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**VERDI REQUIEM**



*Hilde Zadek, soprano*  
*Margarete Klose, mezzo-soprano*  
*Helge Rosvaenge, tenor*  
*Boris Christoff, bass*  
*Singverein der Gesellschaft der Musikfreunde Wien*  
*Wiener Philharmoniker*  
**Herbert von Karajan, conductor**

recording from 1949 (Salzburger Festspiele)

Karajan's first recording of the Verdi Requiem was made at a time when he was laboriously rebuilding his career. It harbours not only echoes of the war but the uncertainties of the post-war period. Nevertheless the expressive power and spontaneity of the performance reveal a conductor who commands his audience no less than his orchestra.

This live recording was made in 1949 at the Salzburg Festival with outstanding singers of the time: Hilde Zadek, a very young recently hired by the Vienna State Opera; Margarete Klose, a singer equally admired by Furtwängler; Helge Rosvaenge, the busiest tenor of the period; and the great Boris Christoff.



The historical publications at audite are based, without exception, on the original tapes from broadcasting archives. In general these are the original analogue tapes, which attain an astonishingly high quality, even measured by today's standards, with their tape speed of up to 76 cm/sec. The remastering – professionally competent and sensitively applied – also uncovers previously hidden details of the interpretations. Thus, a sound of superior quality results. CD publications based on private recordings from broadcasts cannot be compared with these.

You can find a "Producer's Comment" from producer Ludger Böckenhoff about this CD on our home page: [www.audite.de/sc.php?cd=23415](http://www.audite.de/sc.php?cd=23415)

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