

GREAT OPERA

DON GIOVANNI • DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE • IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA • LA TRAVIATA • AIDA
CARMEN • PAGLIACCI • CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA • TOSCA • MADAMA BUTTERFLY • LA BOHÈME

The very first operas were performed in Florence in the mid-1590s. Since then, musical styles have blossomed and evolved out of all recognition, yet opera continues to be heavily influenced by the political, social and cultural contexts surrounding its genesis. A collaborative enterprise, an opera brings together the works of composers, librettists, singers and designers alike, generating rich veins of public response and resulting in what is surely the most dramatic of all musical media. In this collection, we have brought together some of the most-loved operas, ranging from the elegance of Mozart's Don Giovanni to the raw emotion of Mascagni's Cavalleria Rusticana. The lighthearted japes of Rossini's Barber of Seville contrast royally with the pomp and spectacle of Verdi's Aida, whilst the sultry allure of Bizet's Carmen is the perfect foil to the lachrymose tragedy of Puccini's La Bohème. This box is sure to entice any listener further into the magical world of opera.



The booklet includes an Introduction to Opera plus synopses and artist details for each work.

GREAT OPERA includes Highlights CDs from the following operas:

CD 1 **Mozart** Don Giovanni

CD 2 **Mozart** Die Zauberflöte (The Magic Flute)

CD 3 **Rossini** Il barbiere di Siviglia (The Barber of Seville)

CD 4 **Verdi** La traviata

CD 5 **Verdi** Aida

CD 6 **Bizet** Carmen

CD 7 **Mascagni** Cavalleria Rusticana

Leoncavallo Pagliacci

CD 8 **Puccini** Tosca

CD 9 **Puccini** Madama Butterfly

CD 10 **Puccini** La Bohème