Grade 4

Music for String Orchestra

Fantasia on Christmas Carols

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Arranged by

Todd Parrish

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INSTRUMENTATION

Violin I 8
Violin II 8
Viola 5
Solo Cello 1
Cello 5
Bass 5

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Arranger's Notes

Written in 1912, *the Fantasia on Christmas Carols* was originally scored for baritone solo, chorus, and orchestra. In it, Ralph Vaughan Williams used three folk carols from his native country of England: The Truth Sent from Above, Come all you Worthy Gentlemen, and the Sussex Carol. Though shortened for time, this arrangement contains moments from each carol, including the solo cello opening. Though the melodies are mostly of unknown origin, the harmonies are uniquely the work of Vaughan Williams. This medley offers a unique alternative to traditional holiday programming, combining beautiful English carols with the skill of a world-renowned composer.

About the Arranger

Todd Parrish (b. 1971) has taught public school orchestras at all levels for 20 years in Illinois, Virginia and Florida. Under his direction, the Hickory High School Chamber Orchestra (Chesapeake, Virginia) was chosen to perform at the VMEA State Conference in Hot Springs, Virginia. In addition, the orchestra performed at many outstanding venues, including Atlanta Symphony Hall, the Kennedy Center in Washington DC, and Carnegie Hall in New York City.

He received a Bachelor of Music Education from ORU in Tulsa, Oklahoma where he studied violin and piano. He received a Master of Music in orchestral conducting from the University of Arizona in Tucson, where he studied with Jindong Cai. He has also studied conducting at workshops with many leading teachers in Colorado, South Carolina, Maine, and Aix-en-Provence, France.

In August 2013, Mr. Parrish became the orchestra editor for J.W. Pepper sheet music and the string editor for Wingert-Jones Publications based in Exton, PA. He arranges classical music for school orchestras and writes original compositions for all levels. In the Fall of 2018, Mr. Parrish became the orchestra editor for Carl Fischer Music in New York City. He currently teachers orchestra at Winter Park High School near Orlando, Florida.

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RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS
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Andante ♩ = 64

Violin I
Violin II
Viola
Solo Cello
Cello
Bass

Solo
mf

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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9 div.
con sord.

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
S. Cello
Cello
Bass

p con sord.
con sord.
mf
con sord. div.
p con sord.
p

8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

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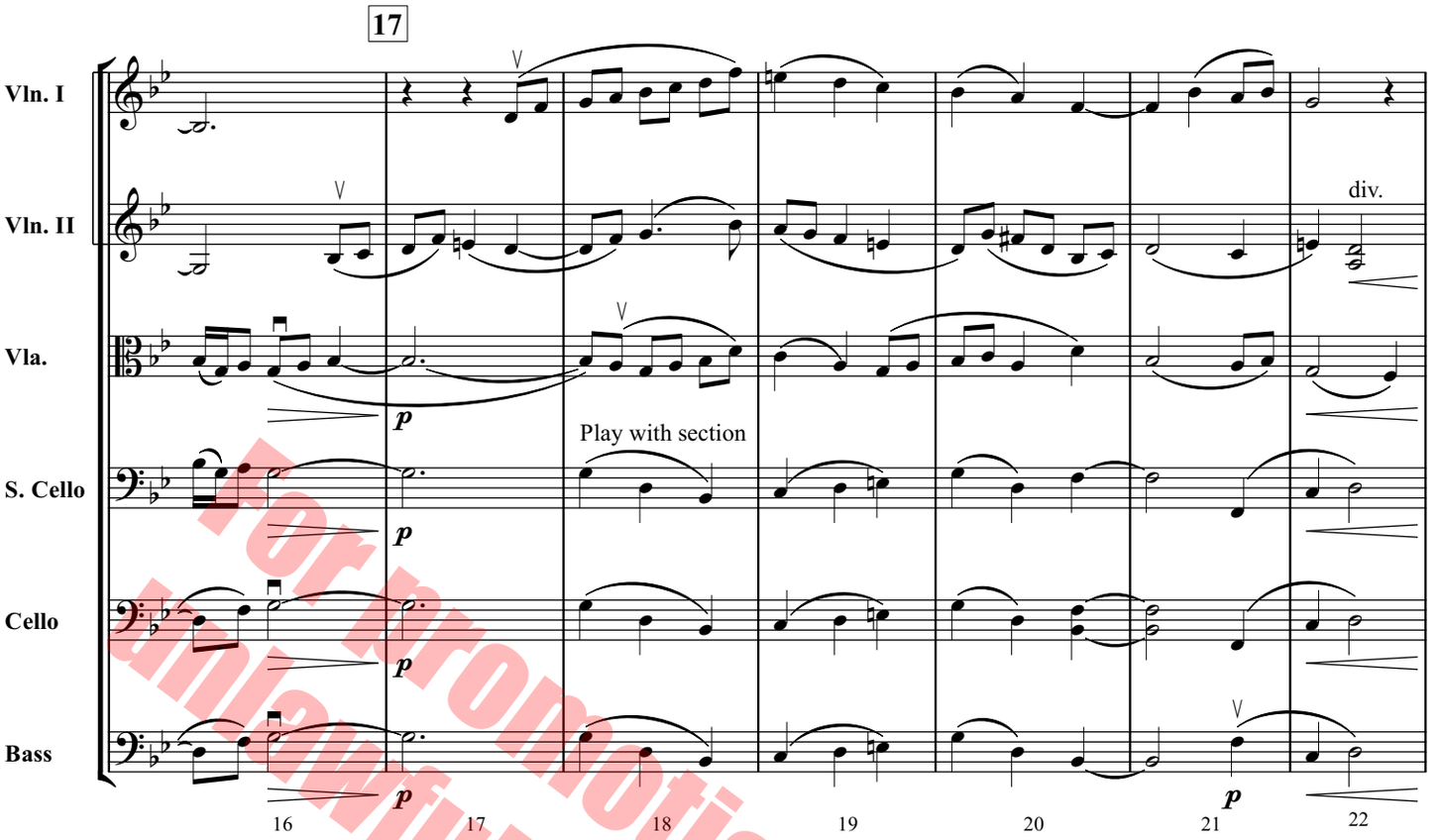

