

# Basic Detail Report

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**Leonard Bernstein conducts celebrated**

**Swedish soprano Birgit Nilsson**

**Date**

1969-1979

**Medium**

gelatin silver print

**Description**

Birgit Nilsson was a celebrated Swedish dramatic soprano who specialized in operatic works of Wagner and Strauss, though she sang the operas of many other composers, including Verdi and Puccini. Her voice was noted for its overwhelming force, bountiful reserves of power, and the gleaming brilliance and clarity in the upper register.

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."

**Dimensions**

Overall: 21.3 x 30.2 cm (8 3/8 x 11 7/8 in.)