



Gian Carlo
MENOTTI
(1911–2007)

The Medium
(Opera in Two Acts)

Monica Evelyn Keller
Madame Flora (Baba) Marie Powers
Mrs. Gobineau Beverly Dame
Mr. Gobineau Frank Rogier
Mrs. Nolan Catherine Mastice

The Telephone
(Opera in One Act)

Lucy Marilyn Cotlow
Ben Frank Rogier

Orchestra conducted by Emanuel Balaban
Recorded in New York City, October 1947

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Playing
Time
77:51

The Medium	55:39
1 - 10 Act I	26:47
11 - 18 Act II	28:52

The Telephone	22:12
19 Introduction	2:18
20 Oh! Just what I wanted	4:59
21 That was Margaret!	1:20
22 It is four fifteen	2:17
23 Try again and again	2:43
24 Hello, this is Lucy	5:31
25 Hello ... Hello	3:03

The pairing of the comic opera *The Telephone* with the sinister music-drama *The Medium* proved to be a big hit for composer Gian Carlo Menotti when they opened together on Broadway in 1947. The double bill ran for over 200 performances, and enjoyed similar success in London during 1948. This original 1947 cast recording of *The Medium*, made by the American Columbia company, was first released in the United Kingdom in 1961, when *The Gramophone* wrote enthusiastically: 'its effectiveness as a musical work for the stage is beyond argument.'

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