

ORAZIO VECCHI (1550-1605)

premiere recording on DVD

L'AMFIPARNASO

(1597)

(THE TWIN PEAKS OF PARNASSUS)

A musical comedy

Text attributed to Giulio Cesare Croce

English introductions by Timothy Knapman

I FAGIOLINI

ROBERT HOLLINGWORTH director

with

SIMON CALLOW narrator

Directed by Peter Wilson MBE

Filmed in the Great Hall and grounds of

the Dartington Hall Estate, Devon on 4 & 5 August 2003

L'Amfiparnaso is surely the most important piece of Renaissance music theatre still in existence. Through a virtuosic score for vocal ensemble, Vecchi brings alive the *commedia dell'arte* characters of late sixteenth-century Venice: mean-hearted merchant Pantalone, the verbose bogus doctor Gratiano, the braggart and over-amorous Spanish Captain, and a host of down-at-heel servants, the *zanni*. But alongside this slapstick, Vecchi writes bittersweet music for the lovers, akin to the finest polyphony of Gesualdo and Monteverdi. The balance this provides has made *L'Amfiparnaso* the classic of its time, and this is the first production of it (or of any work of its kind) for DVD.

EXTRA FEATURES

Introduction by Robert Hollingworth

Working with singers -
thoughts from the 16th century

Scene Selection

Character Profiles

Picture Gallery

Discography



Language: Italian and English

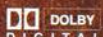
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