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GAETANO DONIZETTI RESOURCES

Books

Donizetti and His Operas (Cambridge Paperback Library)

Author: William Ashbrook. This original monograph about Donizetti is published in paperback. Cambridge University Press. 1983.

Gaetano Donizetti : A Guide to Research (Composer Resource Manuals, Volume 51)

Author: James P. Cassaro. This hardcover research and information guide offers an annotated reference guide to the life and works of this important Italian opera composer. The book includes a complete chronology of Donizetti's life (1797-1848) and career, secondary resources and other works, including general sources, catalogs, correspondence, biographical sources, critical works; production/review sources, singers and theaters, and the individual operas. Routledge. 2000.

Gaetano Donizetti: A Research and Information Guide (Routledge Music Bibliographies)

Author: James P. Cassaro. This hardcover research and information guide offers an annotated reference guide to the life and works of this important Italian opera composer. The book opens with a complete chronology of Donizetti's life (1797-1848) and career. The balance of the book details secondary resources and other works, including general sources, catalogs, correspondence, biographical sources, critical works; production/review sources, singers and theaters, and the individual operas. Routledge. 2009.



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Film/DVDs

SF Opera: Opera in an Hour / Donizetti's The Elixir of Love (2008)

These one-hour versions of San Francisco Opera performances are FREE for all Bay Area educators to use in their classrooms. Sung in English with English subtitles. <http://sfopera.com/discover-opera/education-programs/for-schools/opera-in-an-hour-movies/>

Preview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JAsBDVHkSDI>

Gaetano Donizetti - L'Elisir d'Amore / Netrebko, Villazon, Schenk, Eschwé, Wiener Staatsoper (2005)

Actors: Rolando Villazon, Anna Netrebko, Ildebrando d'Arcangelo, Leo Nucci, Alfred Eschwé. Language: Italian. DVD. 2007.

Gaetano Donizetti: La Fille du regiment / Royal Opera House (2007)

Director: Laurent Pelly. Actors: Natalie Dessay, Juan Diego Florez, Felicity Palmer, Alessandro Corbelli, Dawn French. Notes: This DVD version of Donizetti's comic opera zooms right to the top of any list of essential videos for opera fans. It may not be the composer's best work, but given a top-notch Royal Opera House production brings vocal thrills and an abundance of laughs, a combination that's hard to beat. The stars are Juan Diego Flórez and Natalie Dessay, both unbeatable in bel canto roles. Language: Italian. Virgin Classics. 2008.

Donizetti: Lucia di Lammermoor / Metropolitan Opera (1986)

Director: John Copley. Actors: Joan Sutherland, Richard Greagor, Malcolm Donnelly, Richard Bonyngé, Clifford Grant. DVD of the Australia Opera's 1986 production of Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor*, featuring soprano Joan Sutherland. Language: Italian. Kultur Video. 2007.

Donizetti: Lucia di Lammermoor / Metropolitan Opera (2009)

Director: Mary Zimmerman. Actors: Anna Netrebko, Piotr Beczala, Mariusz Kwiecien, Ildar Abdrazakov. Notes: DVD of the Metropolitan Opera's 2009 production of Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor*, featuring soprano Anna Netrebko. Language: Italian. Deutsche Grammophon. 2009.

Donizetti: Don Pasquale (2006)

Director: Grischa Asagaroff. Actors: Juan Diego Florez, Ruggero Raimondi, Isabel Rey, Oliver Widmer, Valeriy Murga. Notes: DVD version of the This 2006 Zurich Opera production of Donizetti's popular *Don Pasquale* captures not only the opera's high-spirited comedy but also its underlying cruelty. Featuring veteran bass-baritone Ruggero Raimondi in the title role, tenor Juan Diego Flórez as the Don's nephew, the lovelorn Ernesto and a fine supporting cast. Language: Italian. Decca. 2007.



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CDs

Donizetti: Anna Bolena (complete opera live 1957)

Performers: Maria Callas, Gianni Raimondi, Chorus of La Scala, Milan. Conductor: Gianandrea Gavazzeni, Orchestra e Coro del Teatro alla Scala di Milano. Notes: Soprano Maria Callas performs one of her greatest roles, *Anna Bolena*, recorded live at La Scala. EMI Classics. 1998

Gaetano Donizetti: Lucia di Lammermoor

Performers: Joan Sutherland, Luciano Pavarotti, Chorus of the Royal Opera House. Conductor: Richard Bonyngé, Orchestra of the Royal Opera House. Notes: A deluxe limited-edition CD capturing soprano Joan Sutherland's 1971 landmark recording of Donizetti's classic opera. Presented in a high quality, hard-back book format, the complete recording also features the complete, four language libretto, copious photographs and a special note from conductor Richard Bonyngé. In addition, a third CD includes Sutherland's recordings of the Mad Scene both from her 1959 debut Decca recital (*The Art of the Prima Donna*) and her first recording of Lucia under Sir John Pritchard. Decca. 2009.

Gaetano Donizetti: L'Elisir d'Amore

Composer: Gaetano Donizetti. Performers: Luciano Pavarotti, Kathleen Battle, Enzo Dara, Dawn Upshaw, Leo Nucci, The Metropolitan Opera Chorus & Opera. Language: Italian. Conductor: James Levine, The Metropolitan Opera. 1990.

Luciano Pavarotti: Donizetti Arias - Una furtiva lagrima

Performers: Richard Bonyngé, Sir Edward Downes, Leone Magiera, Luciano Pavarotti, Nicolai Ghiaurov, Eric Garrett, Ambrosian Singers, Roger Soyer. Notes: This CD contains arias recorded by Pavarotti between 1967 and 1975, with music from eight Donizetti operas, including *La Fille du Régiment*, *La favorita*, the final scene from *Lucia di Lammermoor* and "Una furtiva lagrima" from *L'Elisir d'Amore*. Decca. 1998.



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Websites

BBC: Composer of the Week: Gaetano Donizetti (1797-1848)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00j6qpd>

Donald Macleod explores the life and work of Italian opera dynamo Donizetti, a prolific composer who quickly achieved fame around the world.

Classical Net: Gaetano Donizetti

<http://www.classical.net/music/comp.lst/donizetti.php>

Biography, with list of recommended recordings.

Donizetti Society

<http://www.donizettisociety.com>

The Donizetti Society aims to promote interest, understanding and learning in the works of Gaetano Donizetti and his teacher, Giovanni Simone Mayr and in the operatic life of their times, 1800-1850.

IMSLP / Petrucci Music Library: Gaetano Donizetti

http://imslp.org/wiki/Category:Donizetti,_Gaetano

Free public domain sheet music of Donizetti's operatic scores from IMSLP / Petrucci Music Library.

Naxos.com: Gaetano Donizetti

http://www.naxos.com/composerinfo/Gaetano_Donizetti/26004.htm

Biography, with extensive list of recordings of Donizetti's operatic works.

SF Opera Education: Elixir of Love Educator Materials

<http://sfopera.com/discover-opera/education-programs/for-schools/classroom-materials1/Elixir-of-Love-Educator-materials/>

Stanford OperaGlass: Gaetano Donizetti

<http://opera.stanford.edu/Donizetti/>

Website includes dates of Donizetti opera premieres and listing of the role creators.