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(1940-1947, 1954-59, 1975-79, 1982-83)

PERFORMING ARTS IN CANADA:

1968-1981

SOUVENIR PROGRAMS:

Canadian Opera Company (1991/92)
Opera North (1998/99)
New York City Opera (2003/04)
The Santa Fe Opera (2009/10)

COMPACT DISCS:

Beethoven:

Fidelio

Description: -Hungarian Radio Chorus
-Featuring Wolfgang Glashof, Alan Titus, Gösta Winbergh, Inga Nielsen, Kurt Moll

Bizet:

Carmen

Series: Opera Classics
Description: Slovak Philharmonic Chorus / Bratislava Children's Choir / Czecho-Slovak
Radio Symphony Orchestra / Conducted by Alexander Rahbari
Performers: Graciela Alperyn, Giorgio Lamberti, Alan Titus, Doina Palade
2 discs, includes synopsis and libretto

Bizet: Carmen (Highlights)

Description: Slovak Philharmonic Chorus / Czecho-Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra /
Conducted by Alexander Rahbari
Performers: Alperyn, Lamberti, Titus, Palade

An Introduction to...BIZET Carmen

Description: -Opera Explained series
-Written by Thomson Smillie, narrated by David Timson, this series introduces, in words and music, the plot and background of major operas, using the principal themes and arias, taken from the Naxos recording of the complete work.

Donizetti:

Don Pasquale

Description: -Teatro Lirico di Cagliari
- Featuring Eva Mei, Alessandro Corbelli, Antonino Siragusa, Roberto De Candia

L'Elisir d'Amore

Description: -Orchestra & Chorus of the Royal Opera House
-Featuring Ileana Cotrubas, Placido Domingo, Sir Geraint Evans, Ingvar Wixell, Lillian Watson
-2 disc set, libretto booklet

La Figlia del Reggimento

Description: -Orchestra e Coro del Teatro Marrucino di Chieti
-Featuring Maria Costanza Nocentini, Giorgio Casciarri, Luciano Miotto, Milijana Nikolic, Eugenio Leggiadri-Gallani, Arturo Cauli

La Fille Du Regiment

Description: -Orchestra and Chorus of The Royal Opera House Covent Garden

-Featuring Joan Sutherland and Luciano Pavarotti

Lucia di Lammermoor

Description: -Philharmonia Orchestra & Chorus
-Featuring Maria Callas, Ferruccio Tagliavini, Piero Cappuccilli, Bernard Ladysz
-2 disc set, libretto booklet

Floyd:

Cold Sassy Tree

Description: -Houston Grand Opera Orchestra & Chorus
-Featuring Patricia Racette, Dean Peterson, John McVeigh
-2 disc set

Of Mice and Men

Description: -Houston Grand Opera Orchestra & Chorus
-Featuring Gordon Hawkins, Anthony Dean Griffey, Joseph Evans
-2 disc set

Massenet:

Werther

Description: -English National Opera Orchestra and Chorus
-Featuring Dame Janet Baker and John Brecknock
-2 disc set

Werther: -An introduction to *Werther* written by Thomson Smillie and narrated by David Timson
Opera Explained

Mozart:

Die Zauberflöte

Description: -Hungarian Festival Chorus, Failoni Orchestra, Budapest, Conducted
by Michael Halász
-Featuring Herbert Lippert, Elisabeth Norberg-Schulz, Georg Tichy,
Kurt Rydl, Hellen Kwon
-2 discs

Le Nozze di Figaro

-Featuring Werner van Mechelen, Christiane Oelze, Huub Claessens, Patrizia Biccire
-Choeur de Chambre de Namur, La Petite Bande

Puccini:

La Bohème

Description: -Rome Opera Orchestra and Chorus
-Featuring Anna Moffo, Richard Tucket, Mary Costa, Robert Merrill, Giorgio Tozzi,
Philip Maero
-2 disc set, libretto booklet

La Bohème

Description :
-Orchestra e coro dell'Accademia di Santa Cecilia, Rome
-Featuring Renata Tebaldi, Carlo Bergonzi, Ettore Bastianini
-2 disc set, libretto booklet

La Bohème

Description :
-Naxos recording with Slovak Philharmonic Chorus and Czecho- Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra
-Featuring Luba Orgonasova, Jonathan Welch, Carmen Gonzales, Fabio Previati

La Bohème – Highlights

Description :
-Berliner Philharmoniker
-Featuring Freni, Pavarotti, Peneai, Harwood, Ghiarov
-1 disc

La Bohème – Highlights (2 copies)

