Grade 3

Music for String Orchestra

Nordic Voyage

Erica Donahoe

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INSTRUMENTATION

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

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Performance Notes

This exciting $\frac{6}{8}$ piece conveys the daring adventures of voyages during the Viking Age, sailing aboard Norse longships in the Baltic Sea. This heavy, accented melody uses frequent doubling between sections for a full hearty sound that rings out like the songs of the sailors and Vikings as they navigated the high seas. The bowings and articulations throughout this piece create energy and drama, with Violin I, Bass, and Cello venturing briefly out of first position. Like the push and pull of the rowers' oars, players will feel the rhythmic pull of 3 against 2 in places, driving the piece forward with momentous energy, exploring new worlds of music!

About the Composer

Erica Donahoe currently directs the New Albany Plain Local Schools orchestra program, which serves over 400 string students in New Albany, Ohio. She holds a bachelor's degree from The United States Air Force Academy, and bachelor's and master's degrees from The Ohio State University. After having served in the Air Force, Ms. Donahoe returned to music and has been an active teacher and performer in central Ohio the last 15 years.

Ms. Donahoe, a violinist, has performed with the Pikes Peak Philharmonic, the MacLean Virginia Symphony Orchestra, Springfield Symphony Orchestra, Central Ohio Symphony Orchestra and is currently a performer and student mentor with the New Albany Symphony Orchestra. Ms. Donahoe performed with The Sonora Trio, a piano trio, for many years. In addition, she performs bluegrass, country, and rock with various local bands. Having grown up in a very musical household, one of her favorite activities in making music with family members. Ms. Donahoe also holds her Suzuki certification and loves teaching young children, in addition to teaching in the public schools.

Ms. Donahoe resides in Ohio with her husband, Kevin, and their children, Annabelle and Jackson. They enjoy hiking, camping, and spending time together outside.

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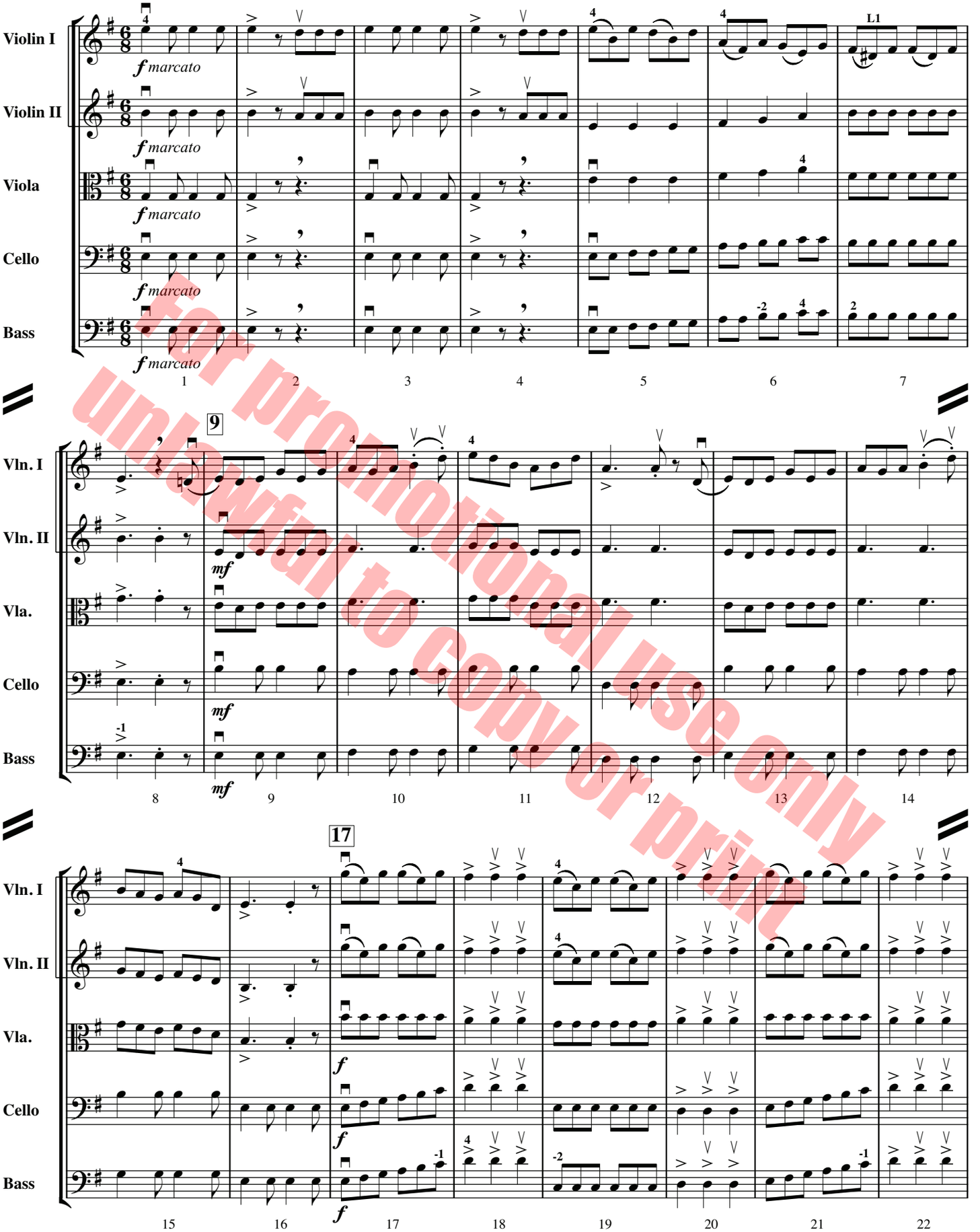

