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Giacomo
PUCCINI
(1858-1924)

La bohème

Rodolfo ..... Giuseppe Di Stefano
Mimì ..... Maria Callas
Marcello ..... Rolando Panerai
Musetta ..... Anna Moffo
Colline ..... Nicola Zaccaria
Schaunard ..... Manuel Spatafora

Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala, Milan
Antonino Votto
Recorded 20th-25th August and 3rd, 4th
and 12th September, 1956 in the Teatro alla Scala, Milan

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This 1956 recording of Puccini's perennially popular *La bohème* was Callas's twelfth complete opera recording with La Scala, Milan, though she never sang it live on stage here or anywhere else. While less demanding than many rôles, Mimì nonetheless allows Callas to showcase some highly refined singing marked by her uniquely sensitive musicianship and admirable rhythmic mastery. The cast also features Anna Moffo's very pleasing interpretation of Musetta and, in the rôle of Rodolfo, Giuseppe Di Stefano, one of the most beautiful lyric tenor voices of the twentieth century.

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