

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759), a German composer who lived and worked in England, was a contemporary of J.S. Bach. He wrote a suite of orchestral movements for a royal boat party in 1717 called *Water Music*, a work that consists of many popular dance styles of the day, including the French folk dance called the *rigaudon*. Handel is most famous today for his *Messiah* and its “Hallelujah Chorus.”

# Rigaudon

from *Water Music*

Handel/Monday

**Allegro with detached quarter notes** (♩ = 80)

mf

4

cresc.

f

10

mf

cresc.

f

1. 2. 17

(f)

sub. p

cresc.

24

f

mf

cresc.

f