# Honor the Brave

By Victor López

## INSTRUMENTATION

1 Full Score
8 Violin I
8 Violin II
5 Viola
5 Cello
5 String Bass
1 Piano Accompaniment (Optional)
2 Percussion (Hand Drum, Suspended Cymbal) (Optional)

## PROGRAM NOTES

*Honor the Brave*, by Victor López, is an original composition dedicated to all veterans who have served honorably on active duty in the Armed Forces. It celebrates those men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice and who have courageously played an essential role in shaping our country and ensuring the freedom that we enjoy.

## NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

This piece has been written using only the first six notes of the D major scale. The introduction should be played courageously. Beginning at measure 5, the staccato notes should be played lightly and with a steady pulse. The cello, string bass, and the left hand of the piano have the first melody at measure 7. Note that the melody is intertwined throughout. Always remember to bring out the melody.

Please note that optional piano and percussion parts have been written to complement the piece, both harmonically and rhythmically. Please feel free to use any light-sounding hand percussion.

I know that your students and audience will enjoy *Honor the Brave* as it has been specifically written for very beginning string orchestras. An excellent opener and appropriate way to celebrate those veterans who have served honorably on active duty in the Armed Forces.

Enjoy!

Victor López

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## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

In orchestral music, there are many editorial markings that are open for interpretation. In an effort to maintain consistency and clarity you may find some of these markings in this piece. In general, markings for fingerings, bowing patterns, and other items will only be marked with their initial appearance. For a more detailed explanation of our editorial markings, please download the free PDF at www.alfred.com/stringeditorial.

| x | - | ’ | ♭, ♯, ♮ | ⊓ ⊓ or ∨ ∨ |
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| **extended position** | **shift** | **bow lift/reset** | **high or low fingerings** | **hooked bowings** |

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Duration - 1:35

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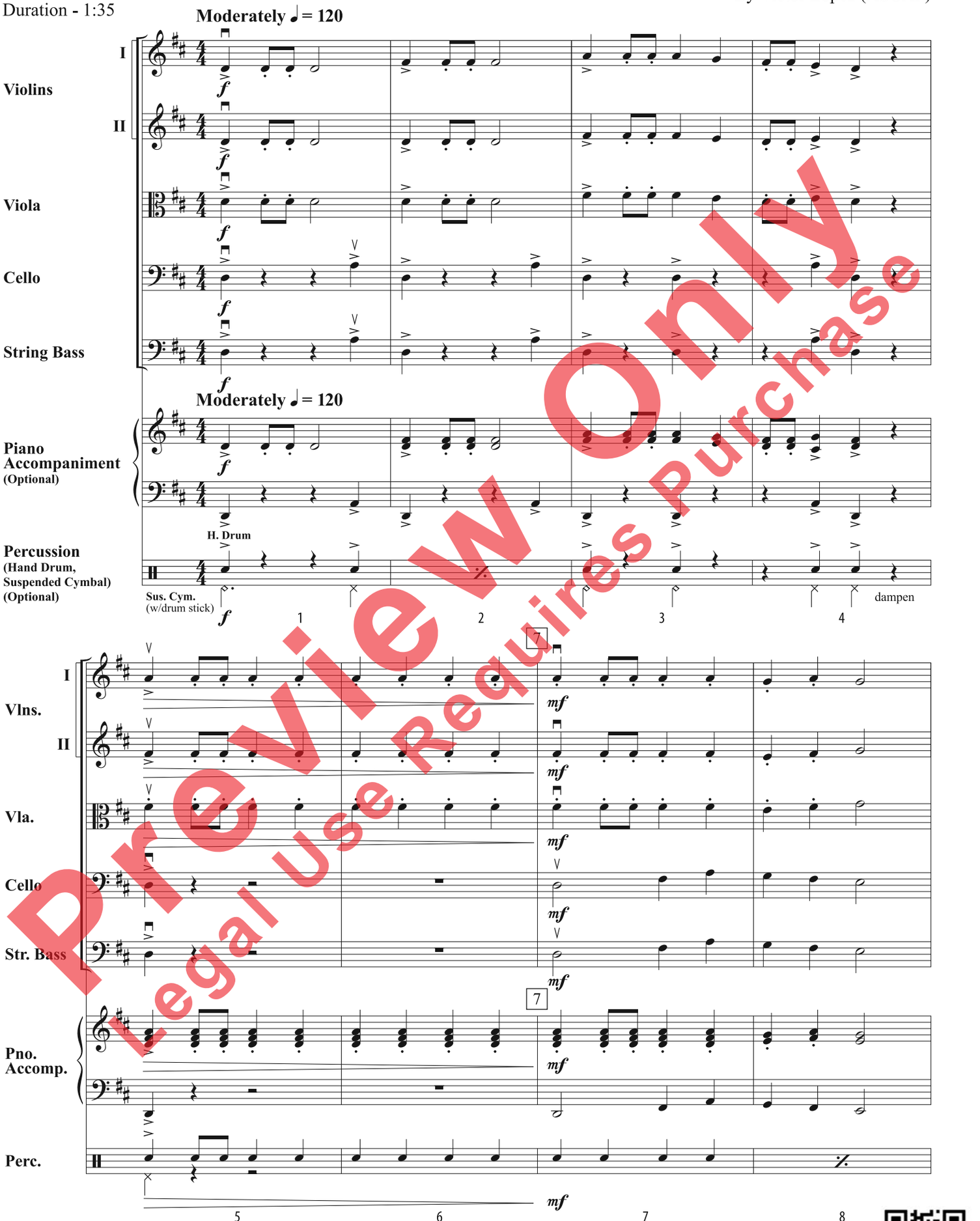


