Old French Dance

Marin Marais

arranged by
Ben Clinesmith

1 Full Score

8 Violin I

8 Violin II

3 Violin III (Viola Sub.)

5 Viola

5 Cello

5 Bass

Extra Part - P3033161

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Program Notes

Marin Marais lived from 1656-1728. He was born in Paris and worked as a court musician in the royal court of Versailles. He was a master of the viola da gamba and a leading composer of viol music. He is featured as a central character in the film *Tous les matins du monde,* and his music figured prominently in that film.

About the Composer

Ben Clinesmith, cellist, conductor, arranger and educator, received his formal training at the University of Kansas, Indiana University and the Manhattan School of Music. As a young professional cellist, he played in the Houston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir John Barbirolli and Andre Previn, and later he was a member of the American Symphony Orchestra in New York City, conducted by Leopold Stokowski.

For fourteen years Ben was the cello instructor at Bates and Bowdoin Colleges in Maine, while he also conducted a youth orchestra made up of select players from throughout the southern half of the state. He was a member of the New England Trio for 25 years. Ben teaches at the Calhoun School in New York City, where he is the assistant academic dean, orchestra conductor, and the producer of four Kids for Kids CD compilations, featuring songs written by Calhoun students.

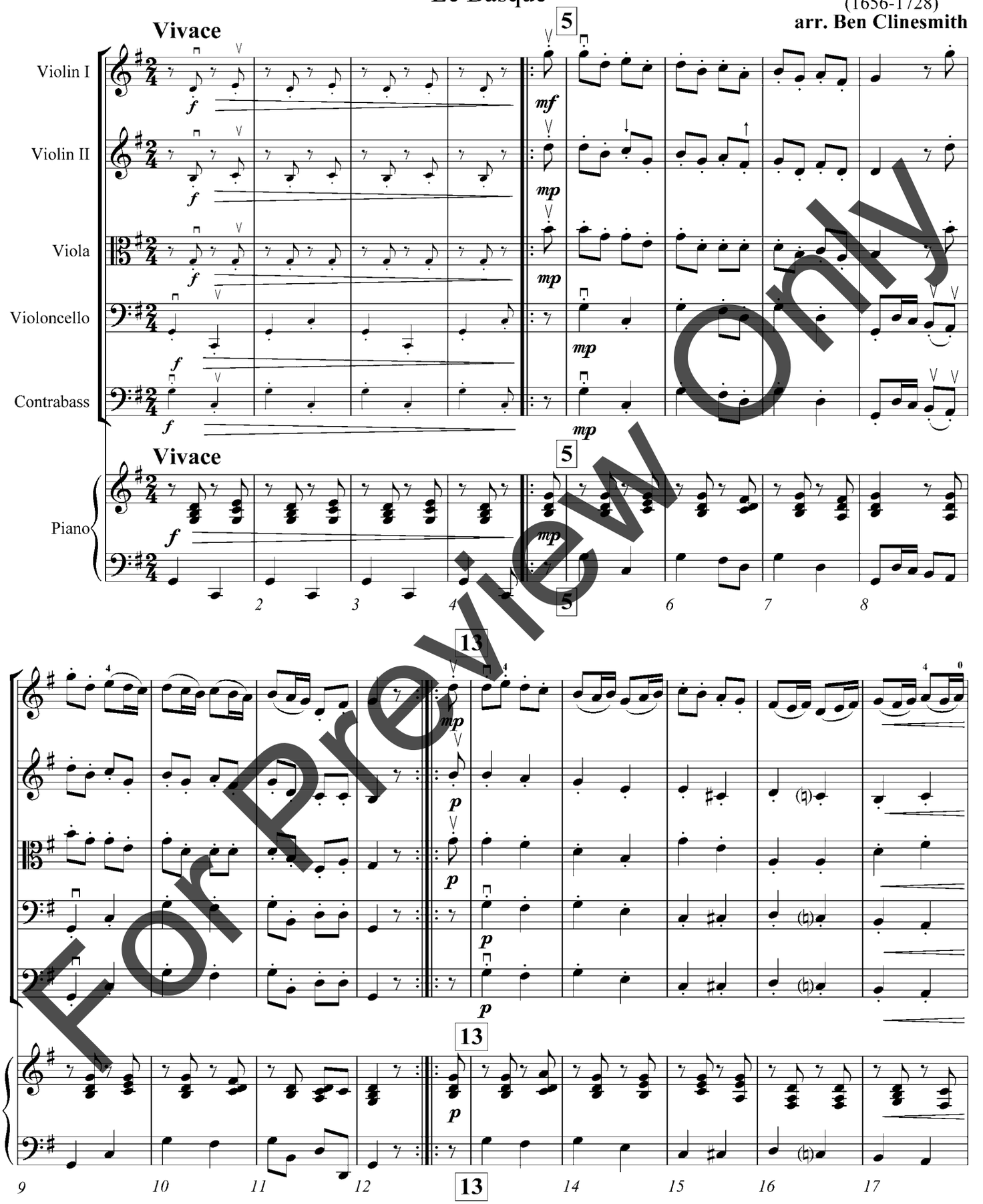
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Grade 2+
Time 1:45

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Le Basque

Marin Marais
(1656-1728)
arr. Ben Clinesmith



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