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Following her highly acclaimed Vivaldi album, mezzo soprano Magdalena Kožená returns to the Italian Baroque and the music of Claudio Monteverdi. Ms. Kožená performs with Andrea Marcon, La Cetra Baroque Orchestra, and in duet with Anna Prohaska for two selections. Included are arias from L’incoronazione di Poppea, Combattimento di Tancredi e Clorinda and more. (Deutsche Grammophon) (1 CD) (avail. 2/19)
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/ Artur Pizarro
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