

Antonio Sacchini was one of the leading composers of Italian *opera seria* of the late 18th century. *Oedipe à Colone*, his last work, was extraordinarily successful, with regular performances at the Paris Opéra between 1787 and 1844. Based on Sophocles' tragedy *Oedipus at Colonus*, the second item in a trilogy that is one of the glories of Greek literature, Sacchini's opera is notable for both its high drama and tender, moving lyricism. It was championed by Berlioz who considered it to be an inspired and even sublime work.



Antonio
SACCHINI
(1730–1786)

Oedipe à Colone

Oedipe	.....	François Loup
Antigone	.....	Nathalie Paulin
Polinice	.....	Robert Getchell
Thésée	.....	Tony Boutté
Eriphile	.....	Kirsten Blaise

Opera Lafayette Orchestra and Chorus • Ryan Brown

CD 1

67:54

CD 2

44:53

[1-12] Act 1

[1-10] Act 3

[13-17] Act 2

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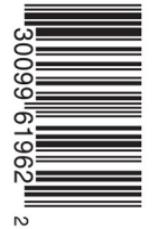
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