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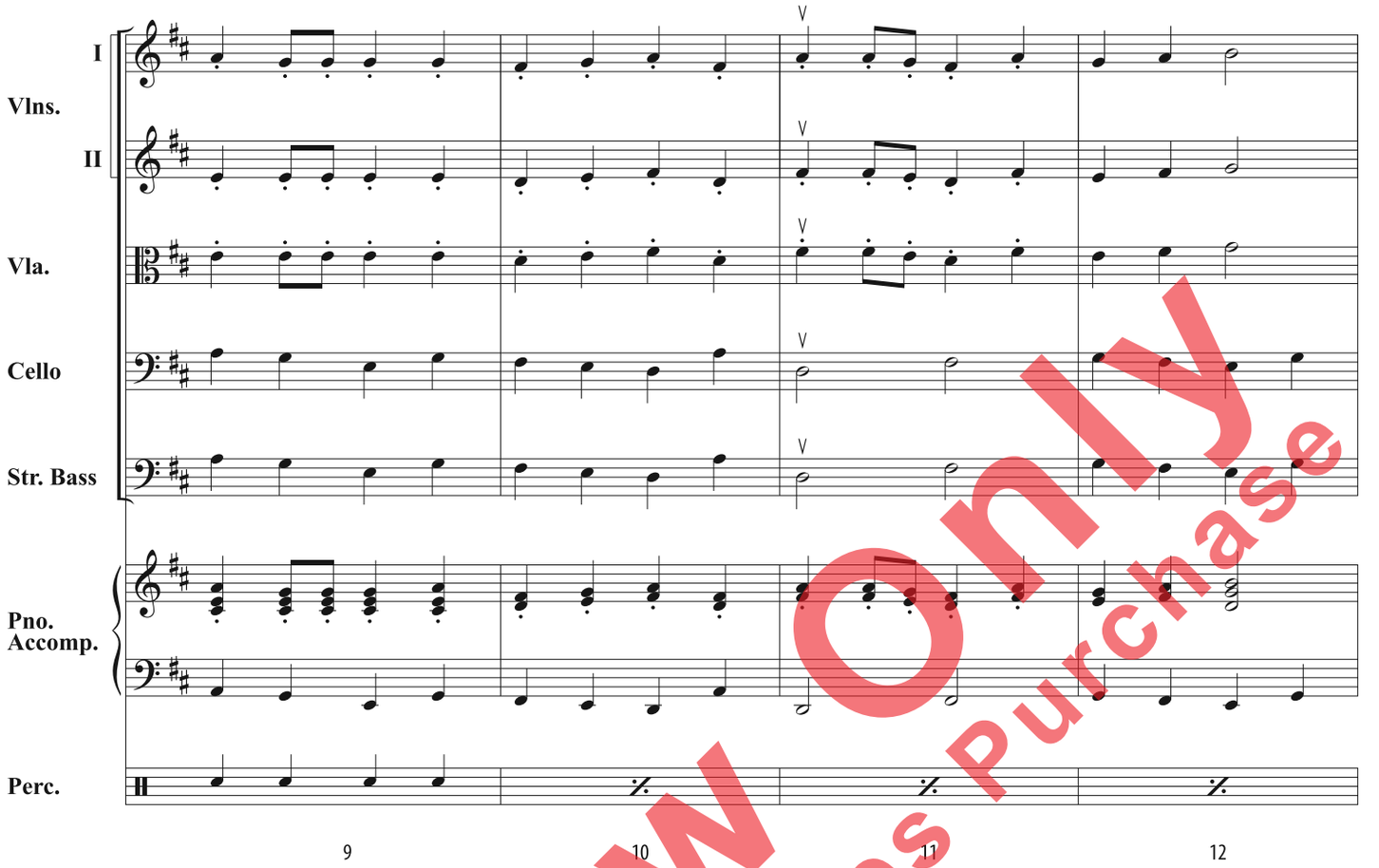


