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Instrumentation

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Violin I 15
Violin II 15
Violin III (Viola substitute) 3
Viola 6
Cello 5
Bass 5

Program Notes

Carl Reinecke (1824-1910) was a German composer, conductor, pianist and teacher. His principal teacher was his father, Rudolf. Carl began to compose at the age of seven, and he made his first public appearance as a pianist when he was twelve.

He later studied with Felix Mendelssohn, Robert Schumann, and Franz Liszt. He went on to be a teacher to a long list of students who were considered to be the top composers and performers of their day.

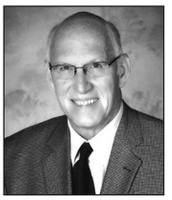
Among his three hundred published compositions is **Little Symphony For Strings** (originally titled "Sonatina," Opus 136, No. 1.) Written for piano, the piece consists of four movements each in a different style. In this version all four moments are orchestrated for string orchestra.

Notes to the Conductor

The four short movements of the **Little Symphony For Strings** can give your students the opportunity to play in a variety of styles. Movement 1 should have a light, Mozartean quality. The second movement, by contrast, should be played *legato* with long, connected bow strokes. The middle section, in A major, can be somewhat lighter and *dolce*. Movement 3 is playful in style with all of the instruments playing pizzicato throughout. Movement 4 should be dancelike-in strict rhythm with forceful accents on beat 1.

I hope you enjoy the **Little Symphony For Strings**.

About the Arranger



Robert Longfield is an award-winning composer, arranger, and educator. Born and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan, he graduated with honors from the University of Michigan where he studied with Jerry Bilik and Paul Boylan and was a member of the band under William Revelli and George Cavender. He also earned a degree from the University of Miami where he was a student of Alfred Reed.

For fifteen years Mr. Longfield was the band and orchestra director at Davison High School, Davison, Michigan. Since 1987 he has held a similar position at Miami Palmetto Senior High School, Miami, Florida. Mr. Longfield was the recipient of the "Teacher of the Year" award by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association. In 1996 he received the "Mr. Holland Award" from the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences for outstanding contributions to music education.

A member of ASCAP, Mr. Longfield has received several commissions and his compositions and arrangements have been played and recorded by bands throughout the United States as well as in Europe and Japan.

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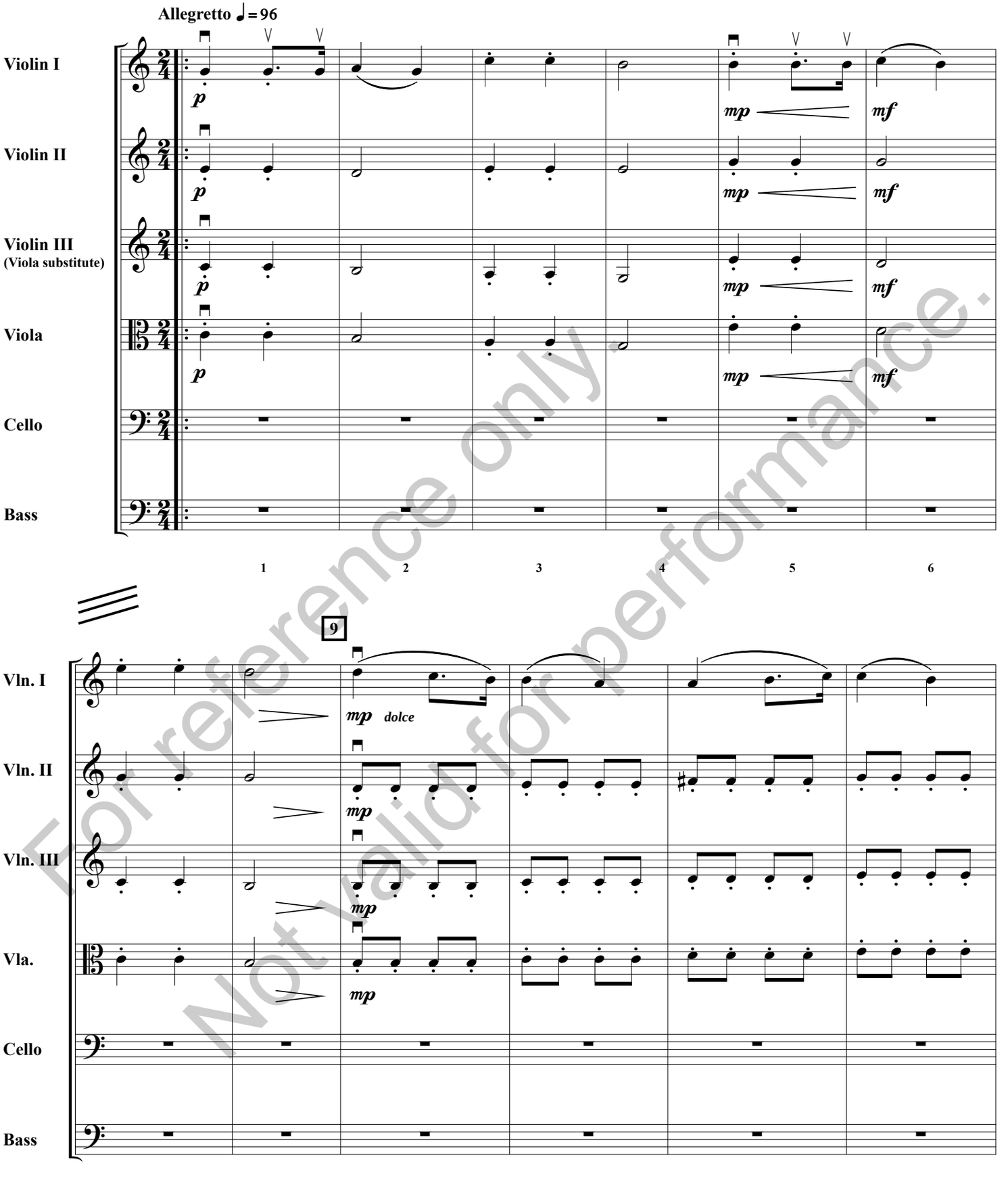

