

Offenbach

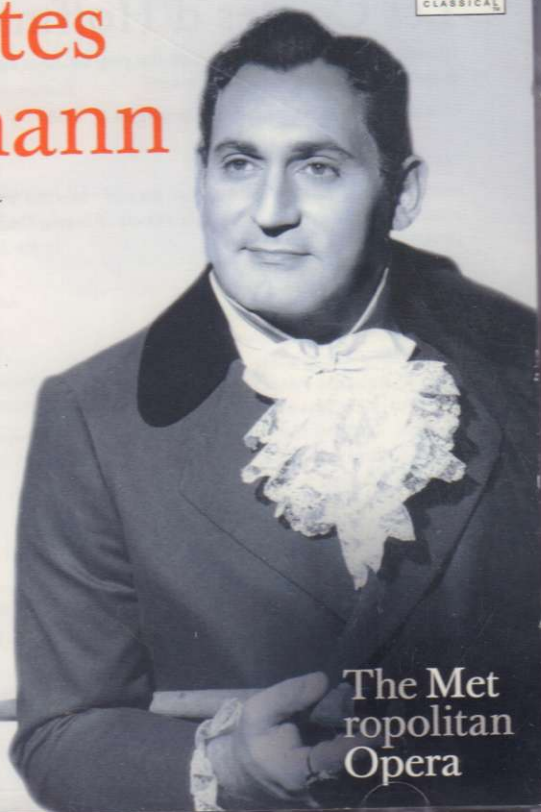
Les Contes d'Hoffmann



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Martial Singher

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Jacques Offenbach (1819–1880)

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Live performance recorded on December 3, 1955

Pierre Monteux, a master of French repertoire, helms this multi-layered work based on German fables set to Offenbach's beguiling score. The tales unfold in three separate stories with Richard Tucker as the poet E.T.A. Hoffmann in each of the segments and Roberta Peters, Lucine Amara and Risë Stevens as his three loves. Martial Singher gives a virtuoso performance as each of Hoffmann's nemeses. This performance, broadcast December 3, 1955, captures all the magic and wit of Offenbach's masterpiece.

CAST (IN ORDER OF VOCAL APPEARANCE)

LINDORF, COPPELIUS, DAPERTUTTO, DR. MIRACLE Martial Singher
ANDRÉS, COCHENILLE, PITICHINACCIO, FRANTZ Alessio DePaolis
LUTHER George Cehanovsky
HERMANN Calvin Marsh
NATHANAEI James McCracken
HOFFMANN Richard Tucker
NICKLAUSSE Mildred Miller
SPALANZANI Paul Franke
OLYMPIA Roberta Peters
GIULIETTA Risë Stevens
SCHLÉMIL Clifford Harvuot
ANTONIA Lucine Amara
CRESPER Norman Scott
ANTONIA'S MOTHER Sandra Warfield

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Prologue & Act I

DISC 2
Acts II, III & Epilogue



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