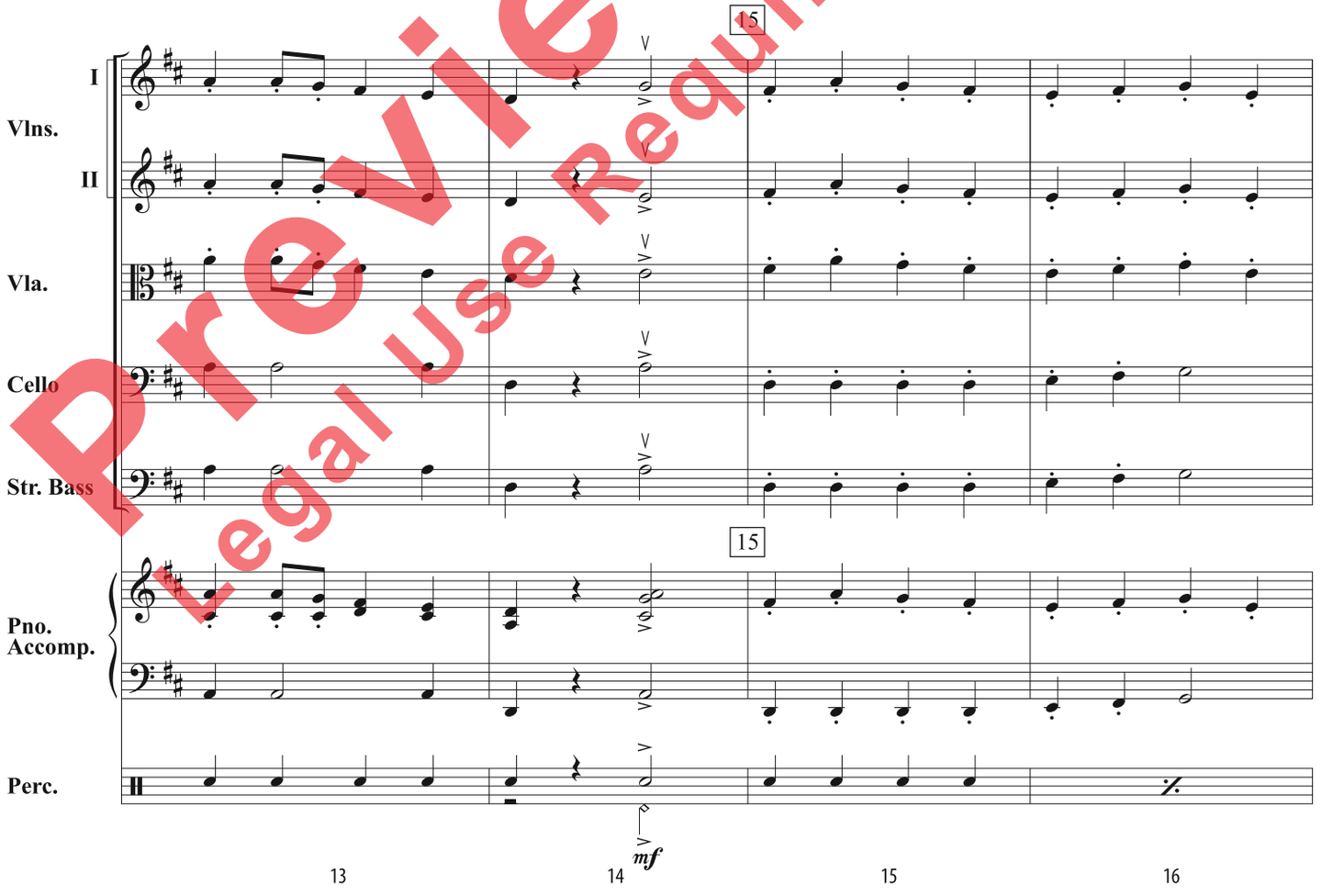


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