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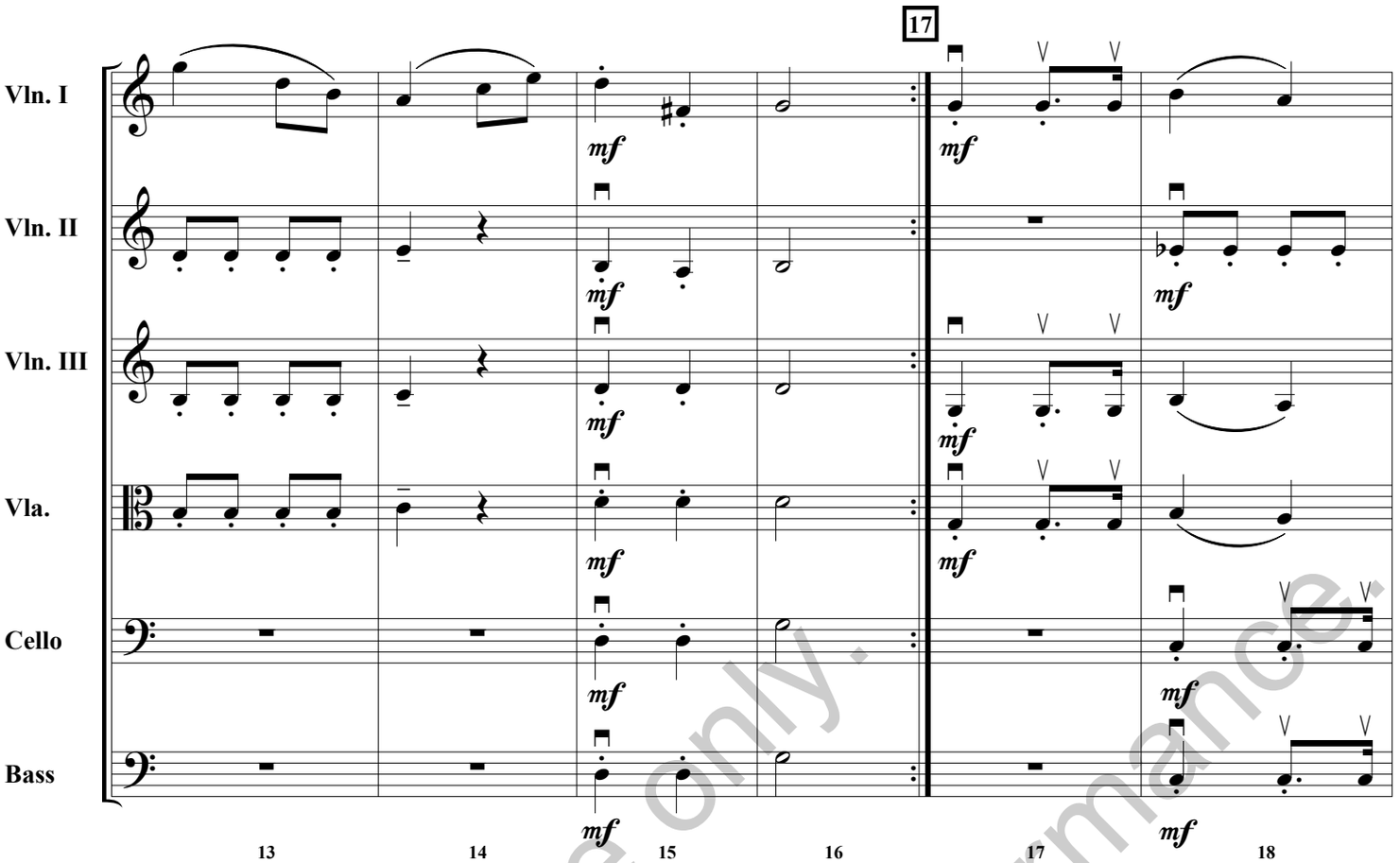