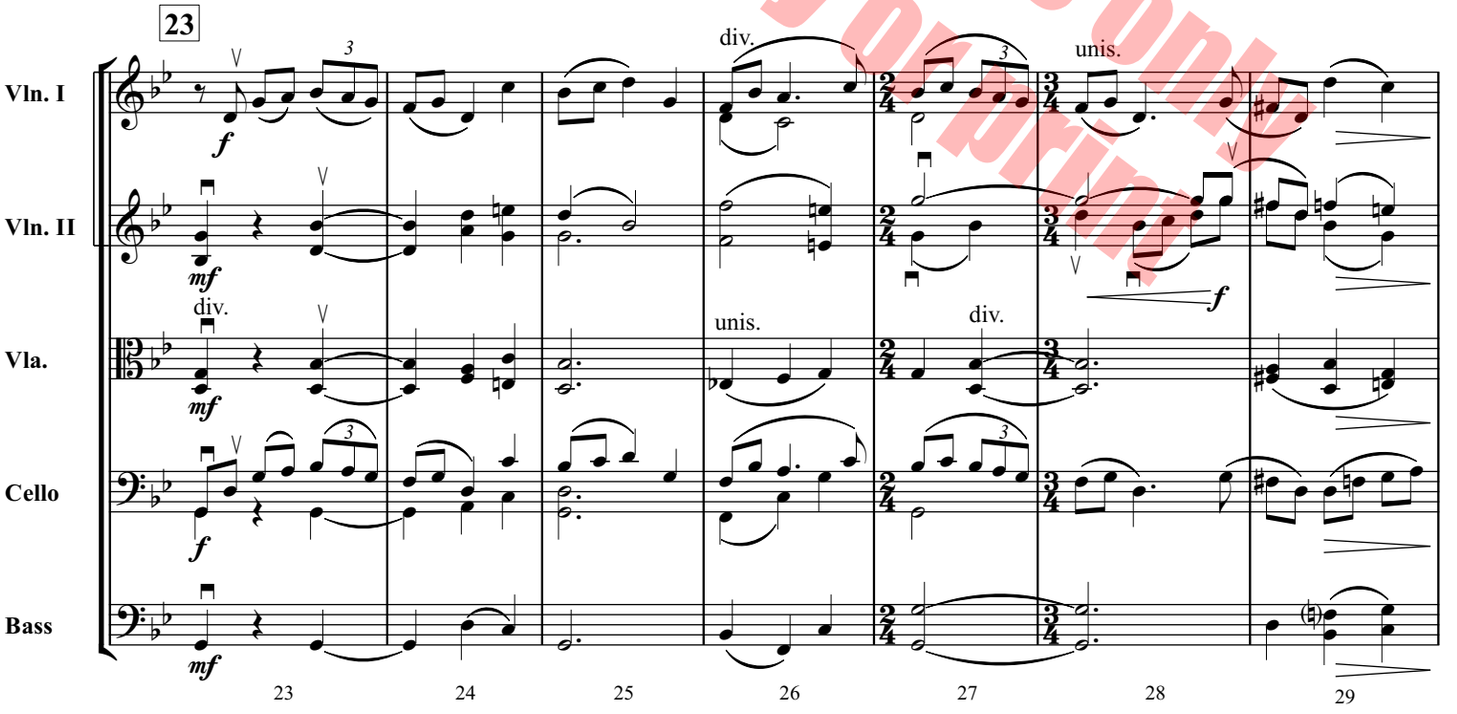

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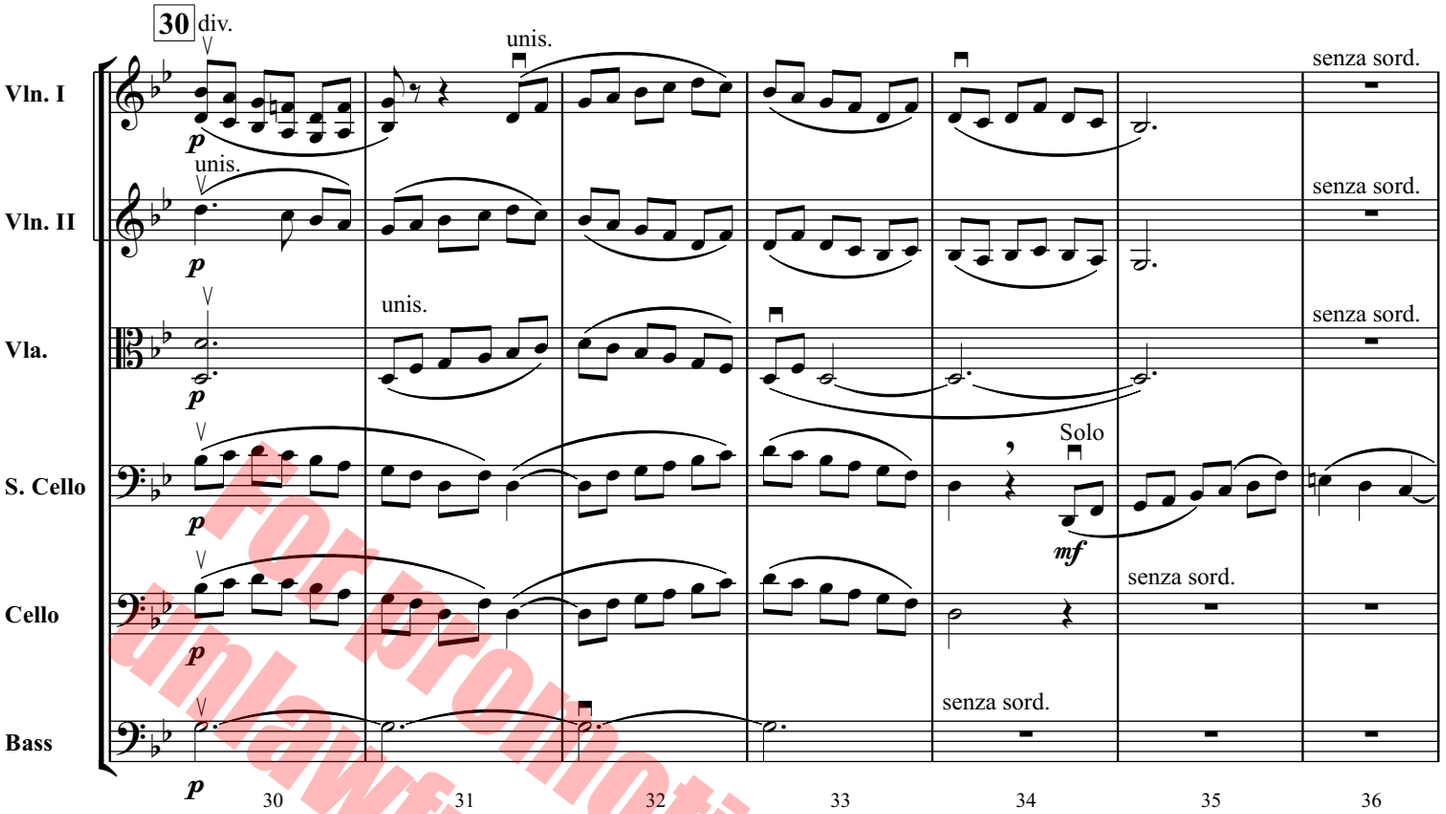

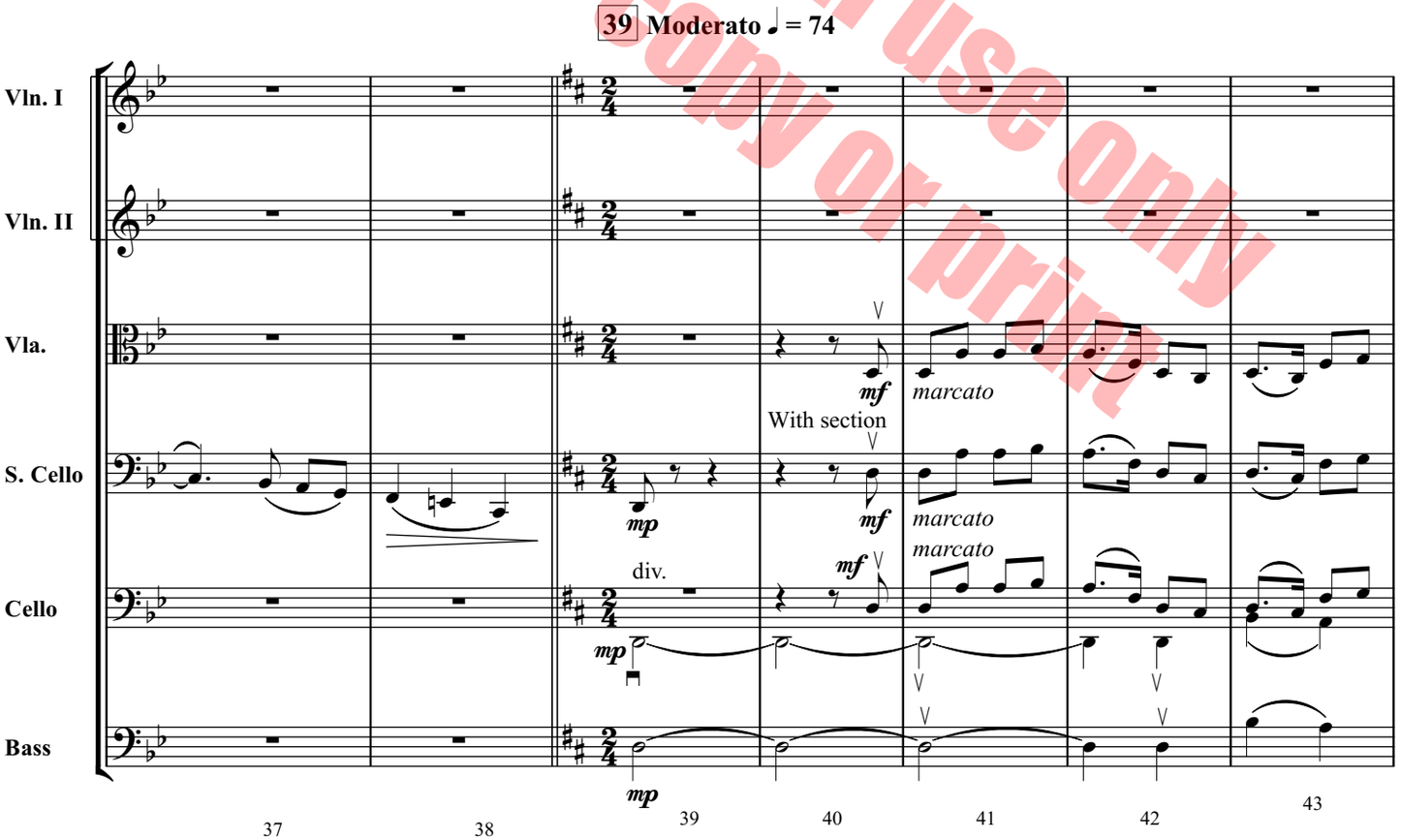

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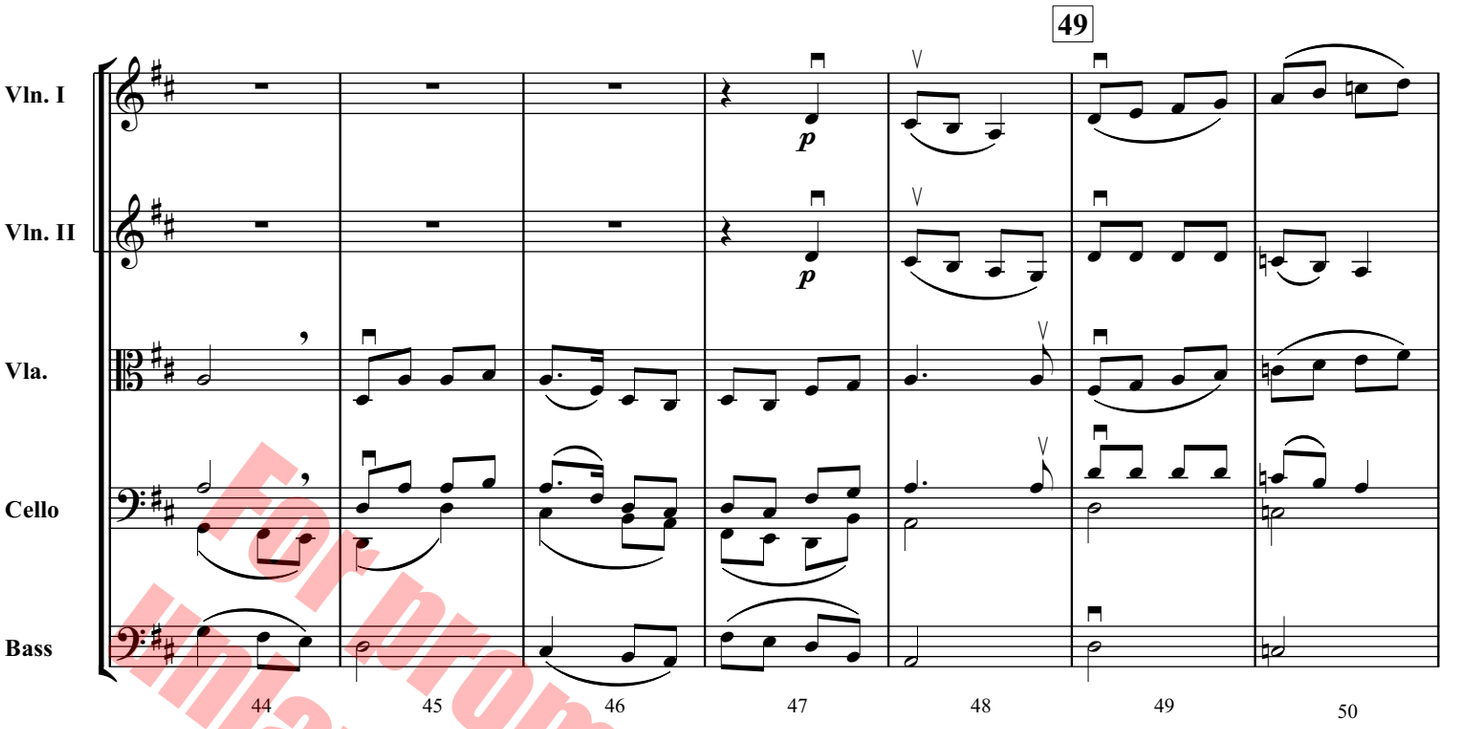

