really impressive vocal actor". Hugely admired by singers, the conductor Tullio Serafin embodies all the finest qualities of the Italian *maestro*.

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