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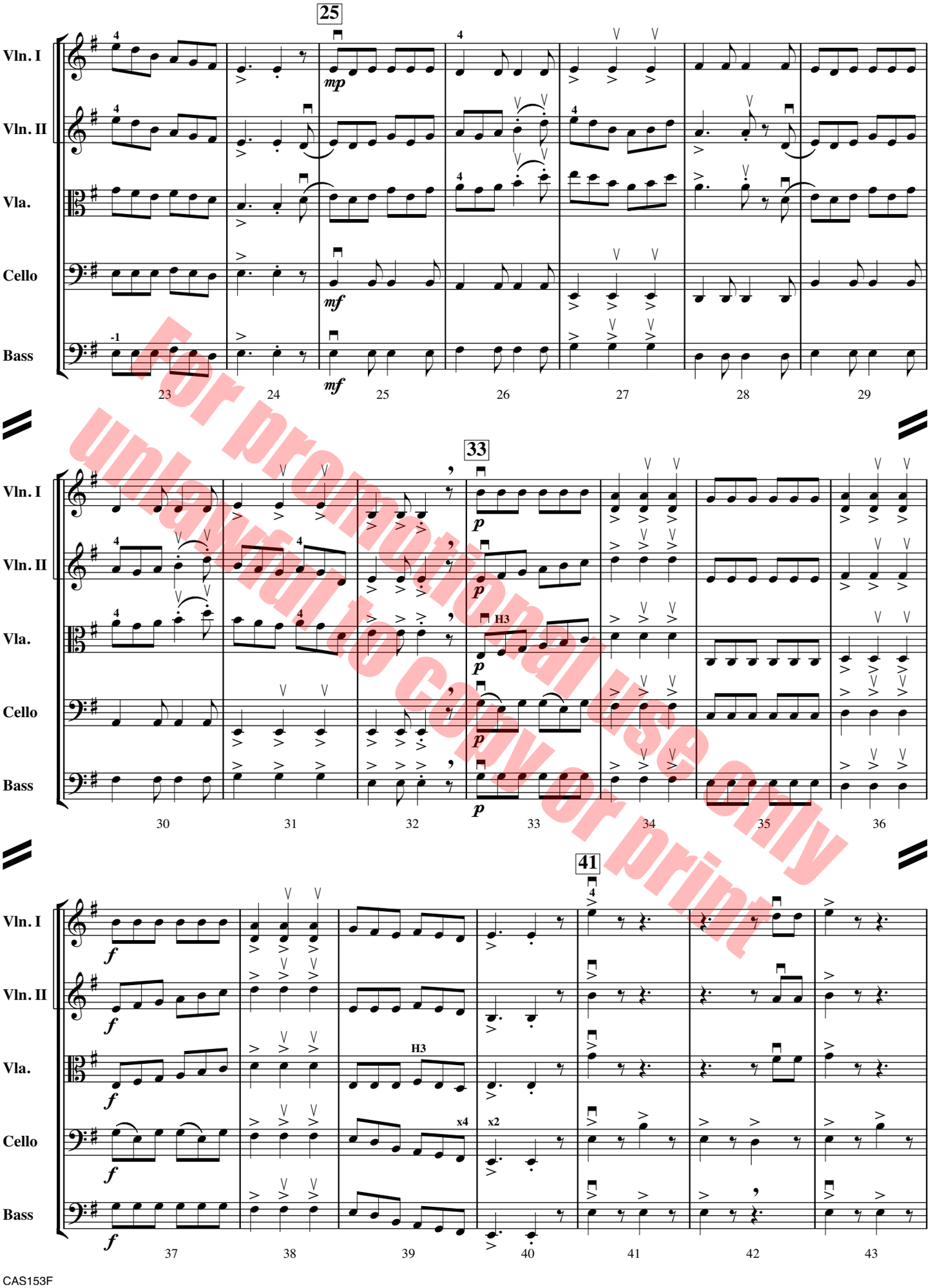

