

The genesis of Rossini's first full-scale opera *Demetrio e Polibio* is shrouded in speculation, but its initial intention as a 'family opera' for the tenor Domenico Mombelli, with roles for his daughters and a libretto by his wife seems clear. Its narrative of political turmoil, romance, kidnap, and the ultimate blessings of true love and unity is a prelude to subjects to which Rossini would frequently turn in future triumphs. The composer's facility for melody and his genius for combining voices into the loveliest of duets is already much in evidence in this confident but rarely heard debut.

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Gioachino
ROSSINI

(1792–1868)

ROSSINI
in WILDBAD
Wolfgang Wagner Festival

Demetrio e Polibio

Dramma serio per musica in due atti • Libretto di Vincenzina Viganò Mombelli

Lisinga Sofia Mchedlishvili

Siveno Victoria Yarovaya

Eumene César Arrieta

Polibio Luca Dall'Amico

Camerata Bach Choir, Poznań • Chorus-master: Ania Michalak
Virtuosi Brunensis (Karel Mitáš, Artistic Director)

Luciano Acocella

Music Assistant and Fortepiano: Achille Lampo

CD 1 [1] Sinfonia [2]-[20] Act I

64:23 CD 2 [1]-[13] Act II

48:06

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