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Based on Victor Hugo's most sensational play, *Lucrece Borgia*, a scandalous tale of murder, torture, incest, homosexuality, drunkenness and orgies, Donizetti's opera is one of the great masterpieces of Italian *bel canto* repertoire. While omitting some of its more excessive elements, the libretto by Felice Romani inspired Donizetti to compose superb arias, duets, ensembles and choruses, bringing each act to a stirring conclusion. Brimming with high drama and pathos, this production stars Greek diva Dimitra Theodossiou in the infamous title rôle, praised for her stupendous acting and singing as England's Queen Elizabeth I in Donizetti's *Roberto Devereux* (Naxos CD 8.660222-23 / DVD 2.110232).



Gaetano
DONIZETTI
(1797–1848)
Lucrezia Borgia

Recorded by



Lucrezia Borgia Dimitra Theodossiou
Gennaro Roberto De Biasio
Don Alfonso, Duke of Ferrara Enrico Giuseppe Iori
Maffio Orsini Nidia Palacios
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Orchestra and Chorus of the
Bergamo Musica Festival Gaetano Donizetti
Tiziano Severini

CD 1 [1] Prelude / [2–12] Prologue / [13–18] Act I, Scene 1 55:56
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