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A contemporary of Rossini and a leading composer in his own right, the prolific German composer Peter von Winter, who was trained in Mannheim and by Salieri, spent much of his life as court Kapellmeister in Munich. His opera *Maometto* was written for La Scala, Milan, where it was successfully staged on 45 occasions during the 1817 season. Based on a broadly anti-clerical play by Voltaire, this tragic melodrama hinges on the unwitting murder of a father, the Sheriff of Mecca, by a pair of young lovers who are unaware, until it is too late, that they are brother and sister. *Maometto* is unusual in successfully combining the Italian belcanto style of Rossini with elements of German opera. Mozart's *Così fan tutte* and Beethoven's *Fidelio* are two readily discernible influences.

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**VON WINTER**  
(1754-1825)

 ROSSINI  
IN WILDBAD  
Belcanto Opera Festival

**Maometto**  
Tragic Melodrama in Two Acts

Maometto ..... Sebastian Na, Tenor  
Zopiro, Sheriff of Mecca ..... Antonio de Gobbi, Bass  
Omar, Maometto's Lieutenant ..... Luca Salsi, Baritone  
Fanor, Senator of Mecca ..... Cesare Ruta, Tenor  
Seide, Maometto's Slave ..... Gloria Montanari, Mezzo-soprano  
Palmira, Maometto's Slave ..... Maria Luigia Borsi, Soprano

Czech Philharmonic Choir, Brno  
Czech Chamber Soloists, Brno  
Gabriele Bellini, Conductor

CD 1	72:26	CD 2	64:32
1 Sinfonia	8:41	1 Act I (conclusion)	13:11
2-14 Act I (beginning)	63:45	2-12 Act II	51:21

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