



Franz Liszt: Sardanapalo - Mazeppa

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When El-Khoury's volatile soprano shoots skywards, wildly dramatic, you wonder what heights were left to breach in the unwritten acts. Airam Hernández (Sardanapalo) and Oleksandr Pushniak (soothsayer Beleso, the grown-up in the room) contribute forcefully, although not as much as Karabits's orchestra, on excellent form, weighty with piercing brass and thrusting strings. Liszt's symphonic poem Mazeppa, thrillingly performed, valuably fills out this most special and historic release.

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