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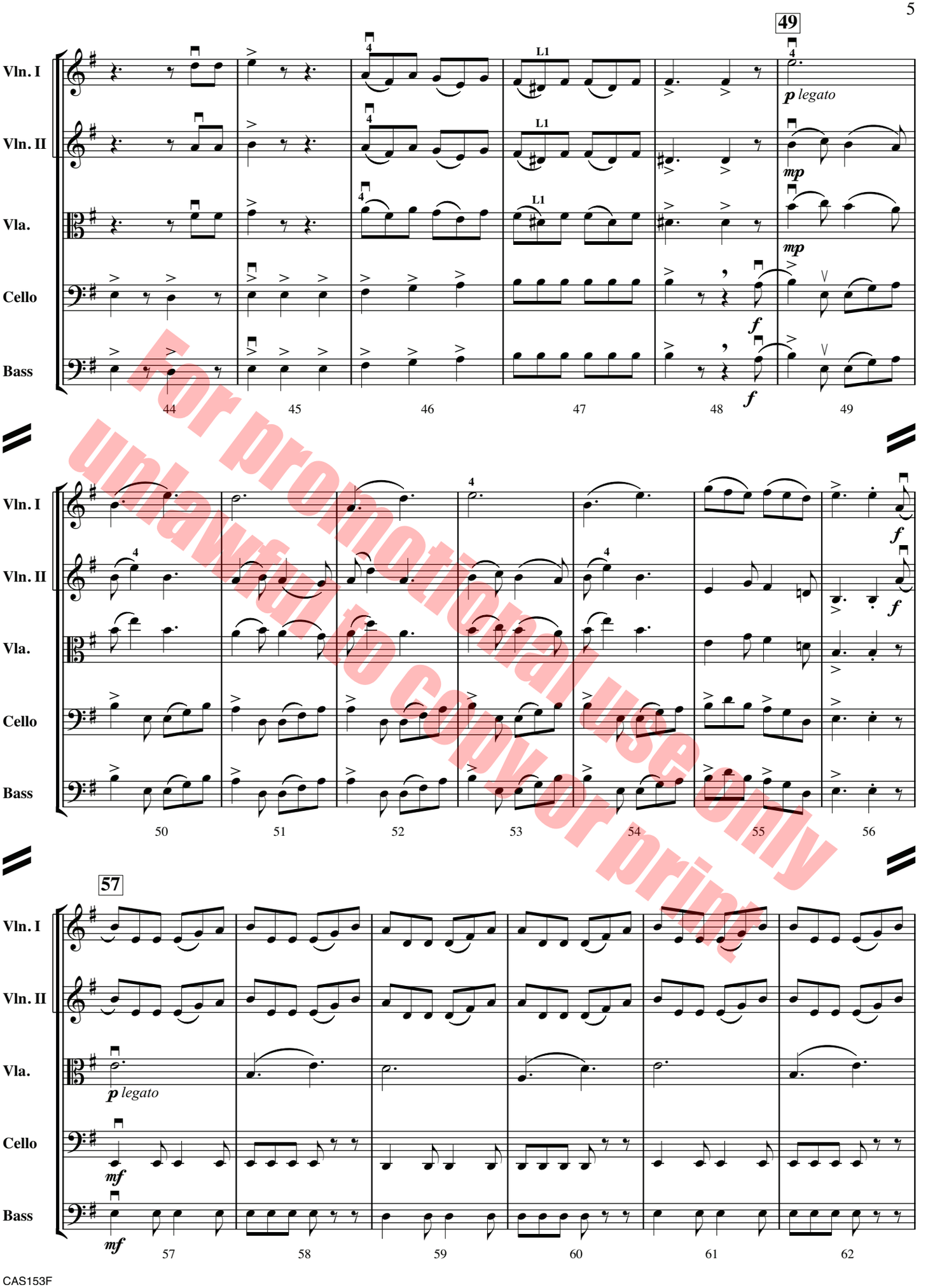