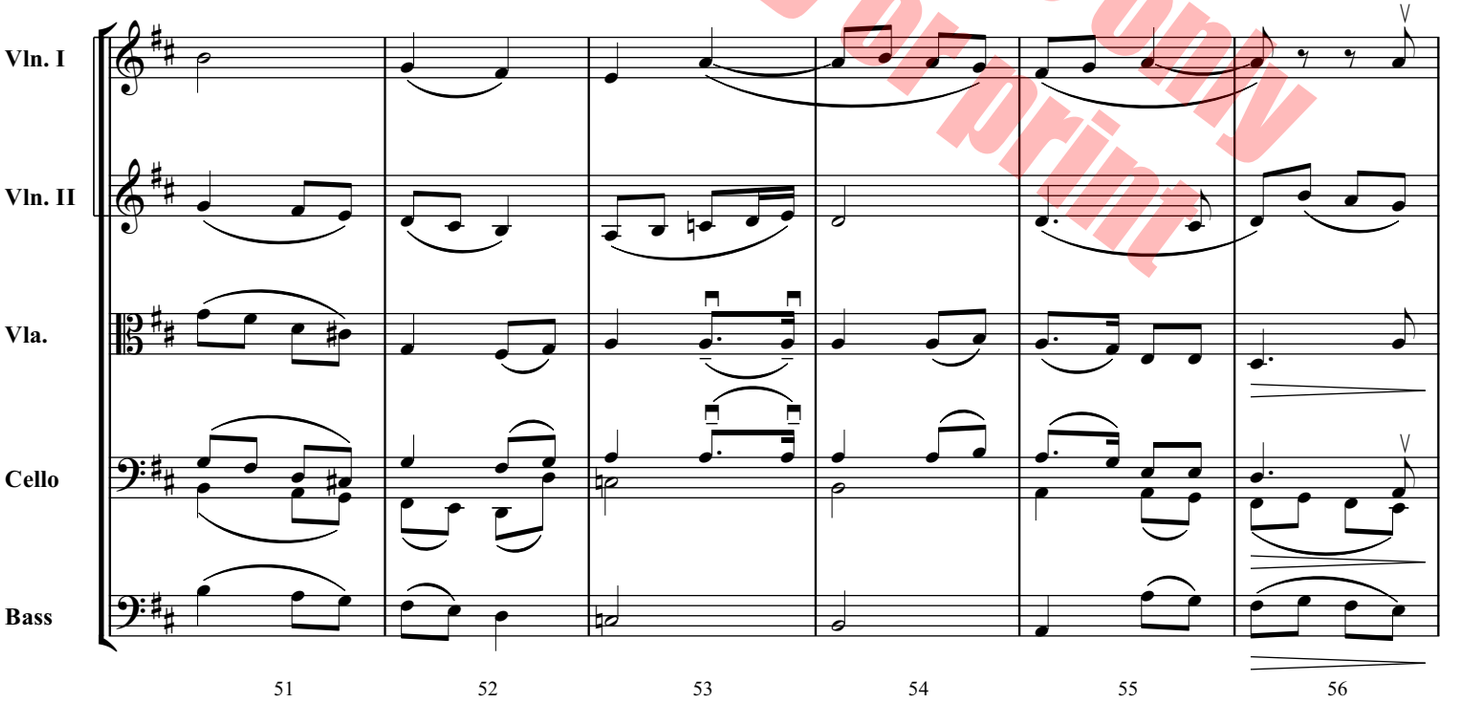

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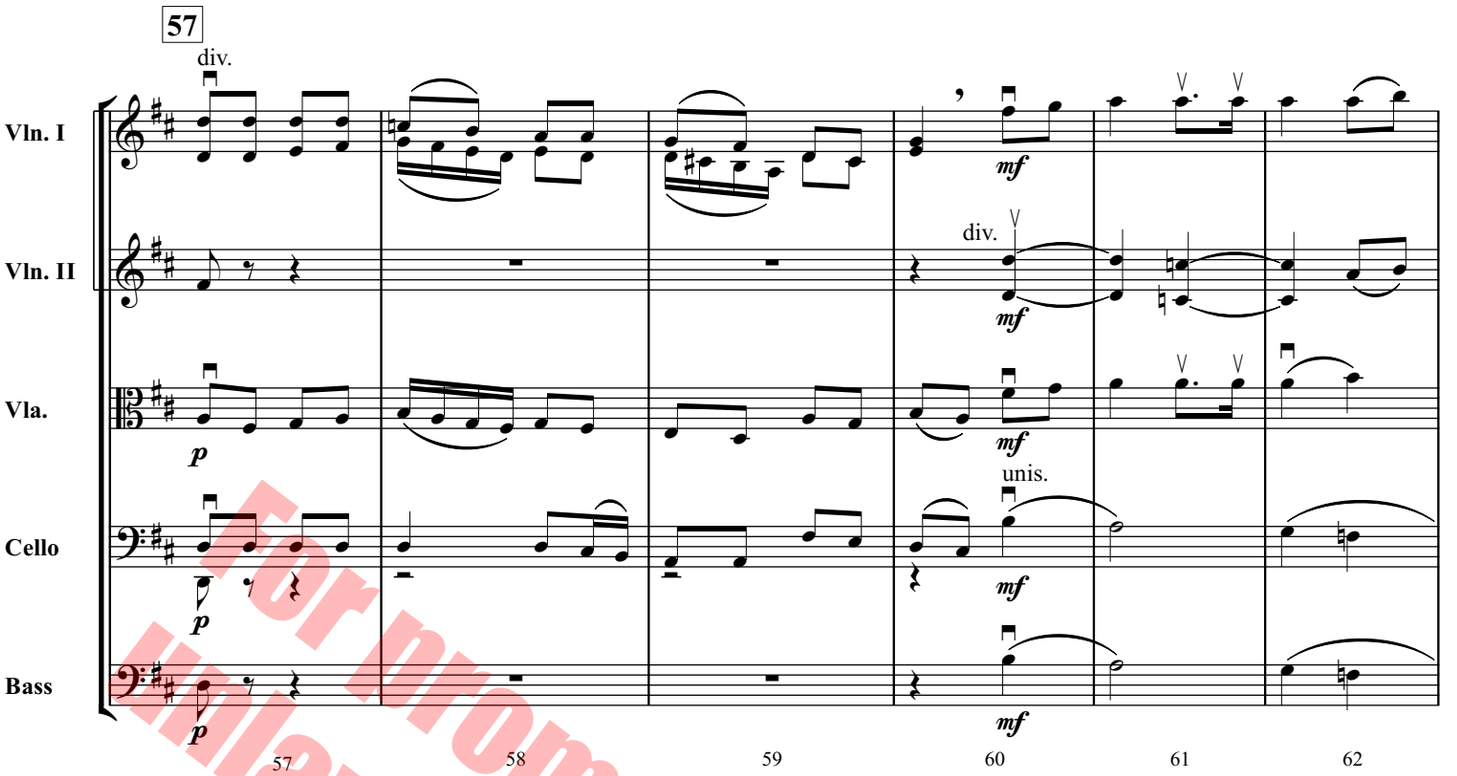

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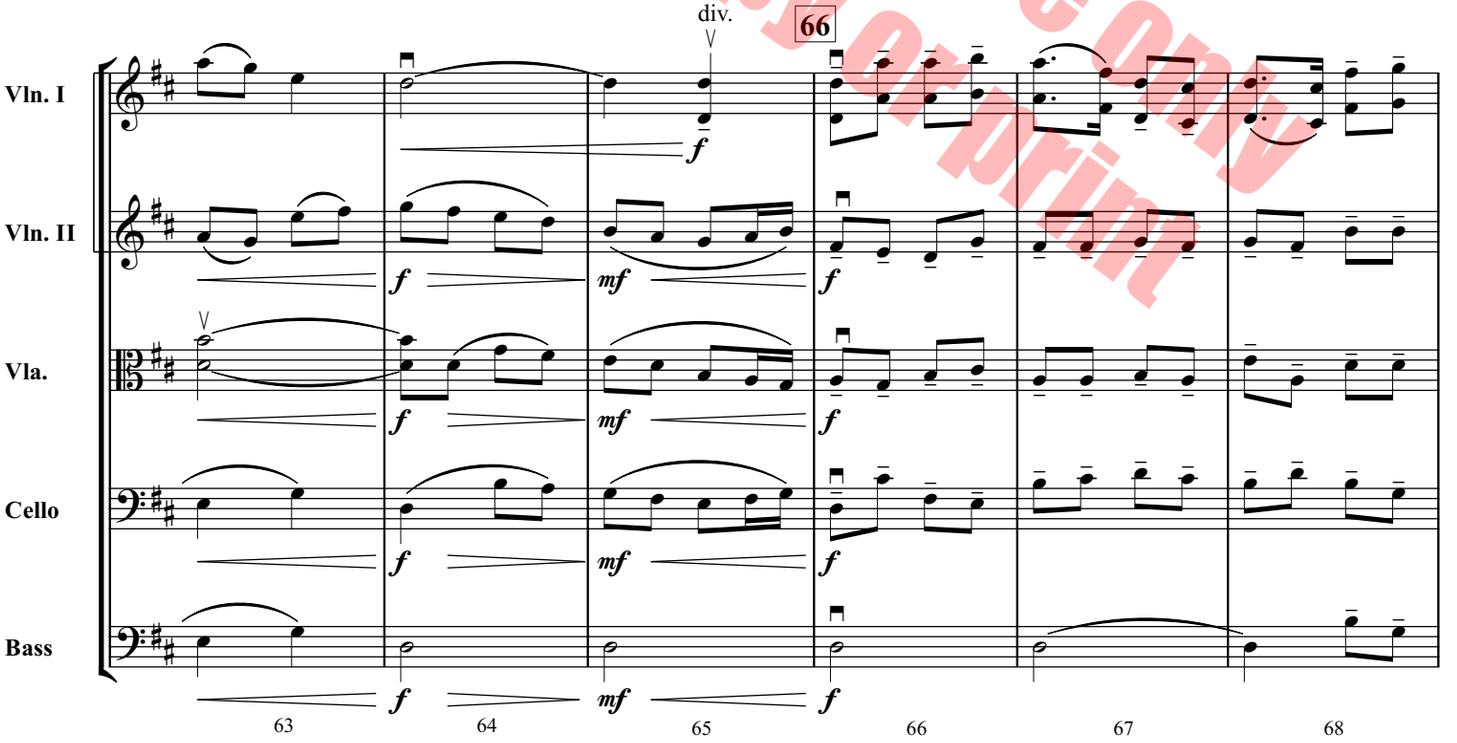

