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Amahl and the Night Visitors

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Gian Carlo
MENOTTI
(1911–2007)

Amahl and the Night Visitors

Amahl Chet Allen
His Mother Rosemary Kuhlmann
Kaspar Andrew McKinley
Melchior David Aiken
Balthazar Leon Lishner
The Page Frank Monachino

Orchestra and Chorus • Thomas Schippers
Recorded in New York City, December 1951

Sebastian – Ballet Suite

Robin Hood Dell Orchestra of Philadelphia
Dimitri Mitropoulos

Recorded in the Academy of Music, Philadelphia, 26th July, 1946

The reception for the first television broadcast of Menotti's opera *Amahl and the Night Visitors* (also available in an acclaimed modern recording on Naxos 8.669019) was overwhelming: an estimated five million viewers, the NBC switchboard jammed with congratulatory calls and an unprecedented front-page review in *The New York Times*. Quickly recorded for RCA Victor, the album became a best-seller and the opera remains a Christmas evergreen, brimming with memorable tunes for both soloists and chorus. Set in 17th-century Venice, Menotti's ballet *Sebastian*, the concert suite from which is heard here, was applauded by *The New York Times* as an 'unblushing melodrama... brilliantly effective'.

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