

CD HotList

New Releases for Libraries

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PICK OF THE MONTH

Sebastián de Vivanco

Missa Assumpsit Jesus

De Profundis / Robert Hollingworth

Hyperion (dist. PIAS)

CDA68257

Rick's Pick



Here is an utterly gorgeous disc of choral music by a relatively unknown master of Spanish polyphony. Sebastián de Vivanco was born in Ávila sometime in the mid-16th century and started his career as a boy chorister in the cathedral there. His career eventually took him to several different cities around Spain, and three large collections of his work survive today. The Mass performed here is based on Vivanco's own motet *Assumpsit Jesus Petrum*, and it's presented along with several other motets as well; the program closes with a magisterial *Magnificat* setting. De Profundis is an all-male choir without trebles, but their sound is rich and full despite the lack of voices above the alto range. Beautiful music, beautifully sung.