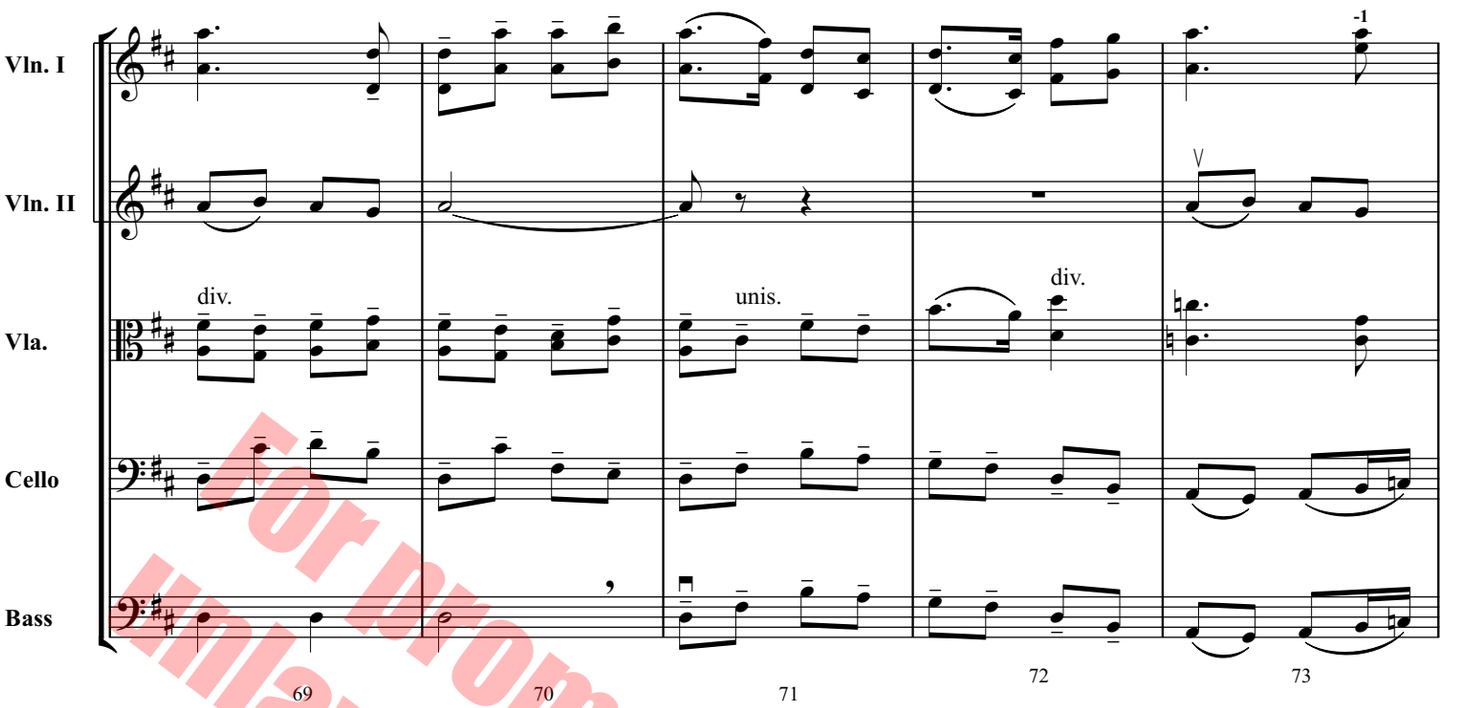

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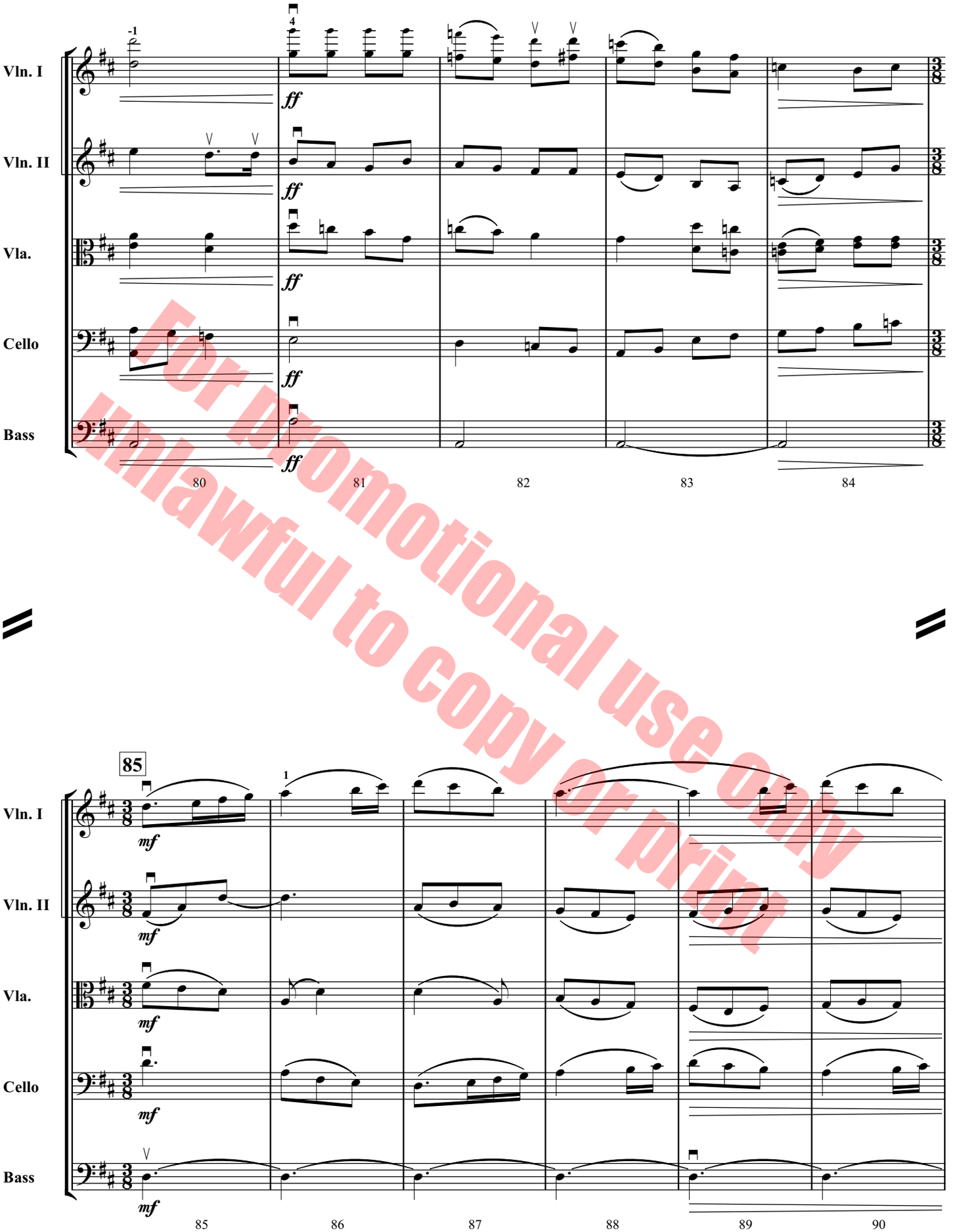

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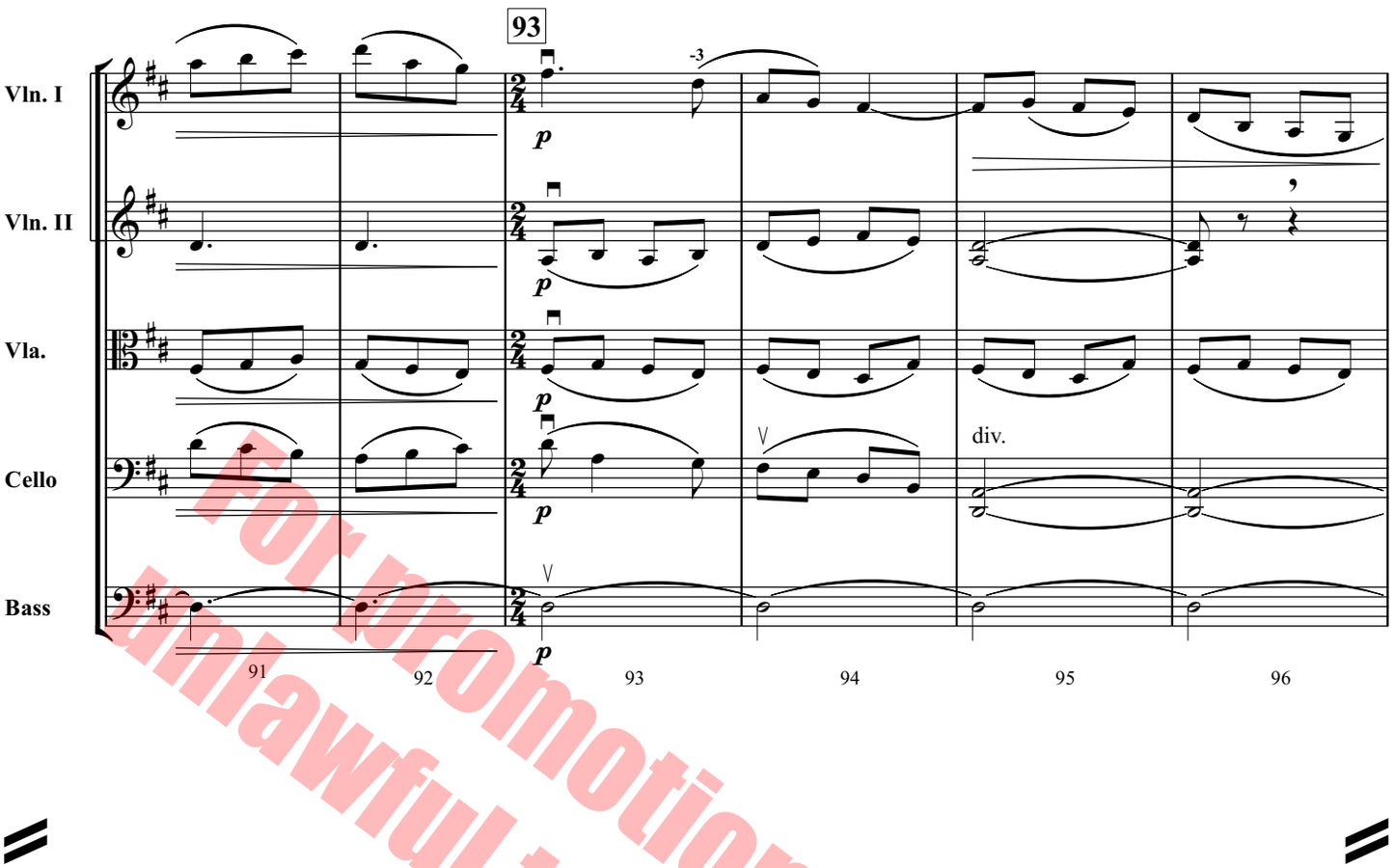