Description :
-Naxos recording with Slovak Philharmonic Chorus and Czecho- Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra
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An Introduction to...PUCCINI Madama Butterfly

Description:
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Madama Butterfly - Highlights

Description:
-Ambrosian Opera Chorus & Philharmonia Orchestra
-Featuring Mirella Freni, José Carreras, Teresa Berganza, Juan Pons
-1 disc

Manon Lescaut

Description:
-Metropolitan Opera Orchestra & Chorus
-Featuring Mirella Freni, Luciano Pavarotti, Dwayne Croft, Giuseppe Taddei, Ramon Vargas, Cecilia Bartoli
-2 disc set, libretto booklet

Manon Lescaut

Description:
-Philharmonia Orchestra & Chorus of the Royal Opera House
-Featuring Mirella Freni, Plácido Domingo, Renato Bruson, Kurt Rydl, Robert Gambill
-2 disc set, libretto booklet

Tosca

Description:
-Slovak Philharmonic Chorus, Czecho-Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra (Bratislava)
-Featuring Nelly Miricioiu, Giorgio Lamberti, Silvano Carroli

-2 discs

Tosca - Highlights

Description: -National Philharmonic Orchestra
-Featuring Kiri Te Kanawa, Giacomo Aragall, Leo Nucci
-1 disc

Turandot – Highlights

Description: -Wiener Philharmoniker
-Featuring Katia Ricciarelli, Plácido Domingo, Barbara Hendricks,
Ruggero Raimondi
-1 disc

Rossini:

Rossini: Il Barbiere Di Siviglia (The Barber of Seville)

Description: -Hungarian Radio Chorus & Failoni Chamber Orchestra, Budapest
-Featuring Roberto Servile, Sonia Ganassi, Ramon Vargas, Angelo Romero, Franco de Grandis
-3 disc set, libretto booklet

Rossini: Il Barbiere di Siviglia

Description: -Orchestra e coro Rossini di Napoli
-Featuring Ugo Benelli, Fernando Corena, Teresa Berganza, Manuel Ausensi, Nicoli Ghiaurov
-2 disc set, listening guide

Rossini: The Barber of Seville (Highlights) 2 copies

Description: -Hungarian Radio Chorus & Failoni Chamber Orchestra, Budapest
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-1 disc

An Introduction to...ROSSINI The Barber of Seville

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Strauss:

Die Fledermaus

Description: -Czecho-Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra
-Featuring Gabriele Fontana, Josef Hopferwieser, John Dickie, Brigitte Karwautz, Rohangi Yachmi-Caucig, Andrea Martin, Alfred Werner

Die Fledermaus

Description: -Chorus and Orchestra of the San Francisco Opera, 1973
-Featuring Joan Sutherland and conducted by Richard Bonyngne

Salome

Description -Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, 1954
-Featuring Christel Goltz, Julius Patzak, Margareta Kenney, Hans Braun, Anton Dermota
-Conducted by Clemens Krauss

Verdi:

Aida

Description: -Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and Chorus
-Featuring Aprile Mollo, Placido Domingo, Dolores Zajack, James Morris, Samuel Ramey
-3 disc set, libretto booklet

Aida – Highlights

Description: -National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland
-Featuring Maria Dragoni, Kristjan Johansson, Barbara Dever, Mark Rucker

Don Carlos - Highlights

Description: -Coro e Orchestra del Teatro alla Scala
-Featuring Placido Domingo, Katia Ricciarelli, Lucia Valentini Terrani, Ruggero Raimondi, Leo Nucci, Nicolai Ghiaurov
-1 disc

Ernani

Description: -Coro e Orchestra del Teatro alla Scala
-Featuring Placido Domingo, Mirella Freni, Renato Bruson, Nicolai Ghiaurov
-3 disc set, libretto booklet

Il Trovatore

Description: -Hungarian State Opera Orchestra & Budapest Festival Chorus
-Featuring Maurizio Frusoni, Daniela Longhi, Irina Tschistiakova, Roberto Servile, Franco de Grandis
-2 disc set, libretto booklet

La Forza Del Destino

Description: -Orchestra e coro dell'Accademia di Santa Cecilia, Rome
-Featuring Renata Tebaldi, Mario del Monaco, Ettore Bastianini
-3 disc set, libretto booklet

La Forza Del Destino – Highlights

Description: -Ambrosian Opera Chorus & Philharmonia Orchestra

-Featuring Rosalin Plowright, Agnes Baltsa, Jose Carreras, Renato Bruson, Paata Burchuladze
-1 disc

La Traviata

Description: -Rome Opera Orchestra and Chorus
-Featuring Anna Moffo, Richard Tucker, Robert Merrill
-2 disc set, libretto booklet

