

PARAPHRASES DE SALON

19TH CENTURY OPERA TRANSCRIPTIONS

The enduring appeal of opera in the 19th century found a new and intimate expression in the realm of solo piano music. This recording reveals how the grandeur and expressive range of operas by Bellini and Verdi was brought from the theatre into private parlours and salons. The composers featured on this album preserve the spirit of the original works while reimagining the famous melodies and dramatic scenes as paraphrases, fantasies and variations. Award-winning Italian pianist, Ruben Micieli, performs these dazzling pieces in his own unique way, making musical and structural adjustments to each transcription after studying the scores by Bellini and Verdi.

1 **EDUARD BIEHL (1824–1895)**
FANTAISIE DRAMATIQUE SUR
IL TROVATORE DE VERDI, OP. 8
(pub. 1854) **10:18**

2 **IGNACE XAVIER JOSEPH**
LEYBACH (1817–1891)
FANTAISIE BRILLANTE SUR
I PURITANI DE BELLINI, OP. 48
(pub. 1862) **08:19**

3-4 **JOACHIM RAFF (1822–1882)**
DEUX PARAPHRASES DE SALON,
D'APRÈS VERDI, OP. 70 (1857) 10:13

5 **STEFANO GOLINELLI (1818–1891)**
LA TRAVIATA DI VERDI,
DIVERTIMENTO BRILLANTE, OP. 93
(1853) (arr. Ruben Micieli) **06:57**

6 **FERDINAND BEYER (1803–1863)**
FANTAISIE BRILLANTE SUR DES
THÈMES DE L'OPÉRA I CAPULETI E
I MONTECCHI DE BELLINI, OP. 50,
NO. 3 (pub. 1842) 12:31

7 **ADOLFO FUMAGALLI (1828–1856)**
MELODIA VARIATA SU LA TRAVIATA
DI VERDI, OP. 98 (pub. 1854) 05:22

8 **EUGENIA APPIANI (1820–1870)**
BALLATA NELL'OPERA RIGOLETTO
DI VERDI (pub. 1850) 04:38

9 **IGNACE XAVIER JOSEPH**
LEYBACH
FANTAISIE BRILLANTE SUR DES
MOTIFS DE L'OPÉRA NORMA
DE BELLINI, OP. 65 (67)
(pub. 1864) **12:01**

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 70:50



RUBEN MICIELI



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