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**EDITION
FISCHER-DIESKAU • VOL. V**

**FRANZ SCHUBERT:
WINTERREISE**




Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, Bariton
Klaus Billing, piano

recording date: 1948

Dietrich-Fischer Dieskau recorded Franz Schubert's Die Winterreise around thirty times: on disc and for the radio which provided an important forum for the singer after the war. His "apprentice piece" was the very first recording of the cycle for the RIAS – a youthful, immediate and almost operatic interpretation of Wilhelm Müller's poems ranging between world-weariness and romantic irony.

He managed this despite the difficult conditions in January 1948 surrounding the recording with the pianist Klaus Billing. The fluctuating currents of post-war Berlin affected the speed of the tape and, in addition to that, more than half of the cycle had to be re-recorded by the exhausted singer after technical problems became apparent. Once the completed recording was broadcast again and again, everyone in the East and the West knew that the Lied culture had not died but was still to flourish through Fischer-Dieskau. This careful digital re-mastering of the original tape furnishes the historical recording, despite its technical faults, with a previously unheard brilliance and immediacy.

There is a "Producer's Comment"  from producer Ludger Böckenhoff about this production available at www.audite.de/sc.php?cd=95597



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