

Edmond Clément

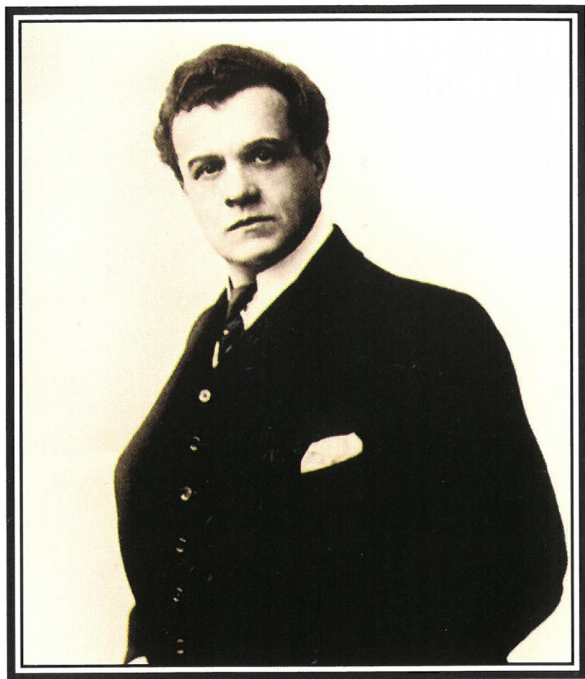
Edmond Clément (1867-1928) was the French lyric tenor *par excellence*. A leading member of the Opéra-Comique, he created the chief tenor rôles of many operas including works by Bruneau, Saint-Saëns, Hahn and Cui. He was renowned for his portrayal of Don José in Bizet's *Carmen*, the title rôle of Massenet's *Werther*, and especially Des Grieux in Massenet's *Manon*. In the years immediately preceding the First World War Clément sang in the United States where he was a member of the Metropolitan and Boston Opera companies. His complete recordings for the French Odéon and American Victor recording companies include arias from Massenet's *Manon* and *Werther*, Lalo's *Le roi d'Ys*, Gounod's *Roméo et Juliette* and Godard's *Jocelyn*. Also featured on this CD are the duets with Geraldine Farrar and Marcel Journet, including Bizet's glorious 'Pearl Fishers' duet.

Total timing: 1 hr 14 mins
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