

## **ANTHONY DAVIS X: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF MALCOLM X [1088]**

Davóne Tines, Malcolm X

Whitney Morrison, Louise/Betty

Ronnita Miller, Ella

Victor Robertson, Street/Elijah Muhammad

Joshua Conyers, Reginald

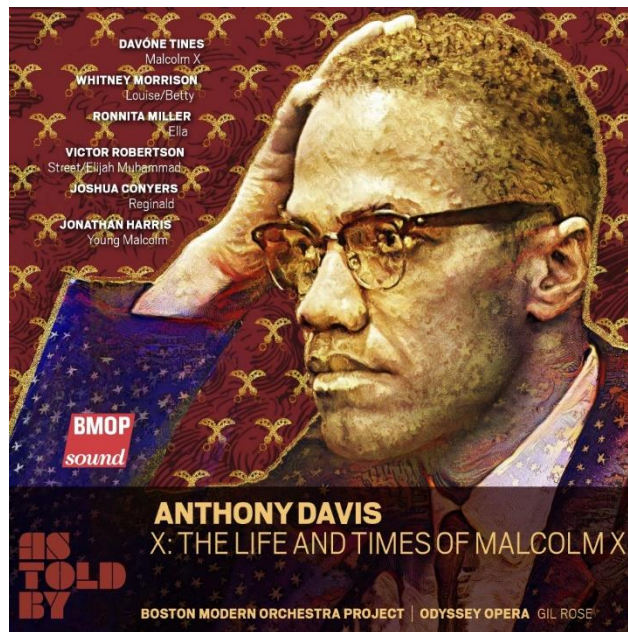
Jonathan Harris, Young Malcolm

### **BOSTON MODERN ORCHESTRA PROJECT | ODYSSEY OPERA GIL ROSE, CONDUCTOR**

Interweaving Stravinsky- and Berg-like harmony with jazz idioms and improvisation, Anthony Davis's *X: The Life and Times of Malcolm X* tells the story of the twentieth century Civil Rights Movement icon. Premiered over 35 years ago and unproduced again until 2022, BMOP/sound's CD provides the definitive recording of one of Pulitzer Prize-winner Davis's best-known operas. The stellar cast on this double-disc release is lead by bass-baritone Davóne Tines and conductor Gil Rose, backed by the BMOP orchestra and Odyssey Opera Chorus. *Anthony Davis: X: The Life and Times of Malcolm X* is the first of five releases in BMOP's *As Told By: History, Race, and Justice on the Opera Stage* series.



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#### **GRAMOPHONE**

"... a most welcome — and timely — release."

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#### **THE WHOLE NOTE**

"Davis' score... is brilliantly carried by the Boston Modern Orchestra Project (BMOP) under the baton of Gil Rose who makes full use of dark symphonic sounds to enhance a grim and tragic period atmosphere."