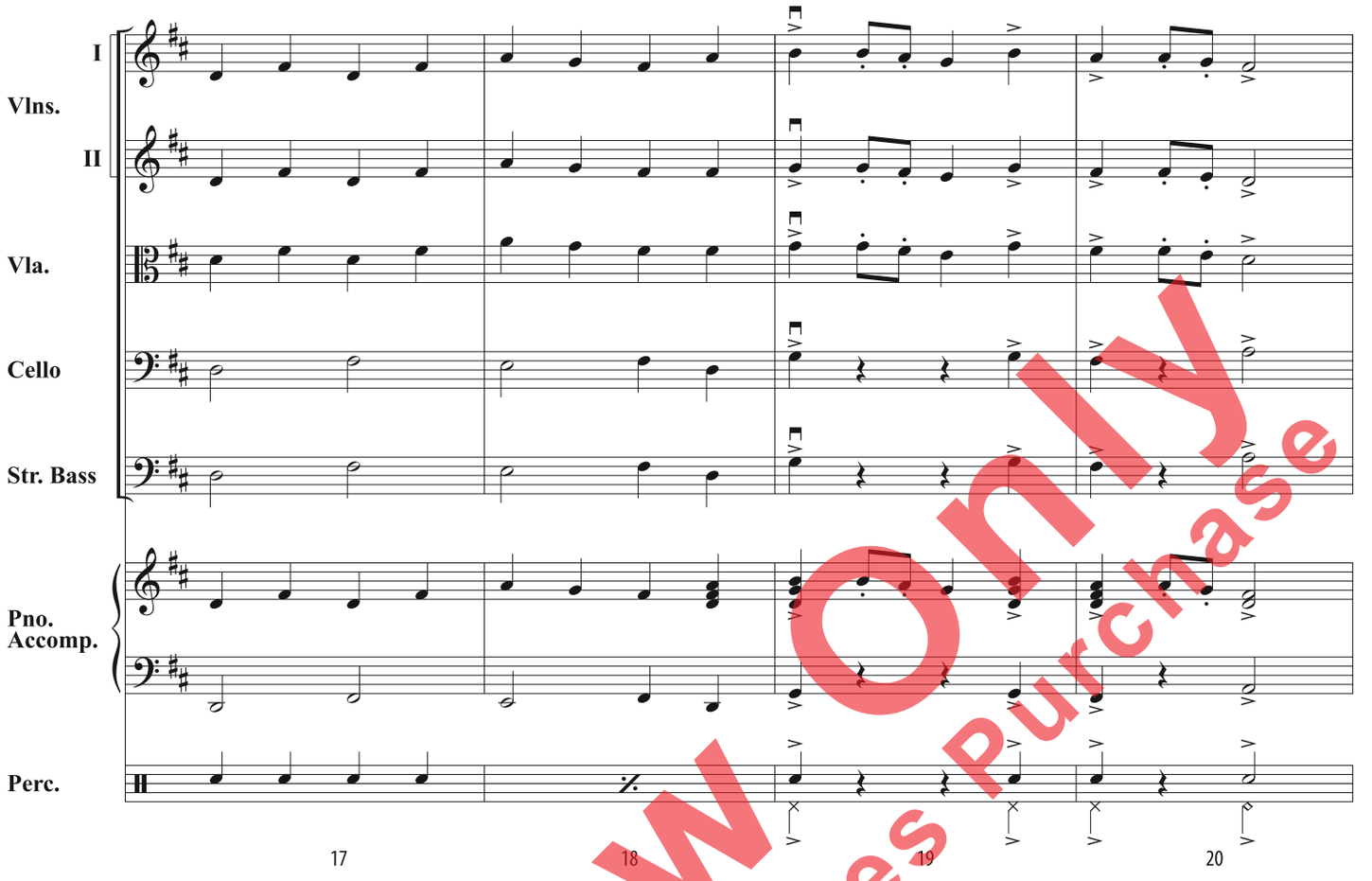


