

GIUSEPPE VERDI

FALSTAFF



Falstaff, Verdi's final opera, is a life-affirming comedy with a philosophical streak. Its score – sophisticated, but unfailingly captivating – is interpreted with the utmost subtlety and charm by Herbert von Karajan. With the inimitable Tito Gobbi as the roguish Sir John Falstaff and Elisabeth Schwarzkopf leading the Merry Wives of Windsor, this recording remains unrivalled in capturing the wit and generosity of both Shakespeare and Verdi.

Falstaff	TITO GOBBI
Fenton	LUIGI ALVA
Ford	ROLANDO PANERAI
Dottor Cajus	TOMASO SPATARO
Bardolfo	RENATO ERCOLANI
Pistola	NICOLA ZACCARIA
Alice Ford	ELISABETH SCHWARZKOPF
Nannetta	ANNA MOFFO
Meg Page	NAN MERRIMAN
Mistress Quickly	FEDORA BARBIERI

Philharmonia Orchestra and Chorus
HERBERT VON KARAJAN

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