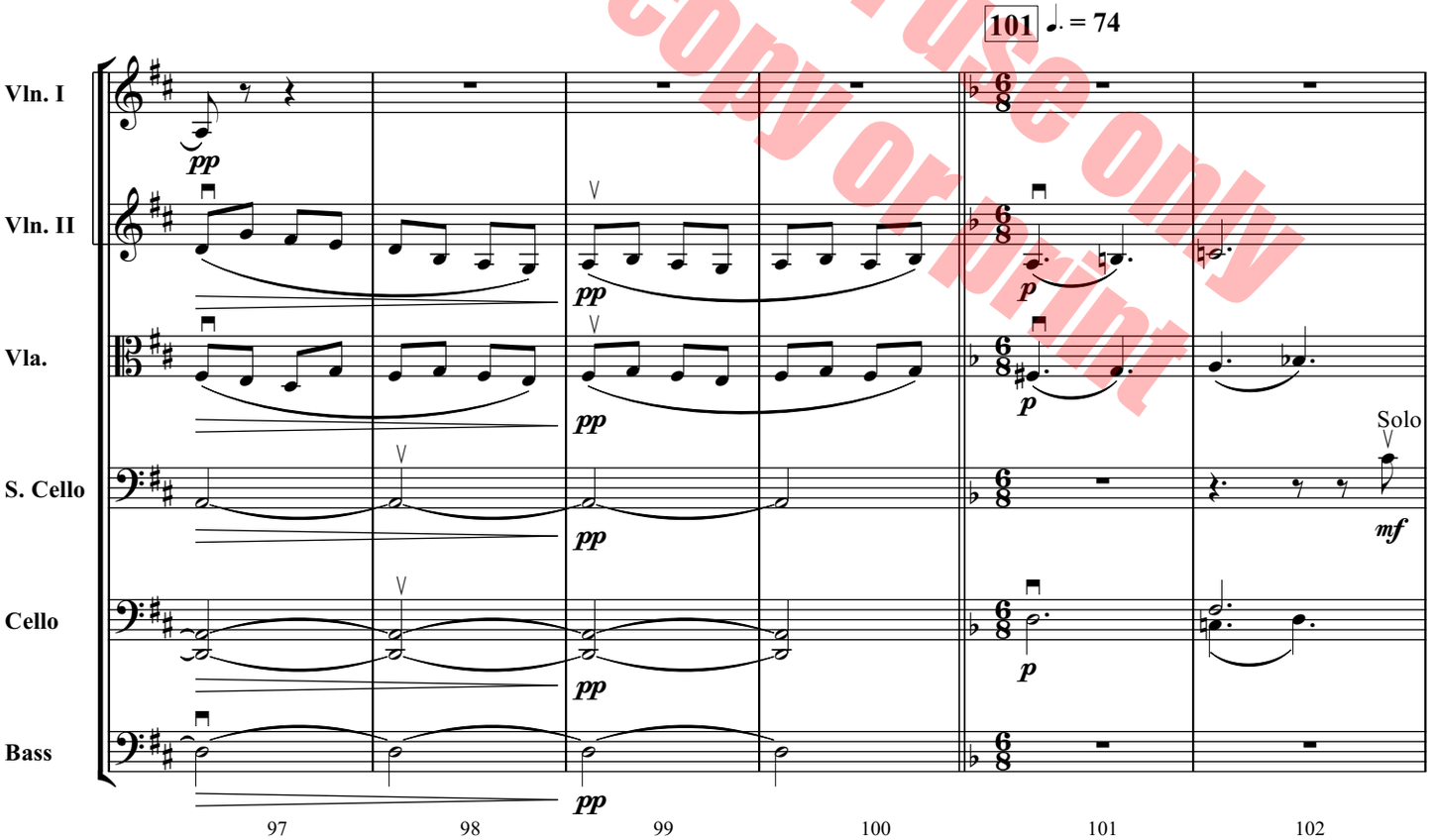

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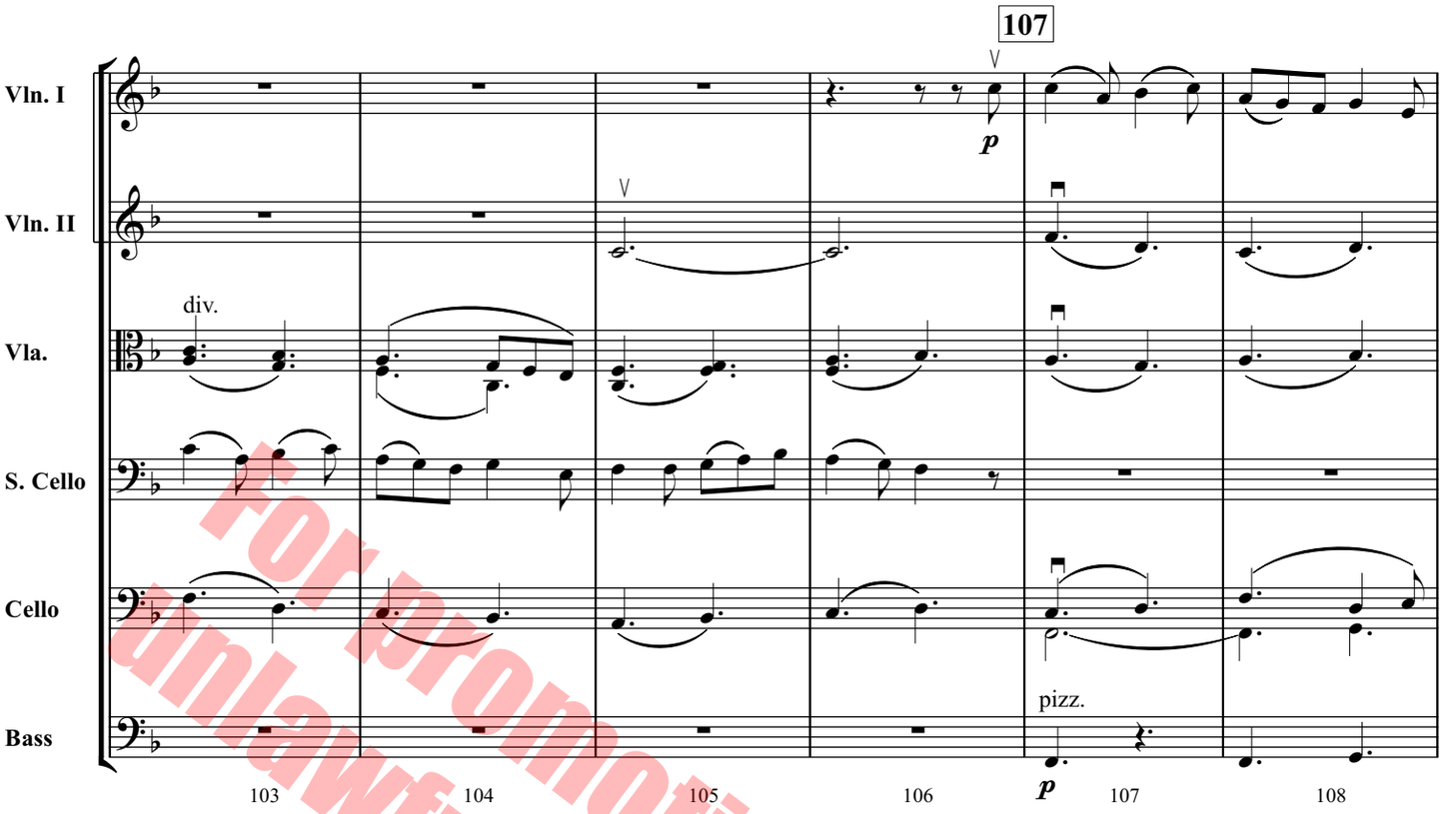

