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PURCELL. Dido & Aeneas / Fairy Queen

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In the late 1980s, William Christie and Les Arts Florissants recorded galvanising versions of two masterpieces of early English opera: Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* and *The Fairy Queen*. These two seminal interpretations are now available again, coupled for the first time in a single boxed set.

See the documentation: https://www.harmoniamundi.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/livret_tc_8904106.08.pdf



Artists

- Les Arts Florissants
- William Christie
Conductor

Composers

- Henry Purcell

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Dido and Aeneas
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- Recitative "Grief increases by concealing" (Belinda)(00'35)
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- Duet and Chorus "Fear no danger to ensue" (Belinda, Second Woman) (01'35)
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ACT II

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ACT III

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The Fairy Queen

Libret d'après "Le Songe d'une Nuit d'Eté" de William Shakespeare
Libretto after "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare

Libretto nach "Ein Sommernachtstraum" von William Shakespeare

CD2

- First Musick
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- 4. Rondeau (1'40)
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- 6. Duet 'Come, let us leave the town' (1'43)
- 7. Scene of the drunken Poet 'Fill up the bowl' (6'00)
- 8. First act tune: Jig (1'03)

ACT II

- 9. 'Come all ye songsters' (2'30)
- 10. Prelude (1'20)
- 11. Chorus 'May the God of Wit inspire'
- 12. Echo (2'25)
- 13. Chorus 'Now join your warbling voices all'. 'Sing while we trip it'. Dance of Fairies (2'53)
- 14. Entrance of Night 'See, even Night herself is here' (4'48)
- 15. Entrance of Mystery 'I am come to lock all fast' (0'52)
- 16. Entrance of Secrecy 'One charming night gives more delight' (2'22)
- 17. Entrance of Sleep 'Hush, no more' (5'02)
- 18. Dance for the followers of Night (1'22)
- 19. Second act tune: Air (1'25)

ACT III

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- 21. Symphony while the swans come forward (1'30)
- 22. Dance for the Fairies (0'45)
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- 26. 'When I have often heard young maids complaining' (2'00)
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- 36. Spring 'Thus the ever grateful Spring' (2'13)
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- 52. 'Sure the dull God of Marriage does not hear' (2'30)
- 53. Prelude
- 54. Hymen 'See, I obey' (1'47)
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- 56. Hymen 'My torch indeed will from such brightness shine' (0'45)
- 57. 'They shall be happy as they are fair' (0'50)
- 58. Chaconne (2'40)
- 59. 'They shall be as happy as they are fair' (0'50)