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Schwarzkopf • Gedda • Ackermann

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Johann
STRAUSS II
(1825-1899)

The Gypsy Baron
(Der Zigeunerbaron)

Barinkay ..... Nicolai Gedda
Saffi ..... Elisabeth Schwarzkopf
Zsupán ..... Erich Kunz
Arsena ..... Erika Köth
Czipra ..... Gertrude Burgsthaler-Schuster
Mirabella ..... Monica Sinclair
Count Homonay ..... Hermann Prey

Philharmonia Chorus and Orchestra
Otto Ackermann
Recorded 18th-21st, 26th, 28th and 31st May,
and 25th September, 1954 in Kingsway Hall, London

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Playing Time 1:58:10

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Second in popularity only to *Die Fledermaus*, Strauss's *The Gypsy Baron* is a colourful comic opera whose vividly drawn characters include a gypsy girl who turns out to be a Turkish Pasha's daughter, a fortune-telling Romany queen, an exiled landowner, ridiculous local dignitaries, hussars and, inevitably, a band of gypsies. Embroiling themselves in the entertainingly convoluted plot, the stellar cast of this 1954 London recording includes Gedda, Prey and Sinclair, still in their twenties, and Schwarzkopf, yet to turn forty and at her peak.

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