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Abstract

Portrait of English 18th century composer Thomas Augustine Arne.

Creator

Dunkarton, R. (Robert), approximately 1744-

Creator

Humphrey, William, approximately 1740-approximately 1810

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0.01 Linear Feet 1 item

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Biographical Information

English composer Thomas Augustine Arne, a contemporary of George Friedric Handel, was born in 1710. He wrote the music for the famous song "Rule, Britannia," which contains lyrics that as of 2020 have been the subject of cultural conversation and reevaluation in the United Kingdom (see Langfitt, "A Row Erupts in Britain over 'Rule, Britannia!' at the Proms"). Arne's sister, Susannah Cibber, performed several of the alto solos in the first performance of Handel's "Messiah" in Dublin (Westminster Abbey, "Susannah Cibber"). Arne died in 1778 (MusicBrainz, "Thomas Arne").

Scope and Content

The collection consists of a single mezzotint portrait of Thomas Arne, engraved by William Humphrey based on a painting by Robert Dunkarton.

Keywords

Music -- England -- 18th century

Portraits

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