

Anton Urspruch was Franz Liszt's favourite pupil and saw himself as a 'progressive modernist'. His music, whilst influenced by his teacher, and by Wagner, diverged from the paths taken by contemporaries such as Reger and Richard Strauss. His masterpiece, the comic opera *Das Unmöglichste von Allem*, is constructed on a symphonic scale with a series of amusing plot lines powered by tuneful and inventive writing. Although the opera was well received early on by both critics and musicians, after Urspruch's death it fell into oblivion until triumphantly revived by the forces on this live recording, the first performance of the original, uncut version of the opera.



Anton
URSPRUNCH
(1850-1907)

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Das Unmöglichste von Allem (1897)
(The Most Impossible Thing of All)

Comic opera in three acts

Libretto by Anton Urspruch, after Lope de Vega (1562-1635)

Die Königin (The Queen)	Rebecca Broberg, Soprano
Roberto, Nobleman in her service	Robert Fendl, Baritone
Diana, his sister	Anne Wieben, Soprano
Celia, Diana's maid	Caterina Maier, Soprano
Lisardo, Queen's Counsel	Matthias Grätzel, Tenor
Ramon, Lisardo's servant	Ralf Sauerbrey, Baritone

PPP Music Theatre Ensemble, Munich • Peter P. Pachl, Director
Orchestra of the Sorbian National Ensemble • Israel Yinon

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1 [Prelude	12:14	1-14	Act Two	1-9	Act Three
2-9	Act One	50:29			37:10

A detailed track and cast list can be found inside the booklet.

A co-production with Anton Urspruch Gesellschaft e. V.

The German libretto and an English translation can be accessed at www.naxos.com/libretti/660335.htm

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