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Verdi was justifiably pleased with *Macbeth*, his tenth opera and his first on a Shakespearian subject – it would long remain his own favourite among his ‘early period’ operas. Eighteen years later, at the invitation of the Théâtre Lyrique in Paris, he substantially revised the score, and this is the version (sung in Italian) presented here. The talented young cast is headed by Giuseppe Altomare as Macbeth, one of Verdi’s most profoundly modern anti-heroes – a political animal driven to bloody regicide yet doomed by his very success – with Olha Zhuravel as his obsessively ambitious wife, driven to madness by her own guilt. “Daniele Callegari gives Verdi’s creation its full due, matching the differing styles of the later and earlier music to give a cohesive whole.” – Robert J Farr / MusicWeb International on Naxos 2.110258 (DVD)

Giuseppe
VERDI
(1813–1901)
Macbeth

Recorded by



Macbeth	Giuseppe Altomare
Lady Macbeth	Olha Zhuravel
Banco	Pavel Kudinov
Macduff	Rubens Pelizzari
Malcolm	Marco Voleri
Il medico	Luca Dall’Amico
Un domestico di Macbeth / I apparizione	William Corrò
Il sicario	Andrea Pistolesi
II e III apparizione	Velia Moretti de Angelis, Valeria Cazacu
Ecate	Anbeta Toromani
Fleanzio	Dario Vinciguerra

FORM – Orchestra Filarmonica Marchigiana
Coro Lirico Marchigiano
Daniele Callegari

CD 1 [1]–[12] Prelude & Act I / [13]–[19] Act II 77:02 • CD 2 [1]–[5] Act III / [6]–[14] Act IV 66:42

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