

This second volume in our replacement series provides backup for and enhanced indexing of four sets of recordings otherwise available only on LP. None of the documentation is reproduced here since those with the original sets will presumably have protected the books.

Some grand collections and overviews of opera were published during the LP era. Unfortunately, LPs were and are vulnerable to damage in use; for that and other reasons, few are in print today. A reference set is likely to be accessed often, yet even modest wear and tear over the decades since release would make access problematic. One advantage of the CD-ROM format is that the selections are instantly accessible without determining disc, side and band; mounting the disc; and finding and initiating the track. CD reissue provides durability and fewer discs to handle but only partially solves the other problems cited.

In order to provide durable, convenient access to the musical content for owners of such reference material, we have collected all the musical selections of the four sets and three individual LPs onto a single CD-ROM. The sound has not been processed for this transfer; in a few cases, spike noise apparently generated in playback has been reduced to permit equalization of levels across the bands. Otherwise, the tracks on this disc are intended precisely to reproduce those on the LP's. You may identify the side and track of each selection by placing your cursor over its link. At the lower left of the browser screen, you will then see the filename. The first letter indicates the series; characters two and three are the side number; the next two characters are the selection on that side; the extension is .mp3.

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Richard Wagner

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Sänger auf dem grünen Hügel (EMI)

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