Subject: Re: Today's Recommendation: Opera
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T'weren't me, but a good post and start of a thread nonetheless. Previously I made some remarks about good taste. I hope no one thought I was talking about anyone _here_, but rather what passesfor middle brow culture-- like broadway musicals with classicalpretentions. Similarly, I came to a bit of opera by not having any othercommercial-free radio on Sat. afternoon but the local Public.Saturday Afternoons at the Met (brought to you by Texaco) hasbeen a long-standing habit now. So imagine my chagrin at actaully _seeing_ (and hearing) a fewlocally. Not the same. In the Theater of the Mind that is radio,I could imagine those big New York Lincoln Center Sets: the legacy of Gordon Craig in which well-heeled New Yorkers couldindulge. Local road companies are pretty pale by comparison--pale and aften barely competent it seems. All this is by way of saying I've seen and heard a bit of opera. After seasons of Afternoon At The Met, for style, tempi andgeneral lack of hysterical sopranos (small 's') I've found that"Nabuco" is my favorite to both listen to and imagine in setting. But with that said, when they play "I Barbieri de Sevilla"I still think of Bugs Bunny.