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Meyerbeer, a major figure in French grand opera, also wrote two comic operas. The first of these, *L'Étoile du Nord*, tells another operatic story of Tsar Peter in disguise, to meet his match in the lively Catherine.

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Giacomo
MEYERBEER

(1791 - 1864)

L'ÉTOILE DU NORD

Opera in Three Acts
Libretto by Eugène Scribe

**Playing
Time**
165:41

Catherine Elizabeth Futral *soprano*
Peter the Great Vladimir Ognev *bass*
Prascovia Darina Takova *soprano*
Danilowitz Aled Hall *tenor*
Gritzenko Christopher Maltman *baritone*
George Juan Diego Flórez *tenor*
Natalie Agnete Munk Rasmussen *soprano*
Ekimona Patrizia Cigna *soprano*
Ismailov Robert Lee *tenor*
Reynolds Fernand Bernadi *bass*
Yermolov Luis Ledesma *baritone*

Coryphées Neil Allen, Louise Armit,
Mark Evans, Ruth Halvani,
Teresa Matlova, David Watkin-Holmes,
David Stephenson, Elizabeth Woods

Wexford Festival Opera Chorus
Lubomir Matl *Chorus-Master*
National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland
Fergus Shiel *Stage Band Conductor*
Wladimir Jurowski *Conductor*

Compact Disc 1 77:33

Overture & Act I

Compact Disc 2 49:16

Act II

Compact Disc 3 47:03

Act III

French libretto enclosed with English translation

Recorded live in Wexford, Ireland, in October, 1996.

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