

Donizetti's fiftieth opera, *Marino Faliero*, was first performed in Paris on 12 March 1835 with a cast comprising four of the finest singers of the period before premiering in London a few weeks later. Although these premières were both overshadowed by Bellini's *I Puritani*, *Marino Faliero* subsequently enjoyed a long and successful run of international performances throughout the 19th century before disappearing from the stage until its modern revival in 1966. Set in Venice in 1355, it remains a major work of Italian Romanticism, sentimental, martial, full of conspiratorial adventure and culminating with the execution of the leading rôle. This recording is also available on Naxos DVD 2.110616-17.



Gaetano  
**DONIZETTI**  
(1797–1848)

**Marino Faliero**

**Azione tragica in Three Acts (1835 edition)**

**Marino Faliero, Doge of Venice** ..... Giorgio Surian  
**Elena, Dogaressa** ..... Rachele Stanisci  
**Fernando, the Doge's nephew** ..... Ivan Magri  
**Israele Bertucci, Captain of the Venetian Arsenal** .... Luca Grassi  
**Steno, member of the Council of Forty** ..... Luca Dall'Amico  
**Leoni, member of the Council of Ten** ..... Leonardo Gramegna

**Orchestra and Chorus of the  
 Bergamo Musica Festival Gaetano Donizetti  
 Chorus Master: Fabio Tartari  
 Bruno Cinquegrani**

Full cast and track lists can be found on pages 2–4 of the booklet

**CD 1 [1]–[19] Sinfonia & Act I 72:40 • CD 2 [1]–[22] Acts II & III 71:44**

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