

# GIOACHINO ROSSINI (1792–1868)

## COMPLETE OVERTURES

*Prague Sinfonia Orchestra*

*Christian Benda*

Rossini's musical wit and zest for comic characterisation have enriched the operatic repertoire immeasurably, and his overtures distil these qualities into works of colourful orchestration, bravura and charm. From his most popular, such as *La scala di seta* (The Silken Ladder) and *La gazza ladra* (The Thieving Magpie), to the rarity *Matilde of Shabran*, the full force of Rossini's dramatic power is revealed in these masterpieces of invention. Each of the four discs in this set has received outstanding international acclaim, with Volume 2 described as "an unalloyed winner" by *Classics Today*, and the Prague Sinfonia Orchestra's playing described as "stunning" by *American Record Guide* (Volume 3).

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### COMPLETE OVERTURES • 1 (8.570933)

La gazza ladra • Semiramide • Elisabetta, Regina d'Inghilterra (Il barbiere di Siviglia) • Otello •  
Le siège de Corinthe • Sinfonia in D 'al Conventello' • Ermione

### COMPLETE OVERTURES • 2 (8.570934)

Guillaume Tell • Eduardo e Cristina • L'inganno felice • La scala di seta • Demetrio e Polibio •  
Il Signor Bruschino • Sinfonia di Bologna • Sigismondo

### COMPLETE OVERTURES • 3 (8.570935)

Maometto II (1822 Venice version) • L'Italiana in Algeri • La Cenerentola • Grand'ouverture 'obbligata a  
contrabbasso' • Matilde di Shabran, ossia Bellezza, e cuor di ferro • La cambiale di matrimonio • Tancredi

### CD 4 COMPLETE OVERTURES • 4 (8.572735)

Il barbiere di Siviglia • Il Turco in Italia • Sinfonia in E flat major • Ricciardo e Zoraide •  
Torvaldo e Dorliska • Armida • Le Comte Ory • Bianca e Falliero