Bellini - Beatrice di Tenda (1962)



CD1 *01 Preludio 02 Tu, signor! lasciar se presto 03 O divina Agnese! 04 Silenzio e notte intorno 05 Respiro io qui 06 Ma la sola, ahimo! son io 07 Ah! la pena in lor piombe 08 Vedi_ ... La tua presenza 09 S'io gli ascoltassi, o barbaro 10 Lo vedeste 11 Il mio dolore e l'ira 12 A ciascun fidar vorrei 13 Al castigo a lor dovuto* CD2 *01 Introduzione ... Lassa! e pui 02 O troppo a mie preghiere 03 Di grave accusa il peso 04 Eccolo...Oh! come 05 Al tuo fallo ammenda festi 06 Filippo! Tu! ... ti appressa 07 Rimorso in lei 08 Prega! Ah! no, non sia la miser 09 Nulla io dissi ... Di sovrumana 10 Ah! se un'urna e a me concessa 11 Ah! la morte a cui m'appresso* Joan Sutherland (Beatrice) Mario Zanasi (Filippo) Renat Cioni (Orombello) Margareta Elkins (Agnese) Luigi Paolillo (Anichino) Orchestra e Coro del Teatro di San Carlo Nicola Rescigno - conductor Naples May 4, 1962

Today's audiences often find it difficult to comprehend what makes Vincenzo Bellini's operas remarkable. Works like Beatrice di Tenda were not rediscovered and staged until the second half of the 20th century. Bellini's credo was, "I want to move to tears..." This sympathetic treatment of the text led his contemporaries to describe Bellini's music as 'filosofica'. Even Richard Wagner acknowledged this when he said, "Bellini's music comes from the heart and closely follows the text". The premiere of the opera was given at the Teatro la Fenice in Venice on 16 March 1873 and was an abysmal failure. Shouts of "Norma! Norma!" were heard from the gallery, which was a clear indication that the audience missed the belcanto style in Beatrice di Tenda. In his new opera Bellini did not continue, as he did in Norma, with the virtuosity and coloratura artistry of the voices but explored a new way of musical expression, which brought to the fore a new warmth and different characteristics. Although Beatrice di Tenda is not one of Bellini's most successful operas, the title role is a popular showpiece among sopranos. --- naxos.com

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