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Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643) L'incoronazione di Poppea

Almost four decades before creating his *Poppea*, Monteverdi wrote in the preface to his fifth book of madrigals, 'The modern composer must create his works solely on the basis of the truth' – a credo to which the music of his final opera is utterly faithful. *Poppea* is a potent work from opera's first true creator and pioneering genius. The fact that, at the close of this highly charged 'dramma in musica', he allows evil to triumph over good (albeit temporarily) has frequently led to his being decried as amoral. Monteverdi's timeless masterpiece, which creates a deep involvement in performers and audiences alike, is brilliantly captured in this High Definition live recording of Pierre Audi's moving and beautifully styled production from Het Muziektheater Amsterdam in 1994.

Sung in Italian with English, French, German, Spanish, Italian and Dutch subtitles.

TV Director **Hans Hulscher**
TV Executive Producers **George van Breemen sr., Frank van Praag**
Commissioning Editor **Henk van der Meulen**
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Nerone **Brigitte Balleyes**
Ottavia **Ning Liang**
Ottone **Michael Chance**
Seneca **Harry van der Kamp**
Drusilla **Heidi Grant Murphy**
Arnalta **Jean-Paul Fouchécourt**
Nutrice **Dominique Visse**
Valletto **Claron McFadden**

Les Talens Lyriques
Musical director
Christophe Rousset
Stage director
Pierre Audi

EXTRA FEATURES

- Illustrated synopsis
- Cast gallery
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MUSIC 16/9 ANAMORPHIC



RUNNING TIME APPROX 219 MINUTES



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Subtitles: English, Deutsch, Español, Français, Italiano, Nederlands

Recorded in High Definition.

Recorded and mastered for DVD in stereo and surround sound.

2 x DVD-9 – double layer discs: the feature may experience a slight pause upon layer change.

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