Luisa Miller

Description: -RCA Italiana Opera Orchestra and Chorus
-Featuring Anna Moffo, Carlo Bergonzi, Cornell MacNeil, Shirley Verrett, Giorgio Tozzo, Ezio Flagello
-2 disc set, libretto booklet

MacBeth

Description: -Coro e Orchestra del Teatro alla Scala
-Featuring Shirley Verrett, Piero Cappuccilli, Nicolai Ghiaurov, Placido Domingo
-3 disc set, libretto booklet

Otello

Description: -Coro e Orchestra di Milano della RAI, 1958
-Featuring Mario del Monaco, Rosanna Carteri, Renato Capecchi
-Conducted by Tullio Serafin

Overtures and Preludes

-Orchestra Filarmonica della Scala
-Conducted by Riccardo Muti

Rigoletto

Description: -RCA Italiana Opera Orchestra and Chorus
-Featuring Robert Merrill, Anna Moffo, Alfredo Kraus, Rosalind Elias, Ezio Flagello
-2 disc set, libretto booklet

Rigoletto- Highlights

Description : -Czecho-Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra & Slovak Philharmonic Chorus
-Featuring Tumangian, Ferrarini, Ramiro

Rigoletto – Highlights

Description : - London Symphony Orchestra
- Featuring Luciano Pavarotti, Sherrill Milnes, Joan Sutherland, Martti Talvela

Simon Bocconeagra

Description: -Coro e Orchestra del Teatro alla Scala
-Featuring Piero Cappuccilli, Mirella Freni, Nicolai Ghiaurov, Jose Carreras, Jose Van Dam, Giovanni Foiani
-2 disc set, libretto booklet

Un Ballo in Maschera

Description: -Coro e Orchestra del Teatro all Scalla
-Featuring Placido Domingo, Katia Ricciarelli, Renato Bruson, Elena Obraztsova, Edita Gruberova, Ruggero Rainondi
-2 disc set, libretto booklet

Un Ballo in Maschera - Highlights

Description: -National Philharmonic Orchestra
-Featuring Luciano Pavarotti, Margaret Price, Renato Bruson
-1 disc

The Very Best of Verdi

Description: -Verdi highlights from operas such as Nabucco, Rigoletto, Il Trovatore, and more
-1 disc

Other:

Blind Test

Music by various composers

Description: - Musical game to test knowledge of opera.
-1 disc, 20 question cards

Brief Encounter

Music by André Previn

Description: -Houston Grand Opera Orchestra
-Featuring Elizabeth Futral, Nathan Gunn, Kim Josephson

Candide

Music by Leonard Bernstein

Description: -London Symphony Orchestra & Chorus
-Conducted by Leonard Bernstein
-Featuring Jerry Hadley, June Anderson, Adolph Green, Christa Ludwig, Nicolai Gedda
-2 disc set, libretto booklet

Cavalleria Rusticana

Music by Pietro Mascagni

Description: -National Philharmonic Orchestra
-Featuring Placido Domingo, Renata Scottò, Pablo Elvira
-1 disc

Cavalleria Rusticana & Pagliacci- Highlights

Music by Pietro Mascagni & Ruggero Leoncavallo

Description: - London Opera Chorus & National Philharmonic Orchestra
-*Cavalleria Rusticana* features Julia Varady, Luciano Pavarotti
-*Pagliacci* features Luciano Pavarotti, Mirella Freni, Ingvar Wixell

-1 disc

Daniel Catán: In Remembrance (CD ROM)

Description: -A collection of photographs, essays, video and audio clips commemorating the life and work of composer Daniel Catán.

Enrico Caruso

Description: -Featuring such hits as *La donna è mobile*, *Ah, si ben mio*, *Vesti la giubba*, *Che gelida manina*, *O Sole mio*, and more.

L'Africaine

Music by Giacomo Meyerbeer

Description: -Featuring Plácido Domingo, Shirley Verrett, and conducted by Jean Perrison

Live in Toyko 1988

Description: -Featuring Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, Kathleen Battle, Plácido Domingo, Directed by James Levine

Operamania

Description: -Featuring Cecilia Bartoli, Kathleen Battle, José Carreras, Plácido Domingo, Luciano Pavarotti, Joan Sutherland, Kiri Te Kanawa

The Great Gatsby

Music by John Harbison

Description: -The Metropolitan Opera
-Featuring Jerry Hadley, Dawn Upshaw, Dwayne Croft, Susan Graham, Lorraine Hunt Lieberson, Mark Baker

Vanessa

Music by Samuel Barber

-National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine
-Featuring Ellen Chickering, Andrea Matthews, Marion Dry, Ray Bauwens, Richard Conrad, Philip Lima

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-Various pieces about night, love, sleep, and dreams, performed by Measha Brueggergosman.

