

String Quartet No. 2 in E \flat Major

Rondeau

Joseph Bologne, Op. 1
(1745-1799)

The musical score is presented in four staves: Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Viola (Vla.), and Violoncello (Vc.). The key signature is E \flat Major (three flats) and the time signature is 3/4. The first system begins with a repeat sign and a first ending bracket. The Violin I part starts with a *pp* dynamic, while the other parts start with a *p* dynamic. The second system begins with a measure rest for Violin I and concludes with a *Fine* marking.

Joseph Bologne (1745-1799) was born to an enslaved African and her Guadeloupean master. His father moved the family to France in 1753, where Joseph became a skilled fencer and was dubbed chevalier at age nineteen. As an acclaimed professional violinist, he premiered his own concerti and published string quartets, operas, and symphonies. He founded the Concert de la Loge Olympique, directed the Amateurs, and was a colonel of the Légion des Américains et du Midi.