

String Quartet No. 2 in E \flat Major

Allegro

Joseph Bologne, Op. 1
(1745-1799)

The musical score is for a string quartet in E-flat major, 2/2 time, by Joseph Bologne. It consists of four staves: Violin I, Violin II, Viola, and Violoncello. The first measure is marked *p*. The second measure is marked *p* for Violin I and *p* for Viola. The third measure is marked *tr* for Violin I and *rinf.* for Violin II and Viola. The fourth measure is marked *p* for 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.