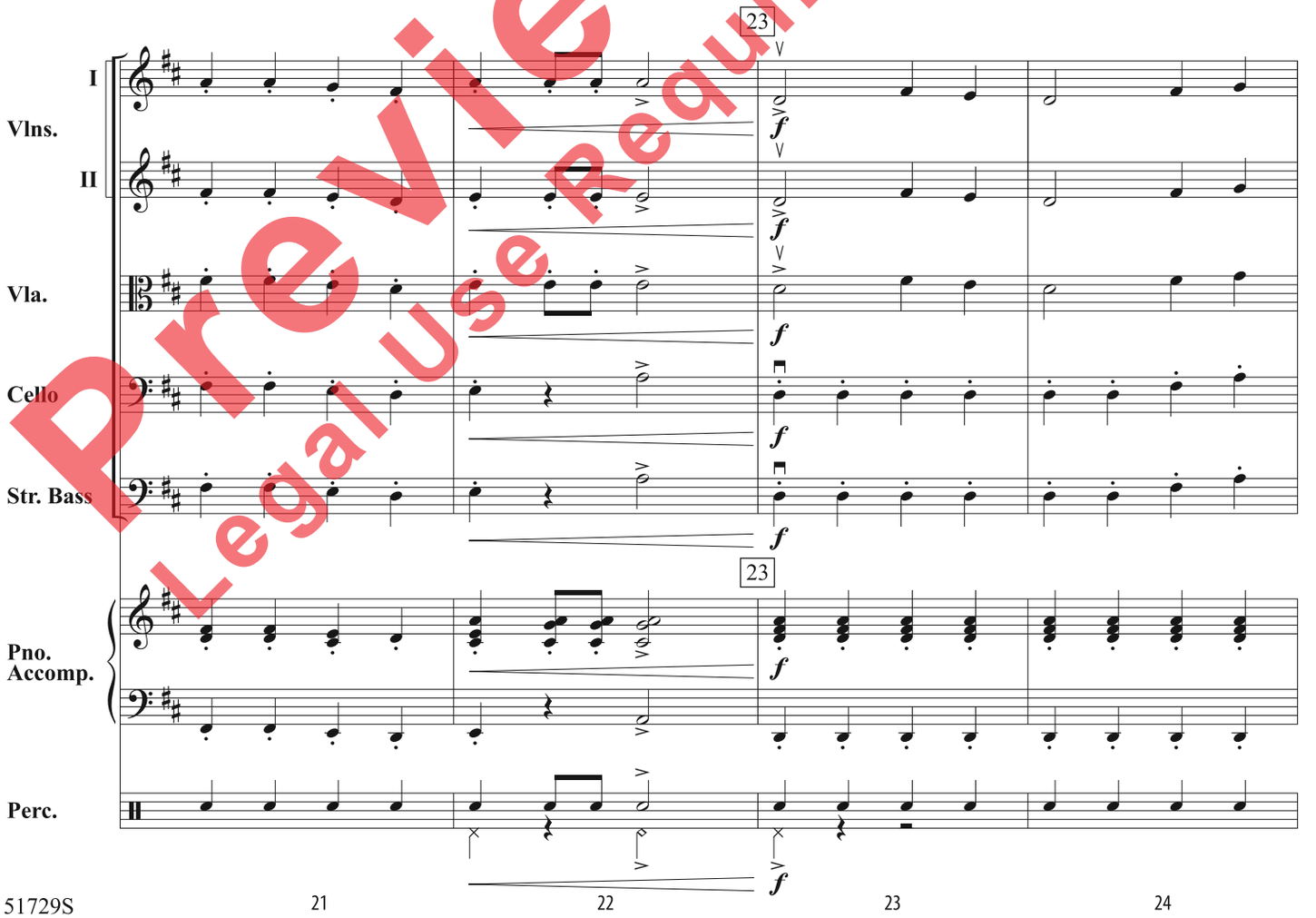


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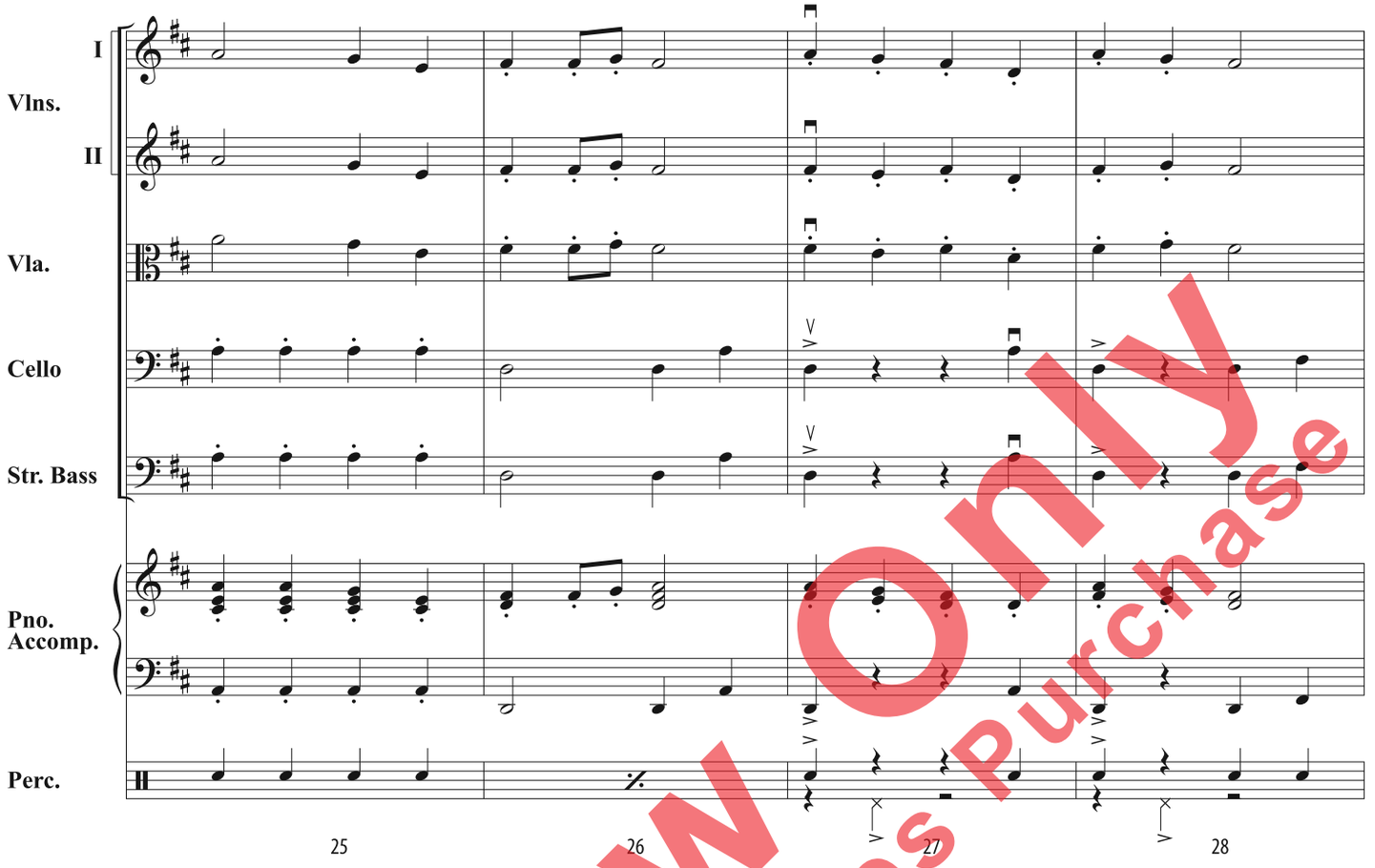


