A SALUTE TO
RICHARD TUCKER
ON HIS SILVER ANNIVERSARY AT THE METROPOLITAN OPERA
GREAT MOMENTS FROM:
AIDA
LA BOHÈME
TOSCA
LUISA MILLER
I PAGLIACCI
MANON LESCAUT
LA GIOCONDA
LA FORZA DEL DESTINO
CARMEN
COSI FAN TUTTE
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1. BIZET: AIR DE FLEUR from “Carmen”
PIERRE DERVAUX conducting the
VIENNA STATE OPERA ORCHESTRA
2. VERDI: CELESTE AIDA from “Aida”
NELLO SANTI conducting the
VIENNA STATE OPERA ORCHESTRA
3. MOZART: UN’ AURA AMOROSA from “Così Fan Tutte”
FRITZ STIEDRY conducting the
METROPOLITAN OPERA ORCHESTRA
4. VERDI: O TU CHE IN SENO AGLI ANGELI from
“La Forza del Destino”
NELLO SANTI conducting the
VIENNA STATE OPERA ORCHESTRA
5. PUCCINI: GUARDATE PAZZO IO SON
from “Manon Lescaut”
FAUSTO CLEVA conducting the
COLUMBIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
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1. LEONCAVALLO: VESTI LA GIUBBA
   from "I Pagliacci"
   FAUSTO CLEVA conducting the
   METROPOLITAN OPERA ORCHESTRA
2. PONCHIELLI: CIELO E MAR from "La Gioconda"
   EMIL COOPER conducting the
   METROPOLITAN OPERA ORCHESTRA
3. PUCCINI: E LUCEVAN LE STELLE from "Tosca"
   FAUSTO CLEVA conducting the
   COLUMBIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
4. PUCCINI: CHE GELIDA MANINA from "La Bohème"
   FAUSTO CLEVA conducting the
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5. VERDI: QUANDO LE SERE AL PLACIDO
   from "Luisa Miller"
   NELLO SANTI conducting the
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