

At a late stage in its composition Meyerbeer changed the name of his opera *L'Africaine* to *Vasco da Gama* and completed it the day before he died in 1864. Changes were then made by the Belgian musicologist and composer François-Joseph Fétis who prepared a performing version from the extensive score material, retaining the title *L'Africaine*, before the opera's premiere in April 1865. The plot concerns the famed Portuguese navigator and his series of love entanglements cast as a magnificent *grand opéra*. This production is based on the critical edition of the full score and reflects Meyerbeer's original intentions.

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Giacomo
MEYERBEER
(1791–1864)

 Patronatsverein

L'Africaine – Vasco da Gama

Opera in five acts (1865) • Libretto by Eugène Scribe (1791–1861)

Vasco da Gama	Michael Spyres, Tenor
Sélica	Claudia Mahnke, Mezzo-soprano
Inès	Kirsten MacKinnon, Soprano
Nélusko	Brian Mulligan, Baritone
Don Pedro	Andreas Bauer Kanabas, Bass
Don Diégo	Thomas Faulkner, Bass
Anna	Bianca Andrew, Mezzo-soprano
Don Alvar	Michael McCown, Tenor

Chor der Oper Frankfurt

Tilman Michael, Chorus master

Frankfurter Opern- und Museumsorchester

Antonello Manacorda

CD 1  **Ouverture • Act I** 47:53 CD 2  **Acts II and III** 74:42 CD 3  **Acts IV and V** 78:09

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

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Recording supervisors: Felix Dreher, Christian Wilde • Recording producer and editing, mixing and mastering: Felix Dreher

Live sound: Margit Baruschka, Paul Baron • Wireless microphone technicians: Teresa Kunz, Lennart Scheuren, Felix Straday

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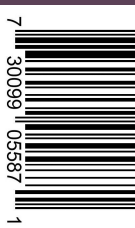
Stage director: Tobias Kratzer • Set and costume design: Rainer Sellmaier



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