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Produced by Stephane Tchalgadjeff

AIDA

1976, Pierre Jourdan, France, 165 min.

2:00 and 5:00

Besides his work with well known feature film directors, Stephane Tchalgadjeff was also responsible for several outstanding filmed operas based on highly lauded European productions. AIDA, in a production originally staged by Sandro Sequi at the Roman Theater

in Orange, France, was marvelously translated to the screen by Pierre Jourdan. Verdi's masterwork, which recounts an Ethiopian princess' love for an Egyptian general, was recorded in its entirety; there are sweeping views of the ancient theater and the imaginative deployment of its spacious stage. This AIDA features Gilda Cruz Romo as Aida, Grace Bumbry as Amneris, Peter Gougalov as Radames and Ingvar Vixell as Amonasro.