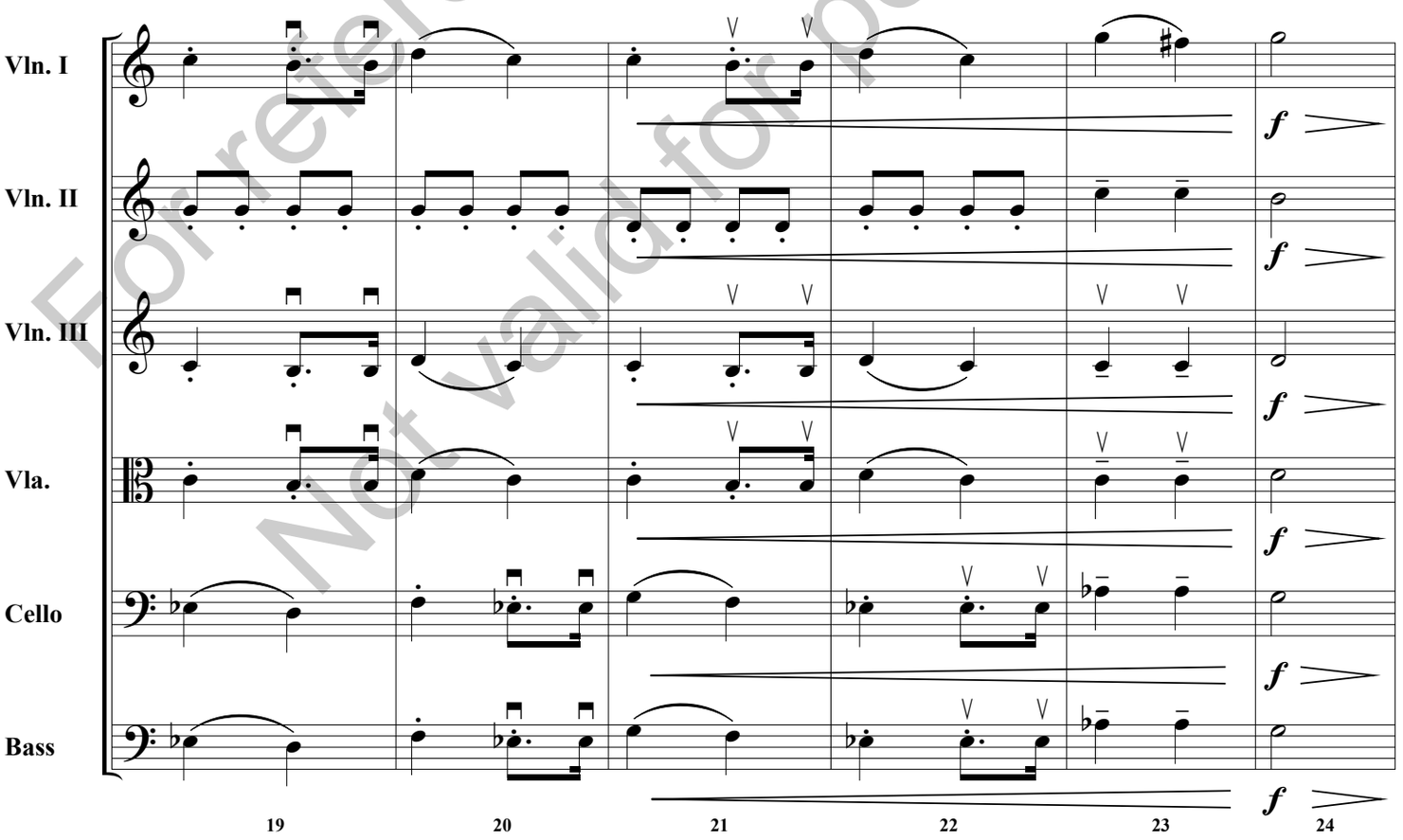

