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### Verdi: Aida (Liceu)

Stefano Palatchi / Elisabetta Fiorillo / Daniela Dessi / Fabio Armiliato / Roberto Scandiuzzi  
Orchestra & Chorus of the Gran Teatre del Liceu / Conductor: Miguel Ángel / Director: Gómez Martínez

Catalogue number: OA MO6009 D / Barcode: 809 4780 6009 3 / Running time: 186 minutes / Subtitles: EN/FR/DE/ES/CA

"José Antonio Gutiérrez's production... looks beautiful thanks to Cabanes's feeling for colour ochres and blues dominate and perspective." *BBC Music Magazine*

### Bizet: Carmen (Glyndebourne)

Anne Sofie von Otter / Marcus Haddock / Laurent Naouri / Lisa Milne  
Glyndebourne Chorus / London Philharmonic Orchestra / Conductor: Philippe Jordan / Director: David McVicar

Catalogue number: OA MO6011 D / Barcode: 809478060116 / Running time: 230 minutes / Subtitles: EN

"Under the shrewd direction of McVicar, Anne Sofie von Otter gave us a gypsy of mercurial temperament..." *The Daily Telegraph*

### Wagner: Die Walküre (DNO)

John Keyes / Nadine Secunde / John Bröcheler / Jeannine Altmeyer / Kurt Rydl / Reinhild Runkel  
De Nederlandse Opera / Netherlands Philharmonic Orchestra / Director: Hartmut Haenchen / Director Pierre Audi

Catalogue number: OA MO6008 D / Barcode: 809 4780 6008 6 / Running time: 260 minutes / Subtitles: EN/FR/DE/ES/IT/NL/JP

"Het Muziektheater had a premiere without any equal..." *Het Financieële Dagblad*

**Mozart: Don Giovanni (Teatro Real)**

Carlos Álvarez / Alfred Reiter / María Bayo / José Bros / Sonia Ganassi / Lorenzo Regazzo / Antonio López  
José Moreno / Sonia Ganassi / Lorenzo Regazzo / Antonio López / José Moreno  
Chorus and Orchestra of the Teatro Real / Madrid Symphony  
Orchestra and Chorus / Conductor: Pablo Pérez / Director: Lluís Pasqual

Catalogue number: OA MO6003 D / Barcode: 809 4780 6003 1 / Running time: 208 minutes / Subtitles: EN/FR/DE/ES/IT

"José Bros is a luxurious Don Ottavio, with an excellent high register, perfect diction and an exquisite vocal elegance." *La Razón*

**Verdi: Il Trovatore (ROH)**

Jose Cura / Dmitri Hvorostovsky / Yvonne Naef / Veronica Villarroel  
The Orchestra & Chorus of the Royal Opera House / Conductor: Carlo Rizzi / Director: Elijah Moshinsky

Catalogue number: OA MO6010 D / Barcode: 809 4780 6010 9 / Running time: 172 minutes / Subtitles: EN

"Elijah Moshinsky's production is surely as lively and moving as Verdi's intricate masterpiece deserves. Jose Cura sizzles." *San Francisco Chronicle*

**Mozart: Le nozze di Figaro (Paris Opera)**

Peter Mattei / Lorenzo Regazzo / Christiane Oelze / Heidi Grant Murphy / Christine Schäfer  
Orchestra and Chorus of The Opéra national de Paris / Conductor: Sylvain Cambreling / Director Christoph Marthaler

Catalogue number: OA MO6004 D / Barcode: 809 4780 6004 8 / Running time: 260 minutes / Subtitles: EN/FR/DE/ES/IT

"Roland Bracht's magnificently booming voice and expressive acting also makes him a Bartolo to reckon with..." *Musicweb International*

**Offenbach: Les contes d'Hoffmann (Bilbao)**

Aquiles Machado / Milagros Poblador / María Bayo / Valentina Kutzarova / Konstantin Gorny / Katharine Goeldner  
Chorus of Ópera de Bilbao / Bilbao Orkestra Sinfonikoa / Conductor: Alain Guingal / Director: Giancarlo Del Monaco

Catalogue number: OA MO6006 D / Barcode: 809 4780 6006 2 / Running time: 185 minutes / Subtitles: EN/FR/DE/ES/IT

"The greatest success of the season...superb Aquiles Machado...Bravísima Milagros Poblador..." *El Mundo*

**Monteverdi: L'Orfeo (DNO)**

John Mark Ainsley / Brigitte Baileys / Michael Chance / David Cordier, Mario Luperi / Russell Smythe  
Tragicomedia and Concerto Palatino / Conductor: Stephen Stubbs / Director Pierre Audi

Catalogue number: OA MO6007 D / Barcode: 809 4780 6007 9 / Running time: 140 minutes / Subtitles: EN/FR/DE/ES/IT/NL

"Simply the most compelling account of *L'Orfeo* yet produced...John Mark Ainsley is simply superb as Orfeo..." *BBC Music Magazine*

**Verdi: Rigoletto (ROH)**

Paolo Gavanelli / Marcelo Alvarez / Christine Schäfer  
Orchestra & Chorus of the Royal Opera House / Conductor: Edward Downes / Director: David McVicar

Catalogue number: OA MO6005 D / Barcode: 809 4780 6005 5 / Running time: 169 minutes / Subtitles: EN

"...a remarkable *Rigoletto*...a DVD that has to be in your collection." *International Record Review*

**Puccini: Tosca (Teatro Real)**

Daniela Dessi / Fabio Armiliato / Ruggero Raimondi  
Chorus & Orchestra of the Teatro Real / Conductor: Maurizio Benini / Director: Nuria Espert

Catalogue number: OA MO6002 D / Barcode: 809 4780 6002 4 / Running time: 194 minutes / Subtitles: EN/FR/DE/ES

"This lavish production shows all the talent of Nuria Espert, reaching her highest pinnacle." *ABC Madrid*