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① **Elgar Violin Concerto** *Little, RSNO/ Davis. Chandos £12.99*

The third major recording of this glorious concerto to mark the centenary of its first performance on November 10. For sheer beauty of tone and expressive nostalgia, Tasmin Little and Sir Andrew Davis out-Elgar their rivals, with the RSNO refusing to give ground either to Dresden and Colin Davis or to the Hallé and Mark Elder. Little also reproduces the version of the last-movement cadenza with harp which Elgar wrote for the 1916 acoustic recording with Marie Hall.