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John
ADAMS
(b. 1947)

Nixon in China (1987)

Opera in Three Acts
Libretto by Alice Goodman

Richard Nixon **Robert Orth**
Pat Nixon **Maria Kanyova**
Henry Kissinger **Thomas Hammons**
Mao Tse-tung **Marc Heller**
Madame Mao (Chiang Ch'ing) ... **Tracy Dahl**
Chou En-lai **Chen-Ye Yuan**
1st Secretary (Nancy T'ang) .. **Melissa Malde**
2nd Secretary **Julie Simson**
3rd Secretary **Jennifer DeDominici**

Opera Colorado Chorus
Douglas Kinney Frost, Chorus Master
Colorado Symphony Orchestra
Marin Alsop

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1-16 Act I 1-12 Act II 1-13 Act III

A full track and cast list can be found on pages 2 to 4 of the booklet. The libretto is also included.

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A longtime collaborator of John Adams and champion of his music, Marin Alsop directs this live recording of Opera Colorado's 25th Anniversary Celebration production of *Nixon in China*, presented at Denver's new Ellie Caulkins Opera House during the 2008 National Performing Arts Convention, and featuring an internationally recognized cast. Alice Goodman's epic libretto and John Adams's distinctive music weave together a colorful fabric of actual events from President Nixon's historic visit to the People's Republic of China with intimate examinations of the opera's real life characters. The spectacle, drama, humor and pathos of this masterpiece remain as compelling today as when the opera was premièred in 1987.

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