

## SALES-INFORMATION NOVEMBER 2023



### Giuseppe Verdi: I Lombardi alla prima Crociata

Dramma lirico in four acts

Nino Machaidze • Réka Kristóf • Piero Pretti • Galeano Salas • Miklós Sebestyén • Michele Pertusi • Ruth Volpert • Andreas Burkhart

Chor des Bayerischen Rundfunks  
Stellario Fagone, director

Münchner Rundfunkorchester  
Ivan Repušić, conductor

- **Booklet:** in German / in English
- **2 CD Opera Jewelcase with O-Card**
- **Product Number: 900351 / price code: 2 CD opera**
- **Total Time: CD 1: 64'06 min. / CD 2: 37'20 min.**

**Street Date: November 3, 2023**

#### GIUSEPPE VERDI

#### I LOMBARDI ALLA PRIMA CROCIATA (The Lombards on the First Crusade)

Ivan Repušić made his debut as principal conductor of the Munich Radio Orchestra in September 2017 with Giuseppe Verdi's "Luisa Miller". It was followed by "I due Foscari" in October 2018 and "Attila" in October 2019 (the complete recordings have already been released by BR-KLASSIK on CD 900323, 900328 and 900330). His successful cycle of early masterpieces by the Italian opera composer continues with the recent concert performance on April 23, 2023 of Verdi's stage work "I Lombardi" – also at the Prinzregententheater in Munich. Authentic fluidity and vocal splendour are provided here once again by outstanding performers and the Bavarian Radio Chorus. The Munich Radio Orchestra plays under the direction of Ivan Repušić. - This highlight of Munich's musical life from the early part of this year has now been released by BR-KLASSIK as a double CD.

Verdi's early masterpiece had its world premiere on February 11, 1843 at Milan's Teatro alla Scala. This marked another great success for the young composer, and the work was again placed on the La Scala programme for the opening of the 1844/45 season. "I Lombardi alla prima crociata" (The Lombards on the First Crusade) quickly became popular in Europe, and in 1847 the opera was performed in New York for the first time. For performances at the Paris Opera, Verdi reworked "I Lombardi" into a French "Grand Opéra",

with ballet music and several newly composed sections. This revised version was premiered under the title "Jérusalem" on November 26, 1847. Today, the opera is rarely heard or performed.

This concert performance (in the original Italian) at Munich's Prinzregententheater brought unanimous cheers from the audience. Ivan Repušić's commitment to Verdi's early operas deserves to be held in high regard, and this performance of "I Lombardi" is also a truly theatrical Verdi work: vital, powerful, fiery, and very exciting.

- Verdi's rarely performed opera "I Lombardi alla prima crociata" (The Lombards on the First Crusade), with excellent vocal soloists and the outstanding Bavarian Radio Chorus
- Exciting live atmosphere from Munich's Prinzregententheater
- Release of a very recent recording of a concert performance on April 23, 2023
- With this recording Ivan Repušić, principal conductor of the Munich Radio Orchestra, proves to be a leading Verdi performer yet again after "Luisa Miller" (BR-KLASSIK 900323), "I due Foscari" (BR-KLASSIK 900328) and "Attila" (BR-KLASSIK 900330)

**Nino Machaidze** – Giselda (soprano)  
**Réka Kristóf** – Viclinda (soprano)  
**Piero Pretti** – Oronte (tenor)  
**Galeano Salas** – Arvino (tenor)  
**Miklós Sebestyén** – Pirro (bass-baritone)  
**Michele Pertusi** – Pagano (bass)  
**Ruth Volpert** – Sofia (mezzo soprano)  
**Nikolaus Pfannkuch** – Prior (tenor)  
**Andreas Burkhart** – Acciano (baritone)

**Chor des Bayerischen Rundfunks**  
**Stellario Fagone**, director

**Münchner Rundfunkorchester**  
**Ivan Repušić**, conductor



**Also available:**



**2CD 900323**



**2CD 900328**



**2CD 900330**