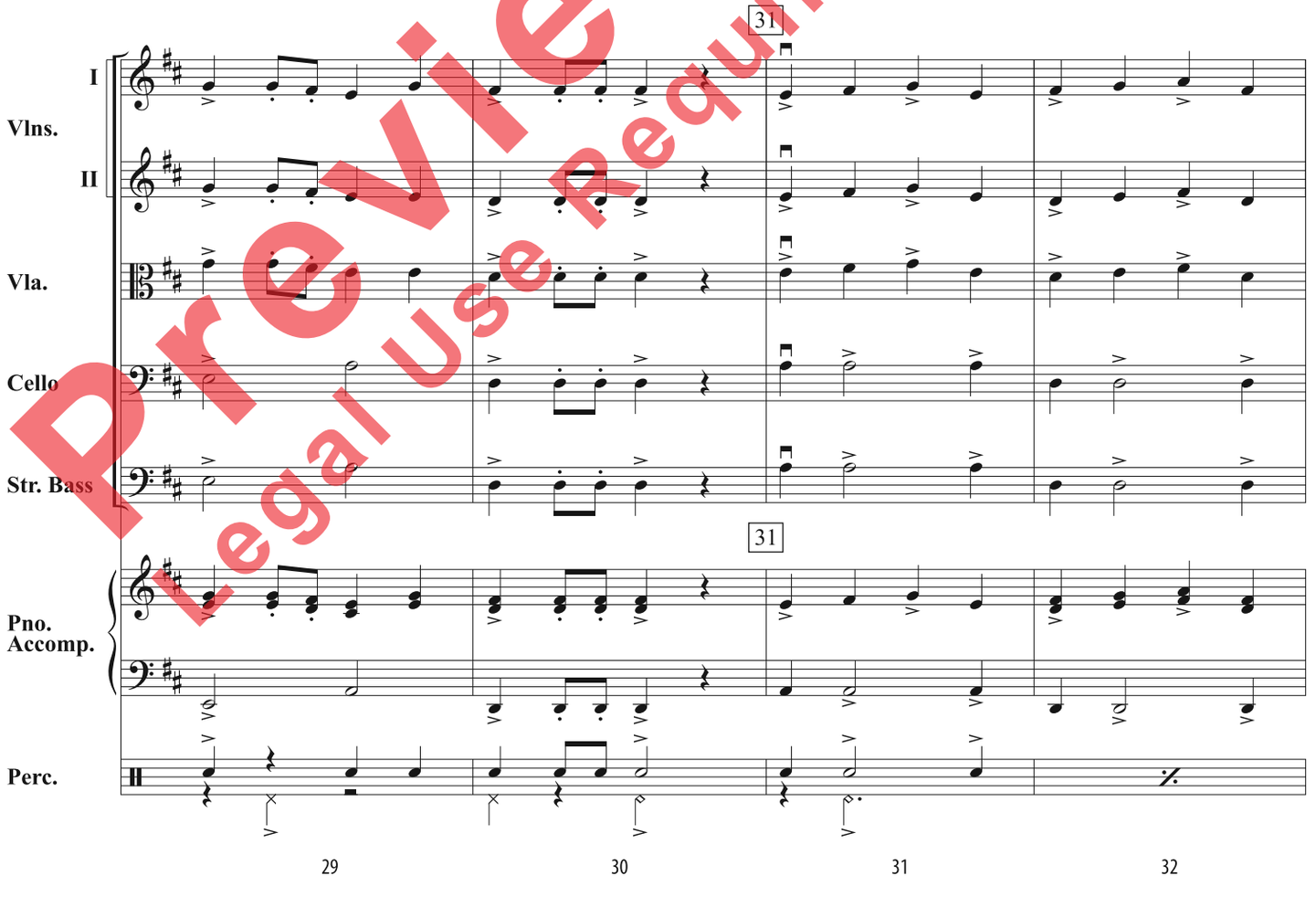


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