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Richard
WAGNER
 (1813-1883)

Götterdämmerung

Brünnhilde	Kirsten Flagstad
Siegfried	Set Svanholm
Gutrune	Ingrid Bjoner
Gunther	Waldemar Johnsen
Alberich	Per Grønneberg
Hagen	Egil Nordsjø
Woglinde	Unni Bugge-Hanssen
Waltraute	Eva Gustavson
Wellgunde	Karen Marie Flagstad

Opera Chorus • Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra
 Norwegian State Radio Orchestra
 Øivin Fjeldstad

Recorded in the Norwegian Radio Studios, Oslo
 on 5th, 8th and 10th January, 1956 and in University Hall, Oslo
 on 14th March, 1956

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In January 1956 Norwegian Radio broadcast an almost complete performance of *Götterdämmerung* starring Kirsten Flagstad and Set Svanholm, and conducted by Øivin Fjeldstad. Despite opportunities to re-record the work in Vienna, Flagstad was insistent that this performance be released. Most of the missing sections were then recorded, and the resultant LP was the first (almost complete) commercial recording of the work on disc. Flagstad, the great Wagnerian, in resplendent voice and Svanholm proves a worthy partner. This elusive set remains a milestone in Wagner performance.

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