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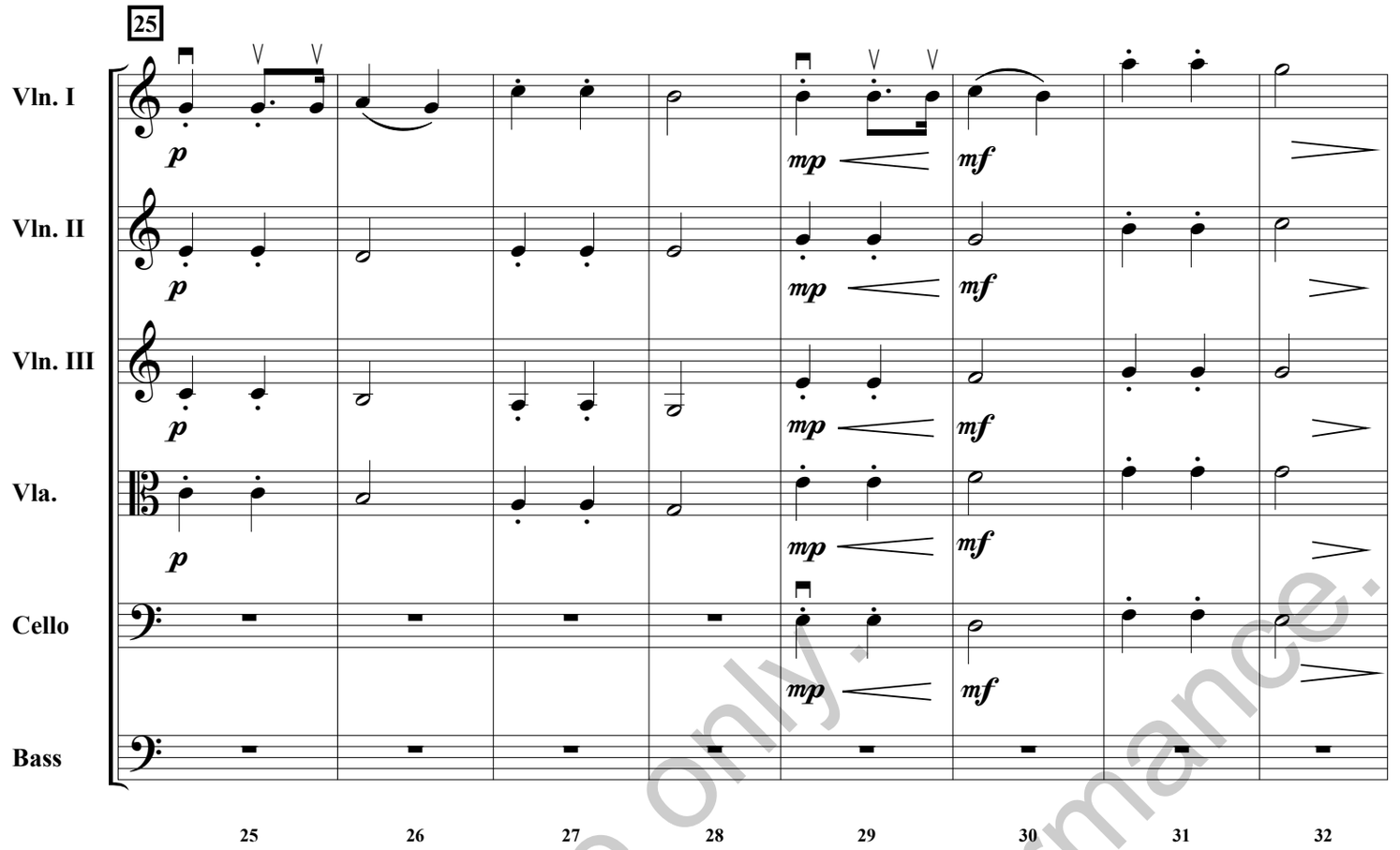