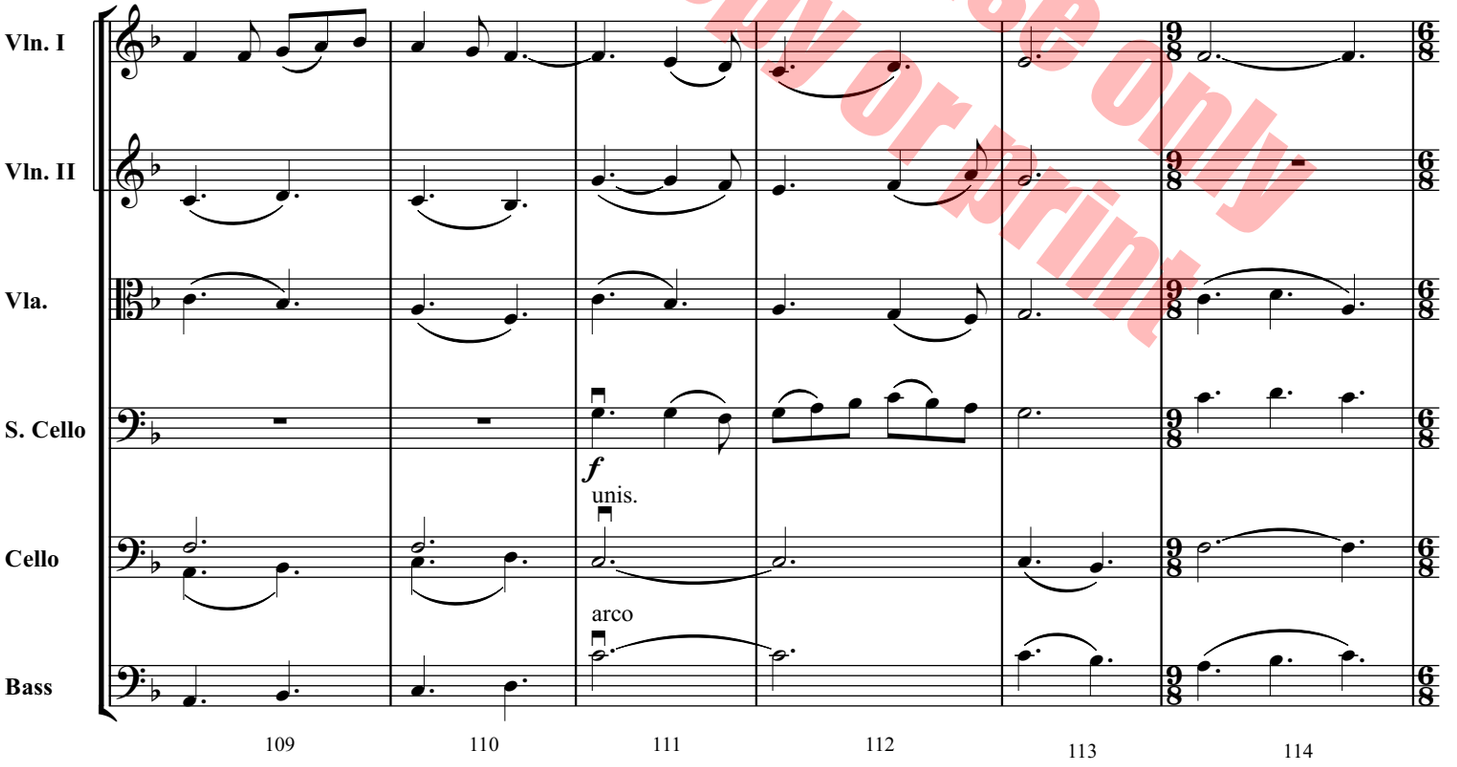

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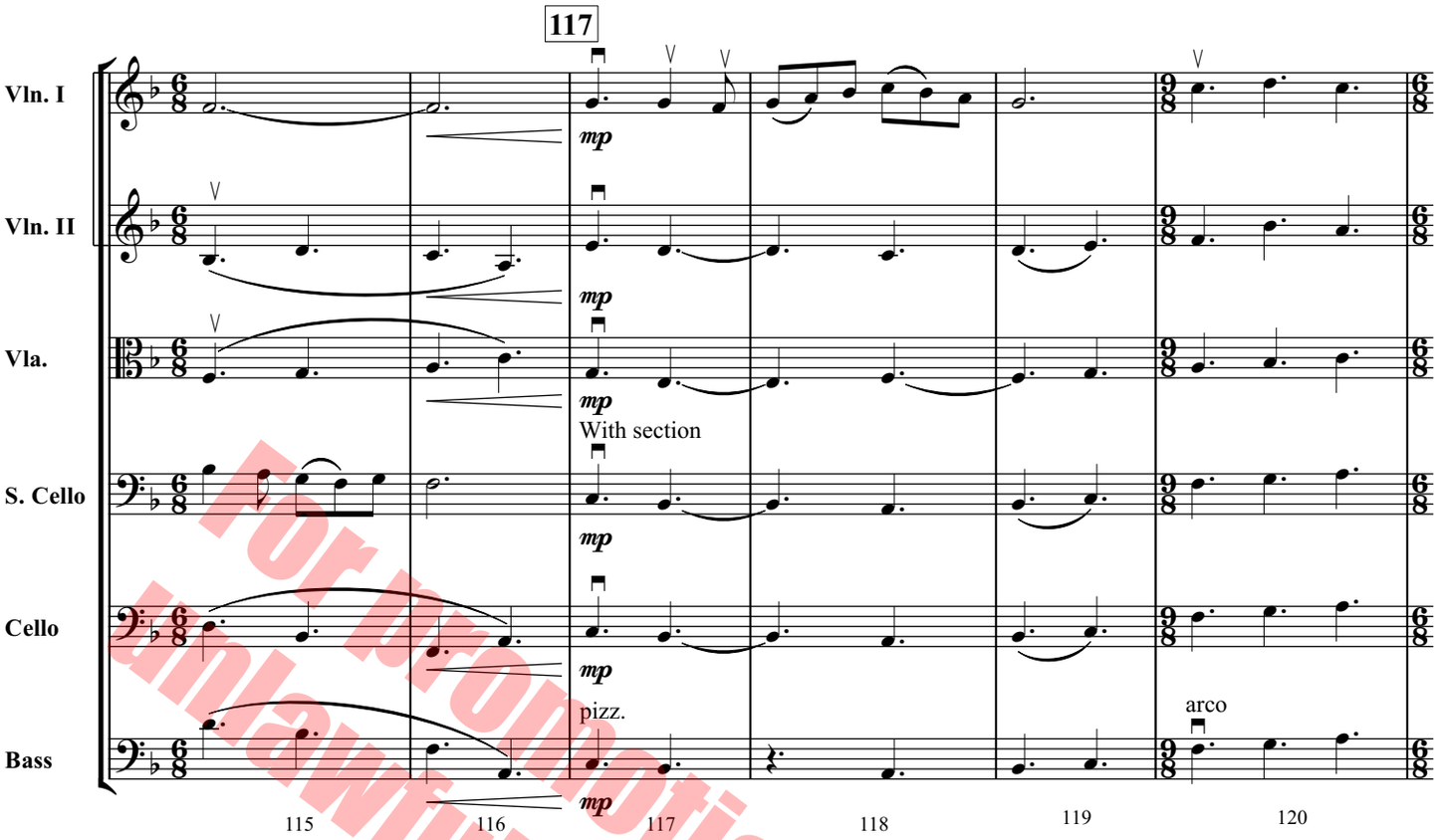

