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Jules
MASSENET
(1842-1912)
Manon

- Manon Lescaut Germaine Féraldy
 Le Comte Des Grieux Louis Guénot
 Le Chevalier Des Grieux Joseph Rogatchewsky
 Lescaut Georges Villier
 Poussette Andrée Vavon
 Javotte Jeanne Rambert and Mme. Ravery
 Rosette ... Andrée Bernadet, Marguerite Julliot and Marinette Foyer
 Guillot Émile de Creus
 De Brétigny Jean Vieuille and André Gaudin
 L'Hôtelier Paul Payan

Chorus and Orchestra of the Opéra-Comique, Paris
 Conducted by Elie Cohen

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Based on the novel by the Abbé Prévost, Massenet's *Manon* provides superb rôles for the prima donna and tenor with music that is charming, lyrical and dramatic. This recording showcases Germaine Féraldy, one of the great stars of French opera during the inter-war period. She is matched by Joseph Rogatchewsky whose light elegant timbre makes a highly memorable Des Grieux. Under the baton of Elie Cohen, the superb Franco-Belgian cast sing in a conversational fashion that is a lost art today. Together with idiomatic choral singing and a style of orchestral playing that in 1928/9 had not changed since Massenet's time, this *Manon* is unsurpassed.

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