## THE HIGHLAND/ETLING STRING ORCHESTRA SERIES

## RONDEAU

(from Masterpiece Theater)

Jean Joseph Mouret Arranged by Vernon Leidig

I N S T R U M E N T A T I O N

Conductor Score Violin I Violin II Violin III (Viola ) Viola Cello String Bass Piano Accompaniment

## Rondeau

Jean Joseph Mouret began life inauspiciously with birth in an insane asylum in France in 1682, but by the time of his death in 1738 had become a towering figure in the world of music.

A contemporary of J. S. Bach, Handel, and Louis XIV, Mourer was in the service of the Duchess of Main in Paris beginning in 1707 and composed Opera-Ballets which were performed in 1714 at the Paris Opera House as well as the Duchess' palace.

Mouret was Musical Director of the Acadamie Royale starting in 1728, and during his tenure he wrote and conducted his own religious and instrumental music, including his fanfares, symphonies, suites, and chamber music.

The music of Mouret is consistently majestic, aristocratic, and dynamic. One of his most famous works is this Rondeau from his Suite des Symphonies Number One. Many will recognize this piece as the theme from the popular television series "Masterpiece Theater."

## Rondeau (from "Masterpiece Theater")



Copyright © MCMLXXXII by Highland Music Co. Copyright © assigned MCMXC to Alfred Publishing Co., Inc. All rights reserved. Printed in USA.



Conductor - 3