Ofra Harnoy: Salut d'Amour

-performed by Cellist, Ofra Harnoy, and pianists Michael Dussek, Catherine Wilson

Hadley & Hampson

-Collection of operatic pieces performed by Jerry Hadley and Thomas Hampson.

Awakenings: Prairie Voices

-Collection of pieces performed by the Prairie Voices Community choir in 2006.

Arvo Part: Berliner Messe: Magnificat ~ Summa

-Collection of pieces composed by Arvo Part
- Elora Festival Singers and Orchestra

Arvo Part: Fratres: Festina lente ~ Summa ~ Cantus in memory of Benjamin Britten

-Collection of pieces composed by Arvo Part
-Hungarian State Opera Orchestra

VHS:

Carmen
Don Carlo

DVD:

Aida (3)
Becoming Santa Claus
Becoming Traviata
Carmen (4)
Chimes at Midnight
Death and the Powers
Don Pasquale
Dido and Aeneas
Die Fledermaus
Eugene Onegin
Faust
Fidelio
Hamlet
Hansel and Gretel

Hansel und Gretel
 Il Barbiere di Siviglia (2)
 Il Trovatore
 In Search of Mozart
 La Bohème (2)
 La Fille du Régiment (2)
 La Traviata
 Le Nozze di Figaro
 Lucia di Lammermoor
 Otello (2)
 Puccini (a film by Tony Palmer)
 Rigoletto (2)
 Romeo et Juliette
 Salome (2)
 The Ghosts of Versailles
 The Magic Flute
 The Turandot Project
 Tosca (3)
 Turandot (2)
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RECORD SETS

(in alphabetical order)

**All record sets include libretto in original language along with English translation*

Aida Rome Opera House's production of Giuseppe Verdi's *Aida*
 Featuring Leontyne Price, Rita Gorr, Jon Vickers, Robert Merrill, Giorgio Tozzi
 Conducted by Georg Solti

Carmen L'orchestre de la Suisse Romande production of Georges Bizet's *Carmen*
 Featuring Regina Resnik, Mario Del Monaco, Joan Sutherland, Rom Krause
 Conducted by Thomas Schippers

Cavalleria Rusticana Pietro Mascagni's *Cavalleria Rusticana*, La Scala Chorus and Orchestra, 1940
 Featuring Lina Bruna Rasa, Beniamino Gigli, Giulietta Simionato
 Conducted by Pietro Mascagni

Faust London Symphony Orchestra production of Charles Gounod's *Faust*
 Featuring Franco Corelli, Nicolai Ghiaurov, Joan Sutherland
 Conducted by Richard Bonyng

Il Travatore London Opera Chorus/ National Philharmonic Orchestra, 1977 production of Giuseppe Verdi's *Il Travatore*

Featuring Luciano Pavarotti, Joan Sutherland, Marilyn Horne, Ingvar Wixell, Nicolai Ghiaurov
Conducted by Richard Bonyng

Macbeth Teatro alla Scala's 1976 production of Giuseppe Verdi's *Macbeth*
Featuring Shirley Verrett, Piero Cappuccilli, Placido Domingo, Nicolai Ghiaurov
Conducted by Claudio Abbado

Madama Butterfly L'Accademia di Santa Cecilia's 1958 production of Giacomo Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*
Featuring Renata Tebaldi & Carlo Bergonzi
Conducted by Tullio Serafin

Manon Lescaut Rome Opera House's 1954 production of Giacomo Puccini's *Manon Lescaut*
Featuring Licia Albanese, Jussi Björling, Robert Merrill
Conducted by Jonel Perlea

Rigoletto Teatro alla Scala's 1956 production of Giuseppe Verdi's *Rigoletto*
Featuring Giuseppe du Stefano, Maria Callas, & Tito Gobbi
Conducted by Tullio Serafin

Tosca Vienna State Opera's 1967 production of Giacomo Puccini's *Tosca*
Featuring Leontyne Price, Giuseppe Taddei, Fernando Corena
Conducted by Herbert Von Karajan

Un Ballo in Maschera L'Accademia di Santa Cecilia's 1961 production of Giuseppe Verdi's *Un Ballo in Maschera (A Masked Ball)*
Featuring Carlo Bergonzi, Cornell Macneil, Birgit Nilsson, Giulietta Simionato, Sylvia Stahlman
Conducted by Georg Solti