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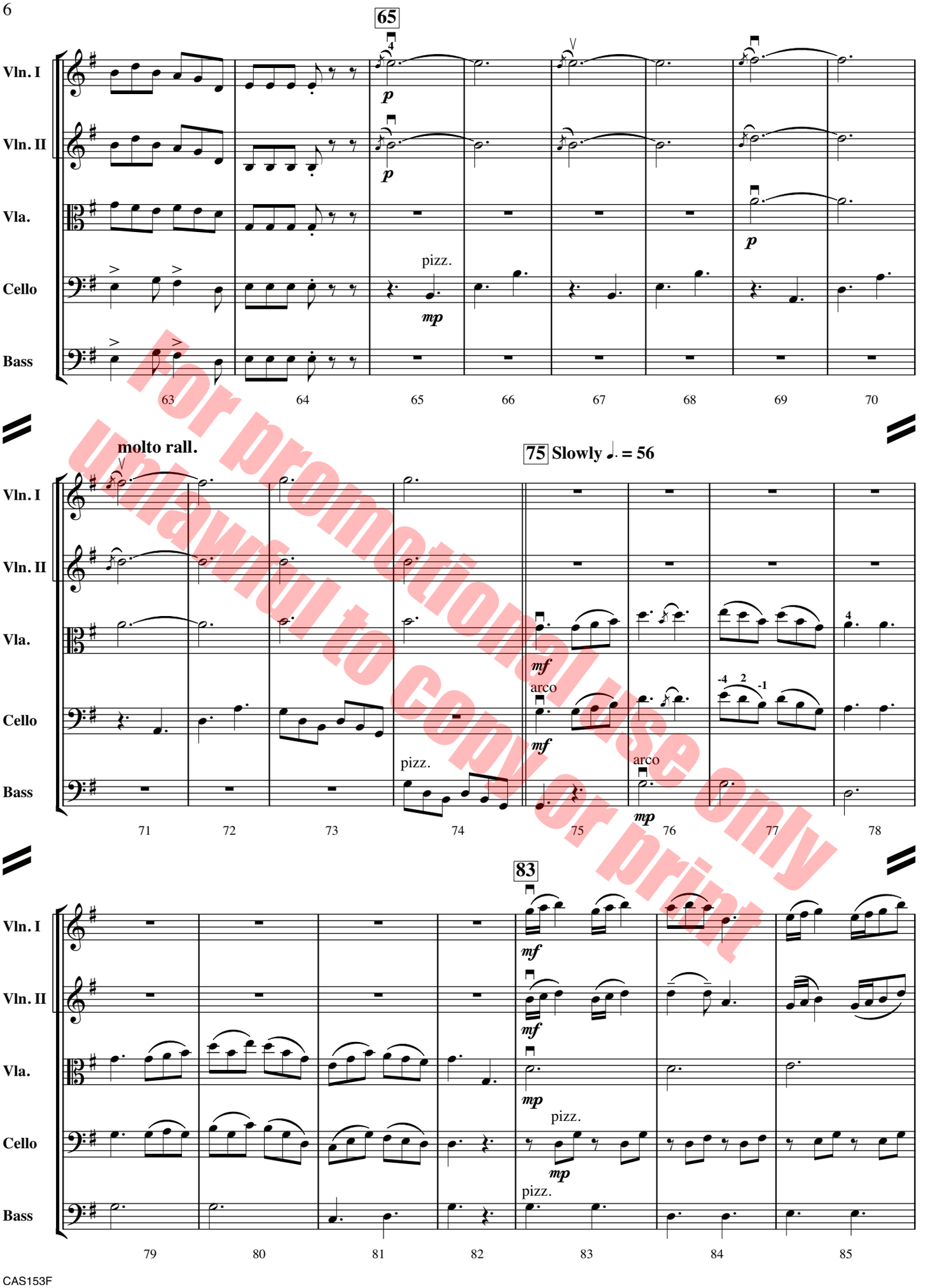