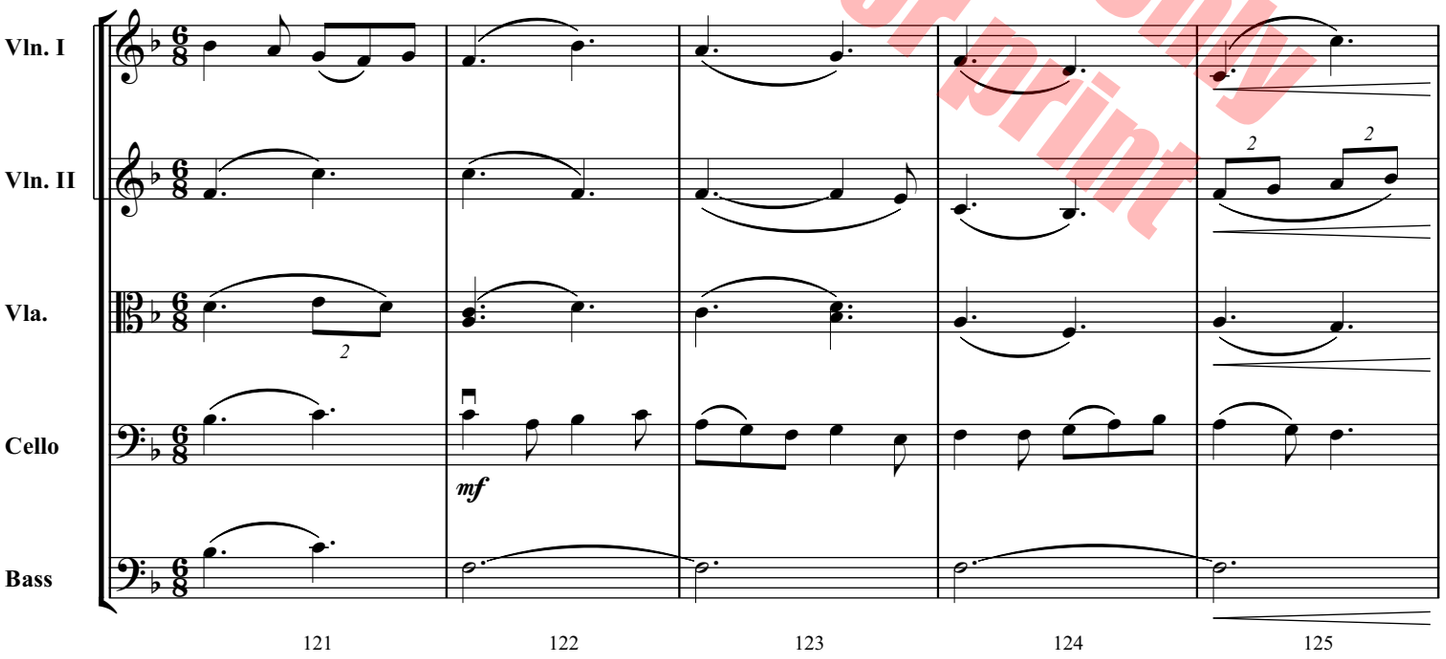

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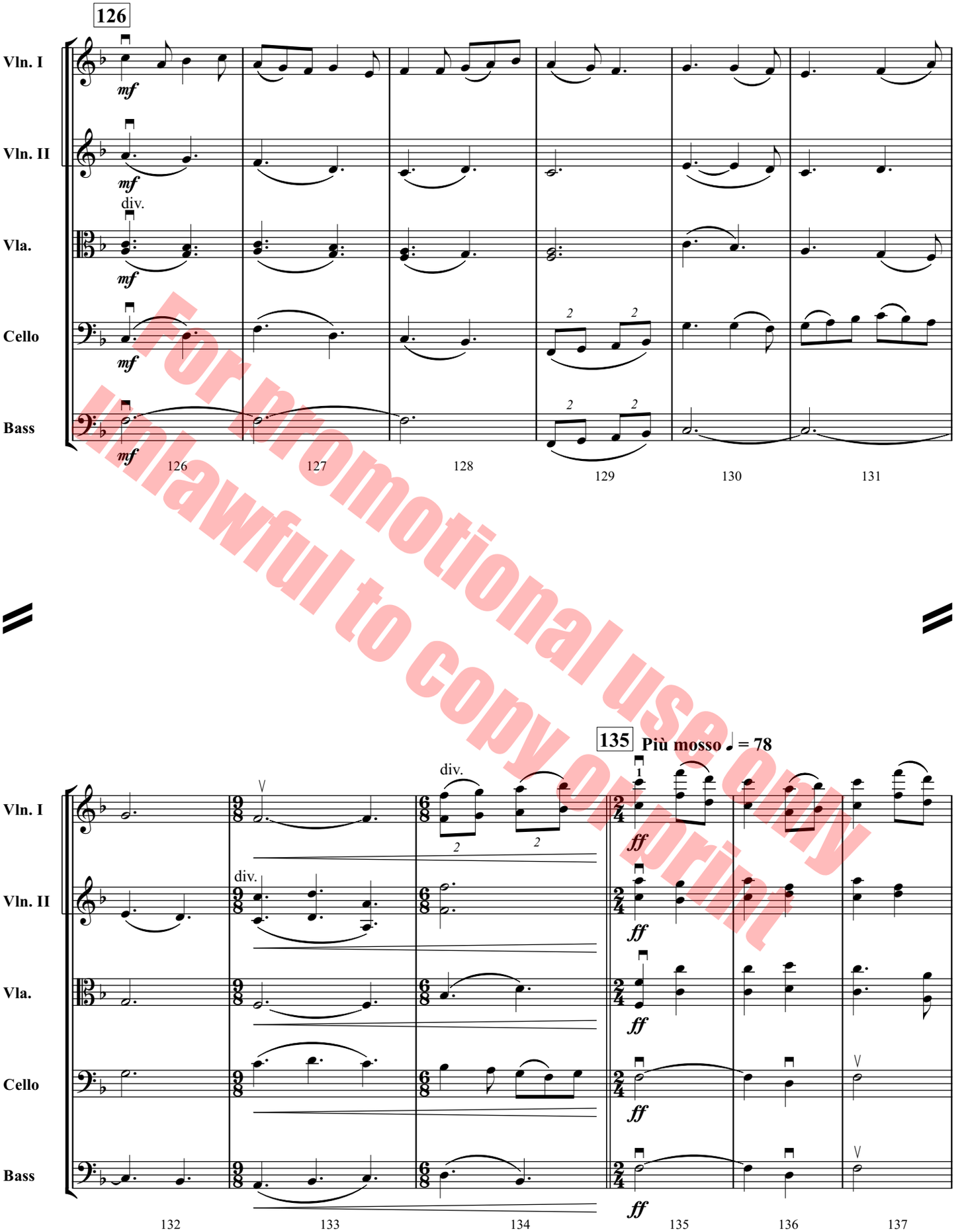

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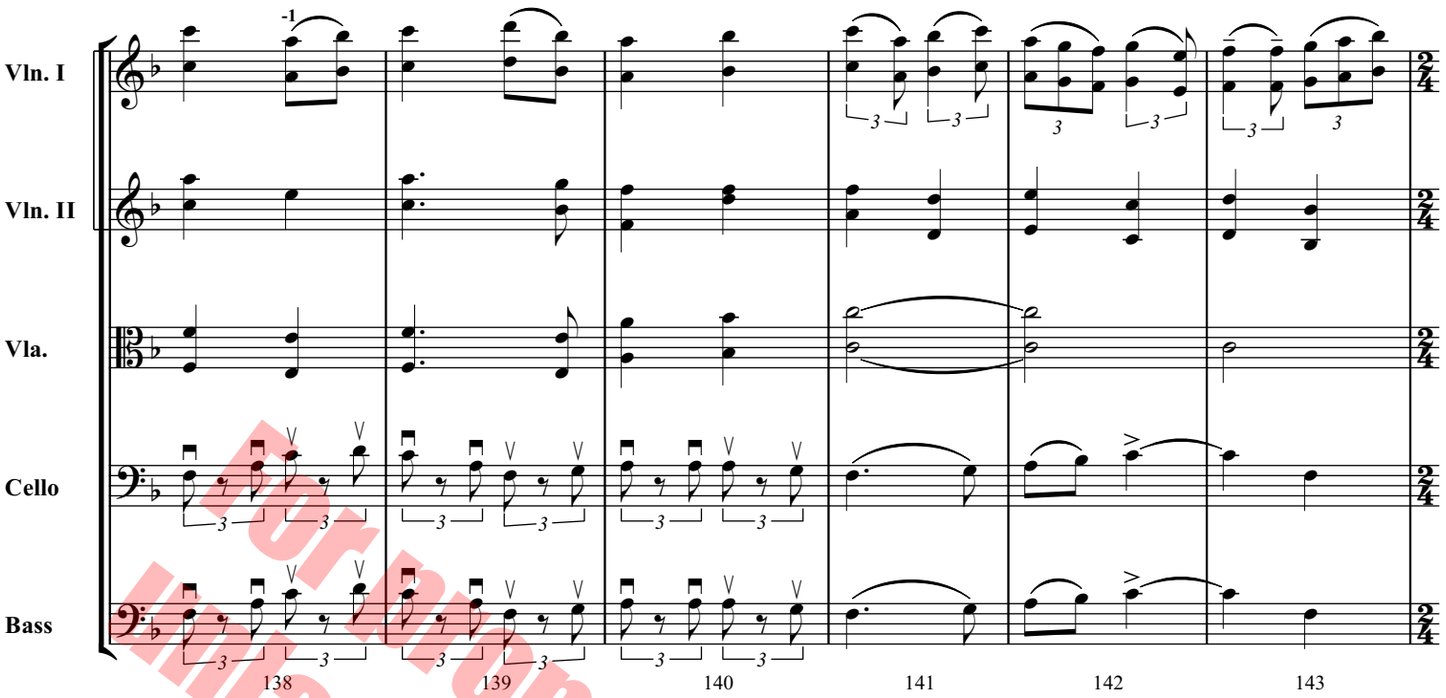

