

# SERGEI PROKOFIEV

## WAR AND PEACE



Prokofiev composed his adaptation of Tolstoy's mighty *War and Peace* during World War II. In 1986, as the Cold War entered its final phase, the exiled Mstislav Rostropovich conducted this superb recording of the opera with his wife, Galina Vishnevskaya, in the central role of Natasha Rostova. Rostropovich had known Prokofiev well and premiered several of his later works. "At the end of his life," he wrote, "Prokofiev was obsessed with the hope that one day his greatest masterpiece, *War and Peace*, would triumph in its definitive form ... Now I fervently hope that this recording will satisfy my old friend."

Countess Natalya (Natasha) Rostova .....	GALINA VISHNEVSKAYA
Prince Andrei Bolkonsky .....	LAJOS MILLER
Count Pyotr (Pierre) Bezukhov .....	WIESŁAW OCHMAN
Anatol Kuragin .....	NICOLAI GEDDA
Field-Marshal Kutuzov .....	NICOLA GHIUSELEV
Sonya .....	KATHERINE CIESINSKI
Maria Akhrossimova .....	MARIANA PAUNOVA
Countess Elena (Hélène) Bezukhova .....	STEFANIA TOCZYSKA
Balaga .....	ROMUALD TESAROWICZ
Napoleon .....	EDUARD TUMAGIAN

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**MSTISLAV ROSTROPOVICH**

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