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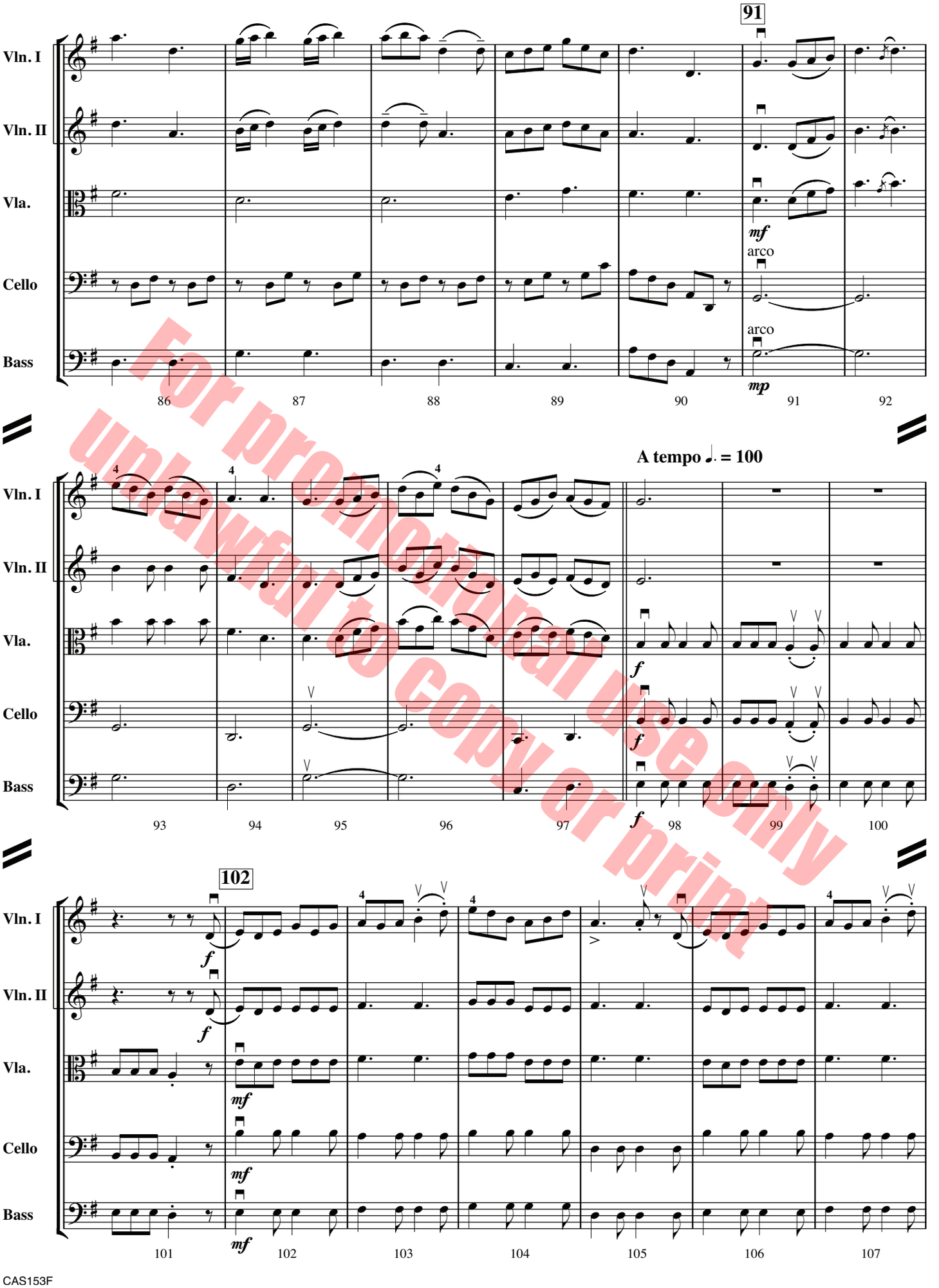

