

# String Quartet No. 3 in G Minor

Rondeau

Joseph Bologne, Op. 1  
(1745-1799)

The musical score is for a string quartet in G minor, 2/4 time. It begins with a repeat sign. The first measure of the Violin I part has dynamics markings: *f*, *p*, *f*, *p*. The score is for four parts: Violin I, Violin II, Viola, and Violoncello.

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.