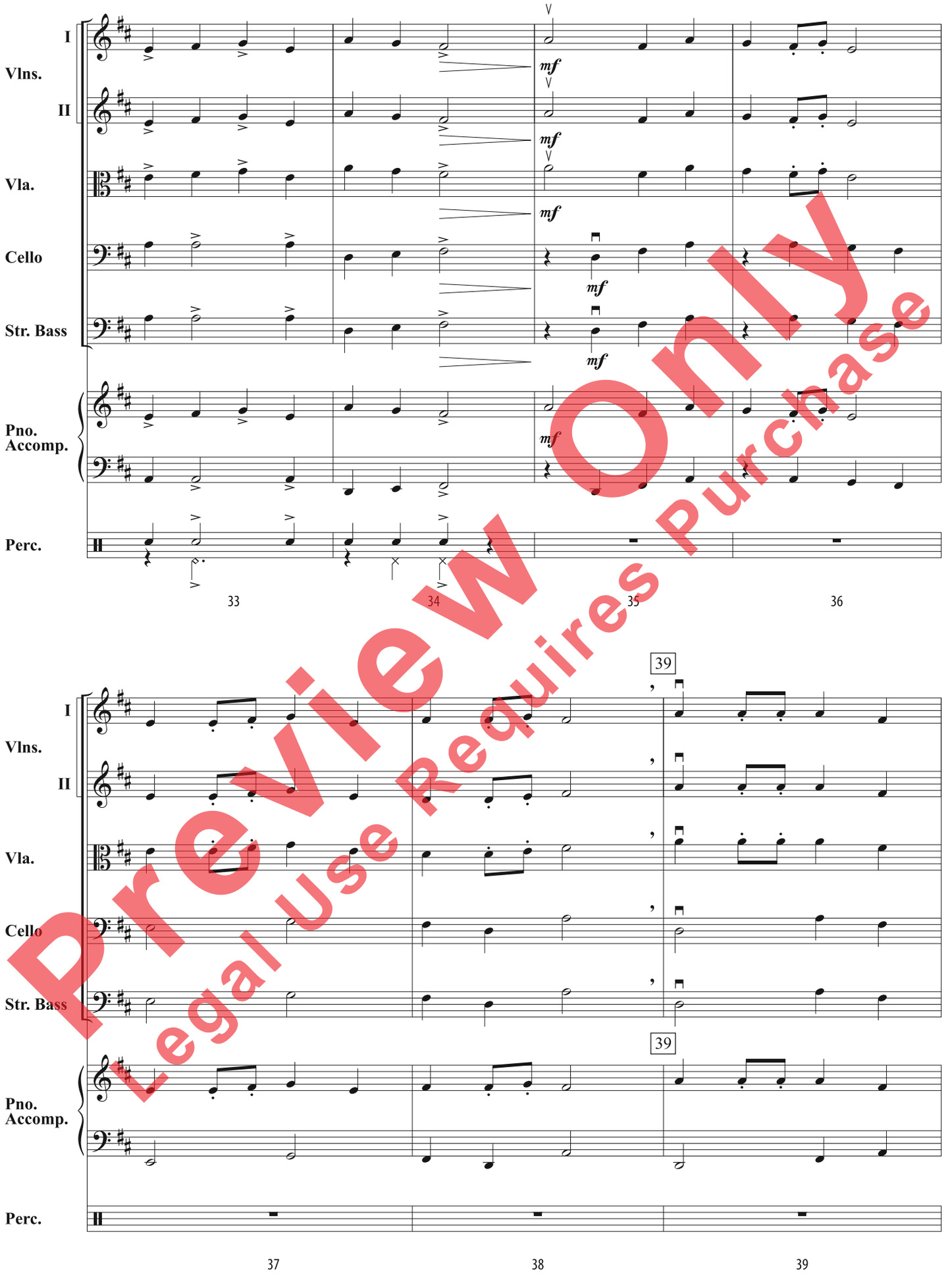


