

Il Bajazet was commissioned in 1735 to open Verona's carnival season. Vivaldi chose a libretto by Agostino Piovene drawn from the well-known story of the defeated Ottoman sultan, King Bajazet, captured by Tamerlane who duly falls in love with Bajazet's proud daughter, Asteria. Vivaldi was in his late maturity when he completed the opera, modifying his music to suit contemporary taste, and using the *pasticcio* form, incorporating some arias written by other, mostly Neapolitan, composers. Repurposing of this kind was wholly acceptable at the time and such works enjoyed great popularity. The conductor and Vivaldi specialist, Federico Maria Sardelli, has integrated lost arias, clarified the use of historically appropriate orchestration, and brought the opera to rich theatrical life.



Antonio
VIVALDI
(1678–1741)
Il Bajazet

Tragedia per musica in three acts (1735) • Libretto by Agostino Piovene (1671–1721)

Critical edition by Bernardo Ticci (2019), owned and published by Bernardo Ticci Edizioni

Bajazet	Renato Dolcini, Baritone
Tamerlano	Sonia Prina, Contralto
Asteria	Loriana Castellano, Mezzo-soprano
Andronico	Raffaele Pe, Countertenor
Irene	Lucia Cirillo, Mezzo-soprano
Idaspe	Valeria La Grotta, Soprano

Continuo:

Alberto Busetтини, Nicola Lamon, Harpsichord • Francesco Ferrarini, Cello

Orchestra del Teatro La Fenice di Venezia

Federico Maria Sardelli, Conductor

CD 1 1 Sinfonia 6:22 2–17 Act I 53:40 CD 2 1–18 Act II 50:30 CD 3 1–21 Act III 48:54

A detailed track list and full recording details can be found inside the booklet.

The Italian libretto and an English translation can be accessed at www.naxos.com/libretti/660616.htm

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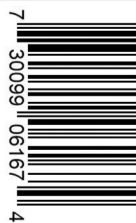


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