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Stanisław
MONIUSZKO
 (1819-1872)

Straszny dwór
 (The Haunted Manor)

Stefan	Bogdan Paprocki
Zbigniew	Edmund Kossowski
Cześnikowa	Antonina Kawecka
Miecznik	Marian Woźniczko
Hanna	Barbara Kostrzewska
Jadwiga	Felicja Kurowiak
Damazy	Radziśław Peter
Maciej	Zygmunt Mariański
Skotuba	Henryk Łukaszek

Poznań State Moniuszko Opera Chorus and Orchestra

Walerian Bierdajew

Recorded in Poznań in 1953 and 1954

Born in a small village near Minsk, Stanisław Moniuszko acquired wider musical experience in Berlin and made his name as a Polish national celebrity with his opera *Halka*. *The Haunted Manor* is generally considered to be Moniuszko's masterpiece. In a plot thick with masculine challenges and feminine trickery, the story revolves around two brothers and the romantic complications which arise in a house cast under a spell of love. Polish opera legend Bogdan Paprocki leads a powerful cast in a vibrant performance set down in Poznań in 1953 and 1954, the first ever recording of the opera.

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