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THE VERY BEST OF
VIVALDI

"He is an old man who composes furiously and prodigiously. I have heard him compose a concerto with all its parts more quickly than a copyist could copy it"

(Charles de Brosse, 1739)

Known in his native Venice as "The Red Priest" on account of his shock of hair, Antonio Vivaldi breathed life into the baroque forms around him and refashioned music with incredible daring and originality. Although now best known for the dazzling *'Four Seasons'*, Vivaldi also penned hundreds of concertos, choral works and even operas. Incredibly prolific, new works of his are being unearthed to this day. There is no better way to discover Vivaldi than with this generous 2 CD selection of his very best works.

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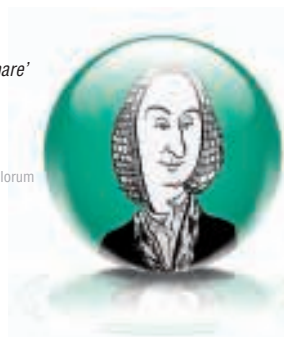
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- 1** Gloria RV 589: Gloria **2 & 3** Sopranino Recorder Concerto RV443: Allegro & Largo
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