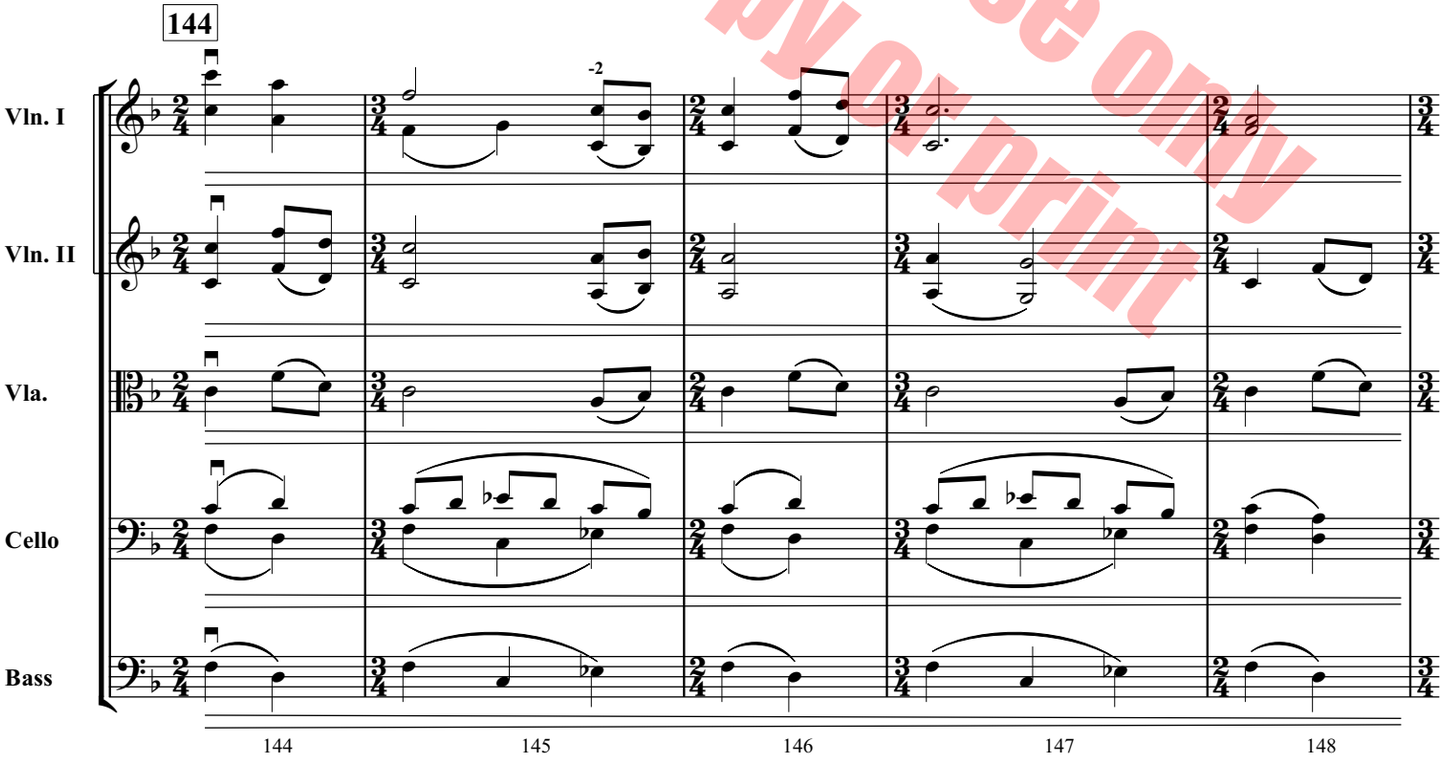

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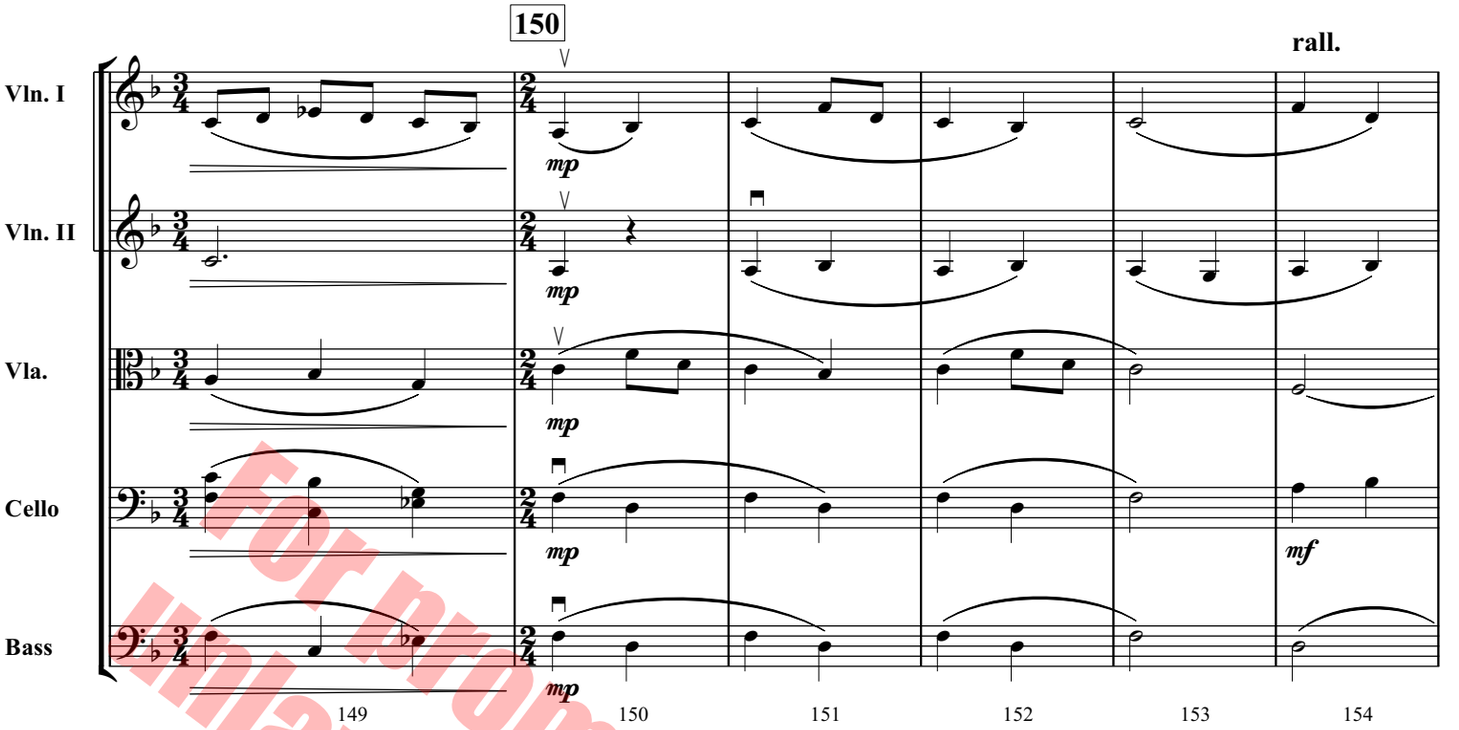

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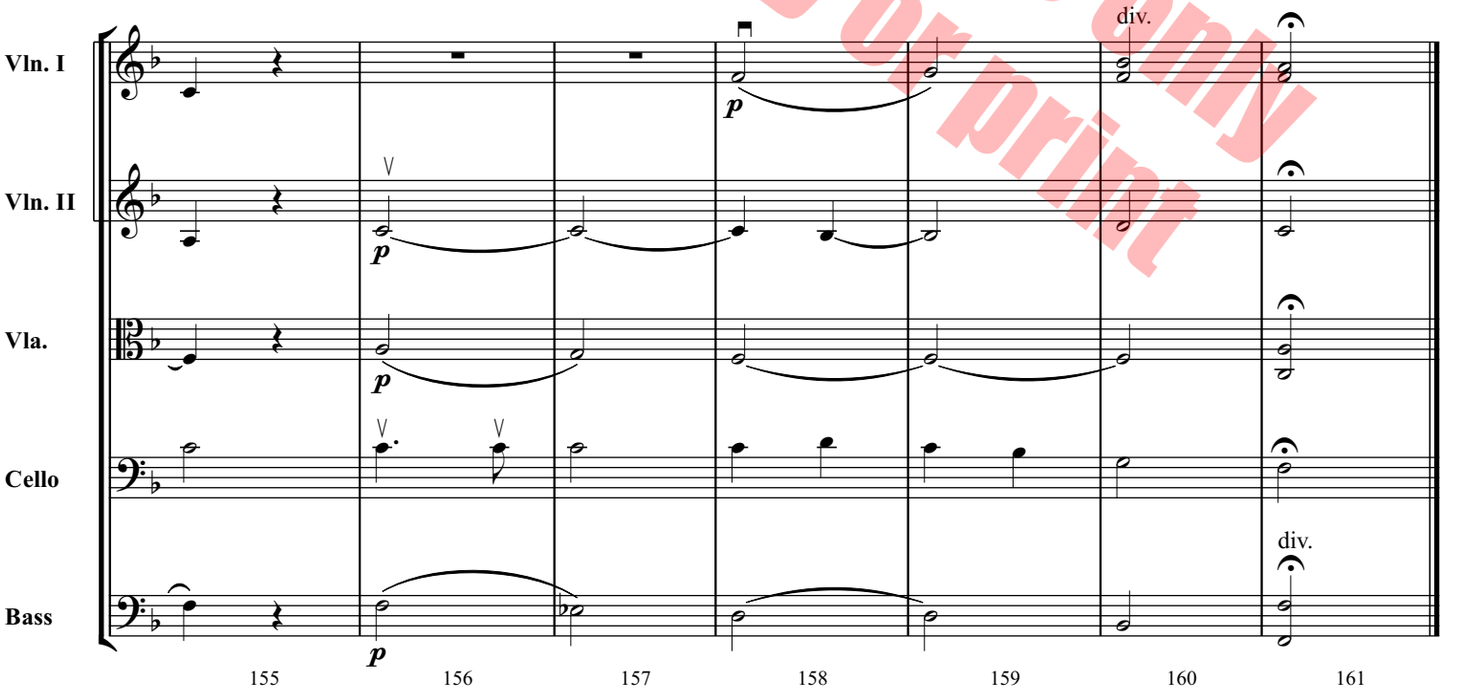

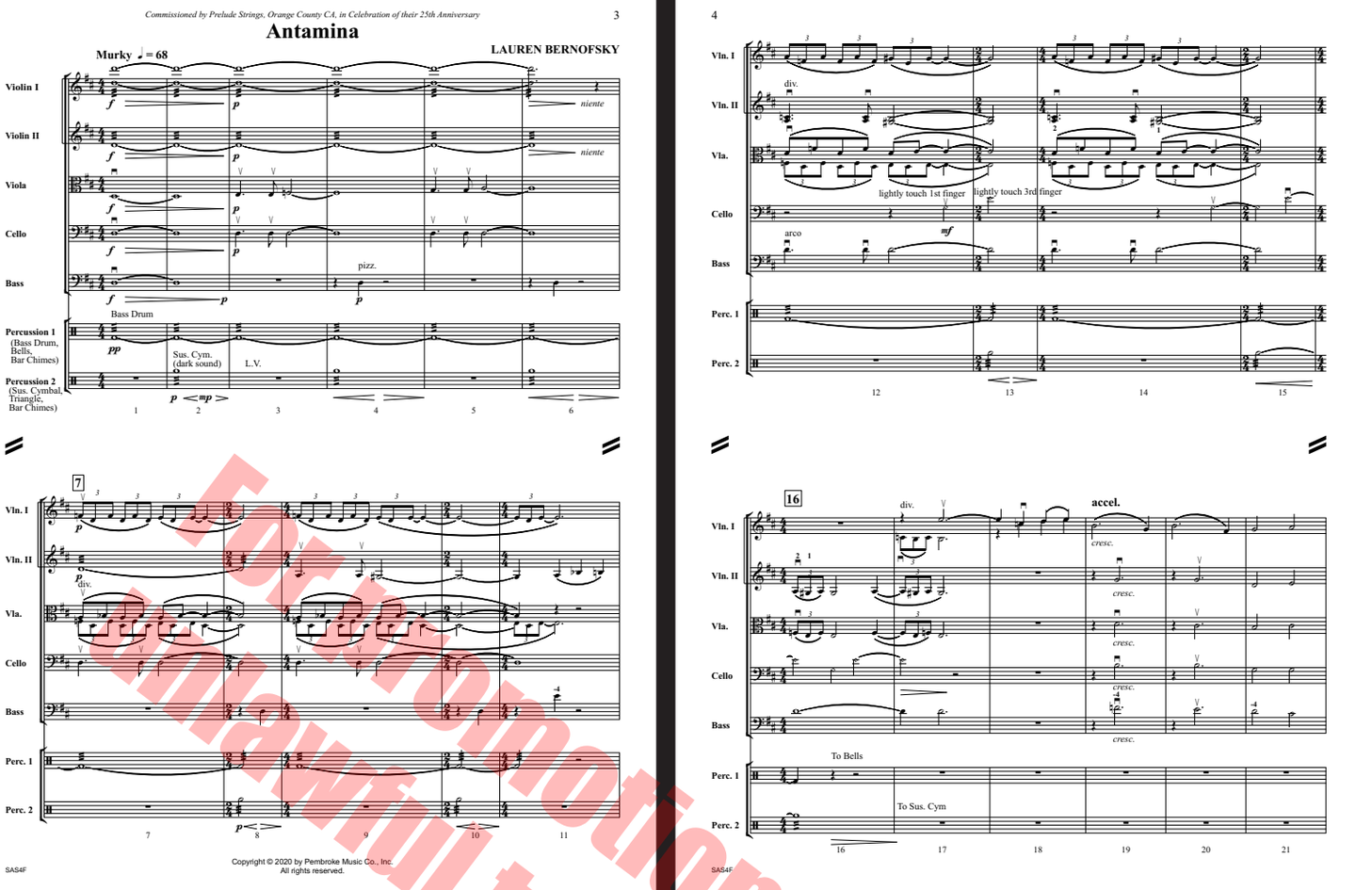

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