

## Big, bold and beautiful

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### CLASSICAL

**Adrienne Pieczonka**  
***Sings Wagner and Strauss (Orfeo)***



The rich orchestrations and undulating leitmotifs from the operas of Richard Wagner and Strauss find an ideal dramatic partner in the ample soprano of Canadian Adrienne Pieczonka (who will be Sieglinde in the Canadian Opera Company's upcoming Ring cycle). Pieczonka has power and a great ability to modulate her delivery in these arias from *Tannhäuser*, *Die Walkyrie*, *Lohengrin*, *Arabella* and *Capriccio*. Particularly compelling are "Es gibt ein Reich" from Strauss's *Ariadne auf Naxos* and Wagner's *Wesendonk Lieder*. Ulf Schirmer conducts the Munich Rundfunk Orchester with confidence. This debut solo disc is big, bold and beautiful. *John Terauds*