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#### **HYPERION CDA66361/2**

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Model: CDA66361/2

## INTRODUCTION TO ACIS AND GALATEA

George Frideric Handel's *Acis and Galatea* is a pastoral opera, or masque, based on a story from Ovid's *Metamorphoses*. It tells the tale of the love between the mortal shepherd Acis and the sea-nymph Galatea, and the tragic intervention of the jealous giant Polyphemus.

This recording features the original version of the work, composed for five singers and a small orchestra, highlighting Handel's masterful blend of dramatic narrative and lyrical beauty.

## ABOUT THIS RECORDING

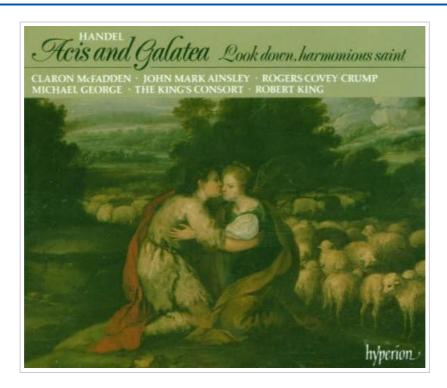


Image: Album cover for the Hyperion recording of Handel's *Acis and Galatea*. The artwork depicts Acis and Galatea in a tender embrace amidst a flock of sheep, set against a lush green landscape. The cover also lists the primary performers: Claron McFadden, John Mark Ainsley, Rogers Covey-Crump, Michael George, The King's Consort, and Robert King.

This acclaimed recording, released by Hyperion, presents Handel's beloved pastoral work with a distinguished cast and ensemble. The performance is conducted by Robert King, leading The King's Consort.

#### **Key Performers:**

- Claron McFadden as Galatea
- · John Mark Ainsley as Acis
- Rogers Covey-Crump as Damon
- · Michael George as Polyphemus
- The King's Consort (Ensemble)
- Robert King (Conductor)

#### SETUP AND PLAYBACK

To enjoy this Audio CD, you will need a compatible CD player or a device with a CD drive (e.g., computer, game console).

- 1. **Insert the CD:** Gently place the CD into the disc tray of your CD player or computer drive, ensuring the label side is facing upwards.
- 2. Close the Tray: Close the disc tray. The player should automatically recognize the CD.
- 3. **Select Play:** Press the 'Play' button on your CD player or select the appropriate playback option on your device's software.
- 4. Adjust Volume: Adjust the volume to a comfortable listening level using your player's controls or external amplifier.

For optimal sound quality, ensure your audio system is properly connected and calibrated.

#### **OPERATING AND LISTENING EXPERIENCE**

This Audio CD contains the complete recording of Handel's *Acis and Galatea*, spread across two discs. The work is divided into various tracks, corresponding to individual arias, recitatives, and choruses.

#### **Navigating Tracks:**

- Use the 'Next Track' or 'Previous Track' buttons on your CD player to skip between movements.
- The 'Fast Forward' and 'Rewind' functions allow you to move quickly within a track.
- Refer to the CD booklet (if included with your physical copy) for a detailed track listing and libretto, which can enhance your understanding and appreciation of the performance.

Acis and Galatea is a work rich in musical storytelling. Pay attention to the interplay between the vocal soloists and the orchestra, and how Handel uses music to depict emotions, characters, and the pastoral setting.

### Maintenance and Care

Proper care of your Audio CD will ensure its longevity and continued high-quality playback.

- **Handling:** Always hold the CD by its edges or by placing a finger through the center hole. Avoid touching the playing surface (the shiny side) to prevent fingerprints and scratches.
- Cleaning: If the CD becomes dirty, gently wipe the playing surface with a soft, lint-free cloth (e.g., microfiber) in a straight line from the center to the outer edge. Do not wipe in a circular motion. For stubborn marks, a small amount of water or a specialized CD cleaning solution can be used.
- **Storage:** Store the CD in its original jewel case or a protective sleeve when not in use. Keep CDs away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and high humidity, as these can warp the disc or damage the data layer.

• Avoid Scratches: Do not stack CDs without protection. Avoid placing heavy objects on top of CD cases.

## **TROUBLESHOOTING**

If you encounter issues during playback, consider the following common solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
CD skips or stutters	Dust, fingerprints, or scratches on the playing surface.	Clean the CD as described in the Maintenance section. Inspect for deep scratches; severely scratched CDs may not be repairable.
CD not recognized by player	CD inserted incorrectly, dirty disc, or player malfunction.	Ensure the CD is inserted label-side up. Clean the CD. Try the CD in another player to determine if the issue is with the disc or the player.
No sound	Volume too low, audio cables disconnected, or player settings.	Check volume levels on the player and amplifier. Verify all audio cables are securely connected. Consult your CD player's manual for specific settings.

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

Title: Handel - Acis and Galatea · Look down, harmonious saint

Artist(s): George Frideric Handel, Robert King, Claron McFadden, John Mark Ainsley, The King's Consort,

Rogers Covey-Crump, Michael George, Robert Harre-Jones

Format: Audio CD

Label: HYPERION

Model Number: CDA66361/2

ASIN: B000002ZMA

Number of Discs: 2

**Original Release** 

**Date:** 1990

**Product** 

**Dimensions:** 5.57 x 4.99 x 0.38 inches; 3.84 ounces

Language: English

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

For more information about George Frideric Handel or The King's Consort, you may visit reputable classical music archives or official artist websites.

- Explore more works by George Frideric Handel
- Discover more recordings by The King's Consort

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