String Quartet No. 4 in C Minor

Allegro Moderato

Joseph Bologne, Op. 1
(1745-1799)

81

Vln. I

rinf.

Vln. II

Vla.

rinf.

Vc.

rinf.

81

3

tr

tr

rinf.

rinf.

p

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.