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Don Pasquale: Dramma Buffo In Three Acts, Libretto By Giacomo Ruffini: A Facsimile Edition Of The Autograph Full Score Housed In The Ricordi ... Of The Operas Of Gaetano Donizetti: Operas)



Synopsis

Donizetti, already one of the world's most beloved opera composers, has sparked a renaissance of remarkable vitality in recent years—•even his lesser known works or those in alternate versions have witnessed a steady growth of interest, and his most celebrated operas enjoy special attention from both scholars and performers. Don Pasquale, a milestone in opera history, is Donizetti's comic masterpiece; it is presented here in a facsimile edition of the full autograph score, along with an exhaustive, engaging, and enlightening essay by Philip Gossett examining the complex history of the composition's shaping. Since Donizetti's autograph scores were not finished "fair copies," but rather heavily marked "works in progress," Gossett's examination of the various layers and changes offers fascinating insight, for professionals and music-lovers alike, into the composer's supreme skill as a craftsman.

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"A rich source of information . . . a worthy symbol of the surge of interest in Donizetti that was sparked by the recent bicentennial and that will no doubt flourish for years to come." (Opera Quarterly 2002-06-01)

Text: French --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

These Ricordi cloth-bound editions are the most well-bound vocal scores I own. In comparison to the soft-cover editions of these operas, these cloth-bound ones actually stay flat on the piano, and have withstood daily wear and tear surprisingly well. This is the best edition to get of the great Italian standards (except for Mozart!), so be sure to get the cloth-bound one – it's well worth the small difference in price!

It arrived almost torn in half. I'm returning it.

This book with the full orchestra score for Don Pasquale is an excellent handbook and worth the money. Although the notes are sometimes a little bit too small for me, I could read and play it like it was mentioned. So if you want a good orchestra score book for Donizetti's Don Pasquale this is the one to get.

Excellent

When I ordered this score I was hoping it would be an Italian/English score. However, since the descriptions for opera scores on this site are sketchy at best, I was slightly disappointed when I received it. I prefer performing operas in their original language, but the company I was working with at the time was performing in English. The price is great for a hardcover Ricordi score, but don't get this one if you think you'll ever have to sing it in English.

I found the book to be interesting, but slow moving at times. It is difficult for me to recall parts of the story since it has been ten years ago that I read it.

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