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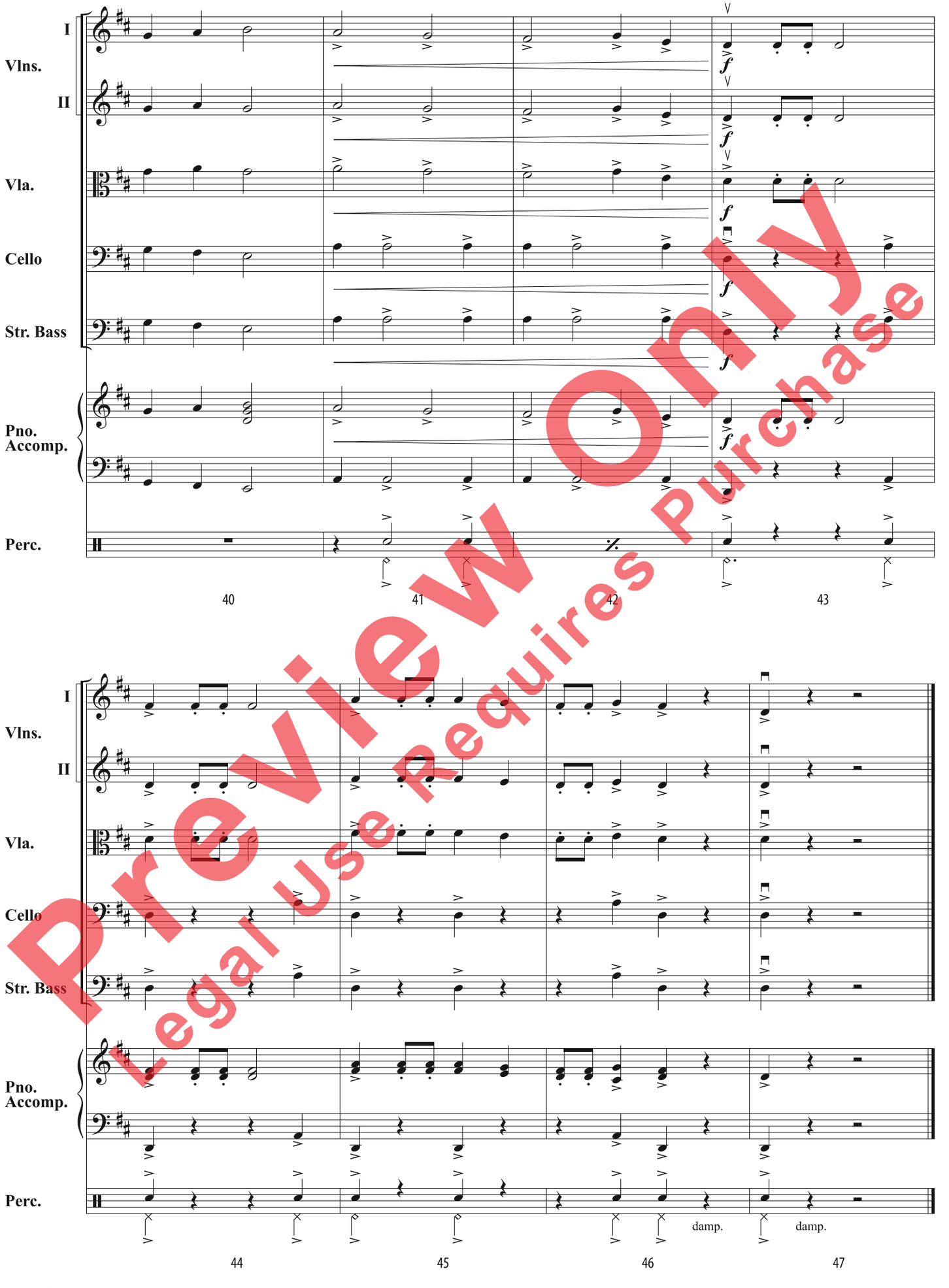


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