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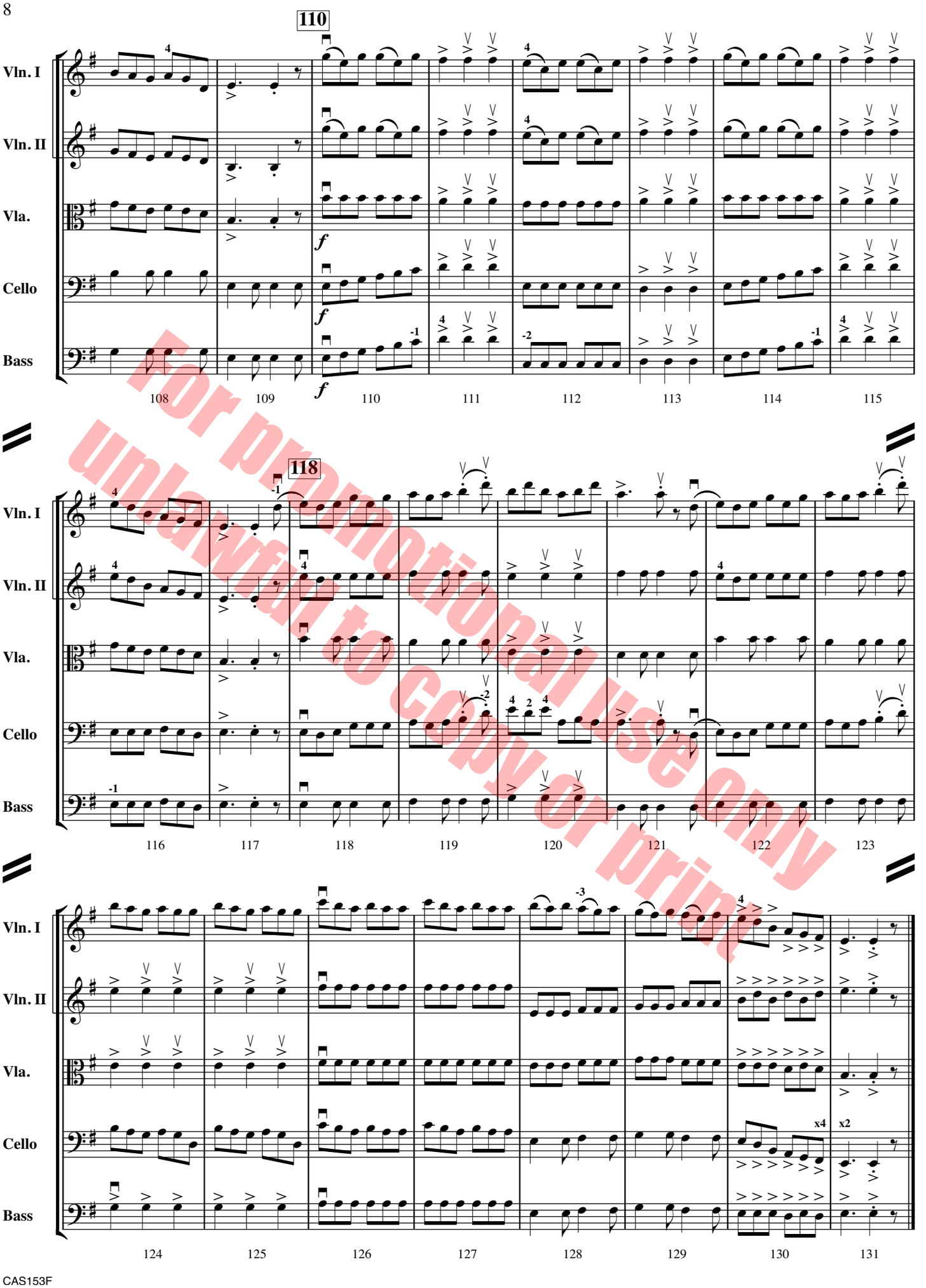

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