

TOSCANINI



Verdi

FALSTAFF

STABILE - SOMIGLIA - CRAVENCO - VASARI
OLTRABELLA - BIASINI - BORGIOI - LAZZARI
Others - Chorus of the Vienna State Opera

Vienna Philharmonic
SALZBURG
9 August 1937

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VALDONGO - NELLI - ELMO - MERRIMAN
STITCH-RANDALL - GUARRERA - MADASI
Others - Robert Shaw Choral

NBC Symphony Orchestra
1, 8 April 1950
(Commentary by Ben Grauer)