

## Musique vocale / Vocal

**Pieczonka**

**Sings Wagner and Strauss**

Adrienne Pieczonka, soprano; Münchner Rundfunkorchester / Ulf Schirmer

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This release marks the long awaited debut solo album of Canadian soprano Adrienne Pieczonka, one of the busiest singers on the international circuit today. Her bright, gleaming sound with its vibrant top is ideal in the *jugendlich-dramatisch* fach. This disc features arias from the Wagner and Strauss roles she has sung to great acclaim. The only ones missing are Eva and Freia, both roles she sang earlier on in her career, and the Marschallin, her current 'signature role'. Another favourite, Sieglinde, is represented here by 'Der Männer Sippe', while the more popular 'Du bist der Lenz' is inexplicably omitted. Her singing combines beauty, power and nuance. It rides the huge torrents of sound from the Munich Radio Orchestra under the assured and expert direction of Ulf Schirmer with ease. The way the top opens up in the high lying phrases of 'Es gibt ein Reich' from *Ariadne* and 'Das was sehr gut' from *Arabella* is thrilling. The recorded sound is full-bodied. A 'must-have' album for Wagner-Strauss fans and admirers of superb singing. **Joseph K. So**