Subject: What's your fav Messiah? Posted by Bill Epstein on Sun, 12 Nov 2006 11:27:47 GMT

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Listened to my latest thrift find Messiah last night, Klemperer on Angel with Scwartzkopf, Gedda and Hines. Also have the Mormon Tabernacle Columbia with Ormandy and the Phila; Farrell and Warfield. Plus the London conducted by Boing-ing with (of course) Sutherland and Krause. Gedda makes the Angel worthwhile but I can't stand Schwartzkopf. The Mormons do a good job but not really very 1740'ish. I haven't listened to the Sutherland yet. Vinyl and Music Asylum favor the Beecham, Hogwood and Marriner sets which I plan to acquire. I had the pleasure of hearing the small-ensemble-with-modern-instruments road show Robert Shaw Chorale live in college back in the sixties which I still remember as incredible. And it's also available, I discover, on vinyl. Recommend any of these or others?