



## THE MUSIC MASTERS SERIES

presents the lives and music of the world's great composers in an exciting, easy-to-follow format. A narrator discusses the composer's life, and specially selected music is played—an interesting, informative way to learn more about the giants of classical music.



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### THE STORY OF VERDI (1813-1901)

#### DID YOU KNOW...

His name became a rallying cry for Italian nationalists in the last century: "Viva Verdi" was a code for Vittorio Emanuele, Re D'Italia (Long Live Victor Emanuel, King of Italy).

He had a genius for theatrical effect and for portraying powerful emotions through simple means.

Verdi became very rich from his operas, but he left most of his money to a home for musicians that he founded.

After a long and illustrious career, he wrote his two greatest works, both based on Shakespeare, in his old age.

Verdi was the only successful composer who was also a farmer.

Narrated by Arthur Hanes

**SPECIAL BONUS:** Following the story of the life and music of Verdi, you will hear an additional bonus of famous Arias and Choruses from the Operas "Il Trovatore," "Aida," "Nabucco," and "La Forza Del Destino"

**Total Playing Time—69:17 Minutes**

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