

Leonard Bernstein conducts Beethovens

'Fidelio'

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Fidelio is a lyrical drama in two acts by Ludwig van Beethoven and libretto by Joseph Sonnleithner Georg Friedrich Treitschke. Leonard Bernstein was an American composer, conductor, author, music lecturer, and pianist. He was among the first conductors born and educated in the US to receive worldwide acclaim. According to music critic Donal Henahan, he was "one of the most prodigiously talented and successful musicians in American history." In 1970 Bernstein wrote and narrated a ninety-minute program filmed on location in and around Vienna as a celebration of Beethoven's 200th birthday. It featured parts of Bernstein's rehearsals and performance for the Otto Schenk production of Fidelio. In 1978, Bernstein returned to the Vienna State Opera to conduct a revival of the Otto Schenk production of Fidelio

Dimensions

Overall: 30.3 x 21.2 cm (12 x 8 3/8 in.)