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Indispensable Kurtág discoveries: the premiere recording of Kurtág’s settings of the “Sudelbücher” closes a crucial gap in his discography. At the same time, additional new recordings provide a fresh approach to well-known chamber music by this master of miniature. The four outstanding soloists impress in the original scoring for soprano, violin, cimbalom and double bass.
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