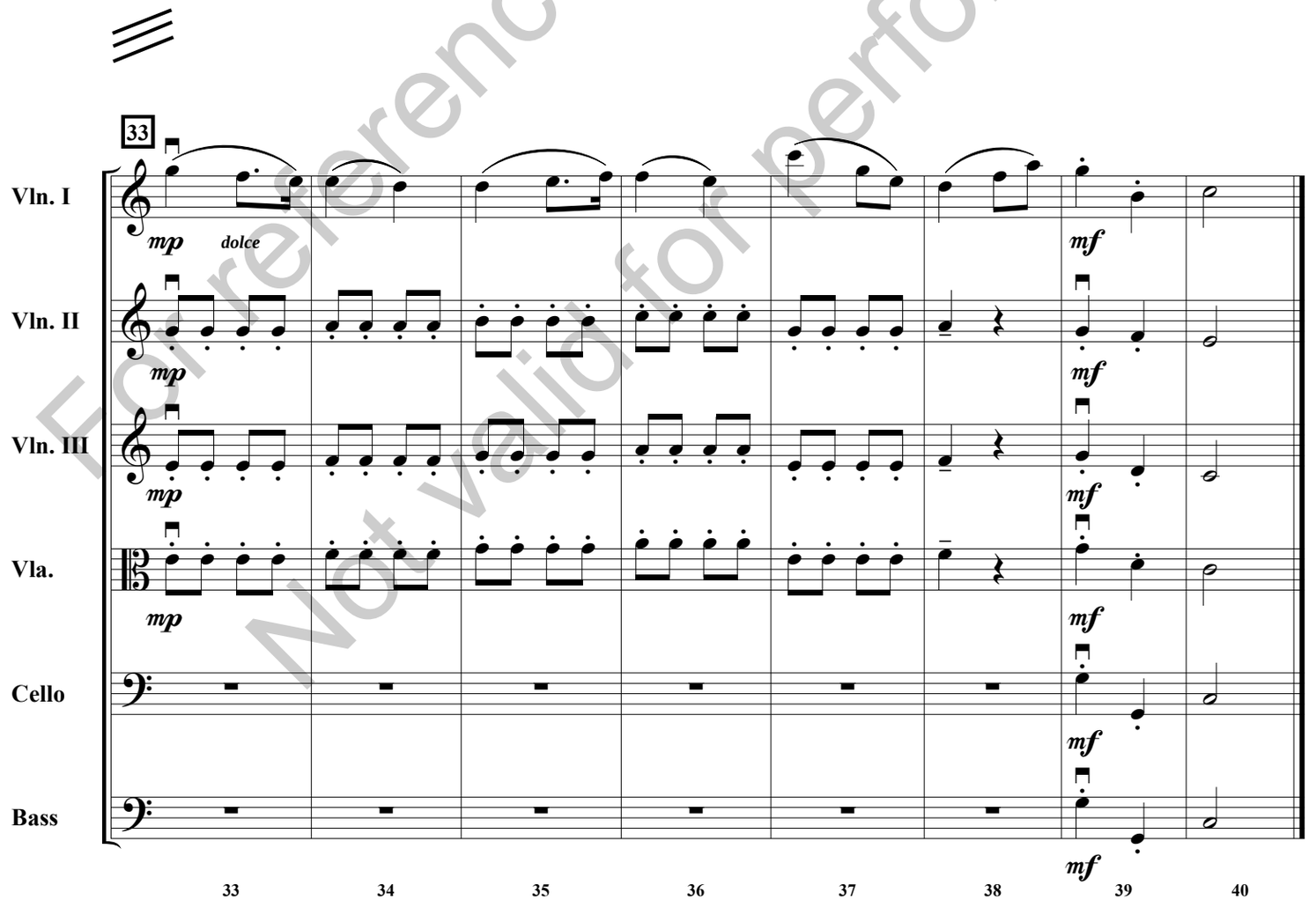

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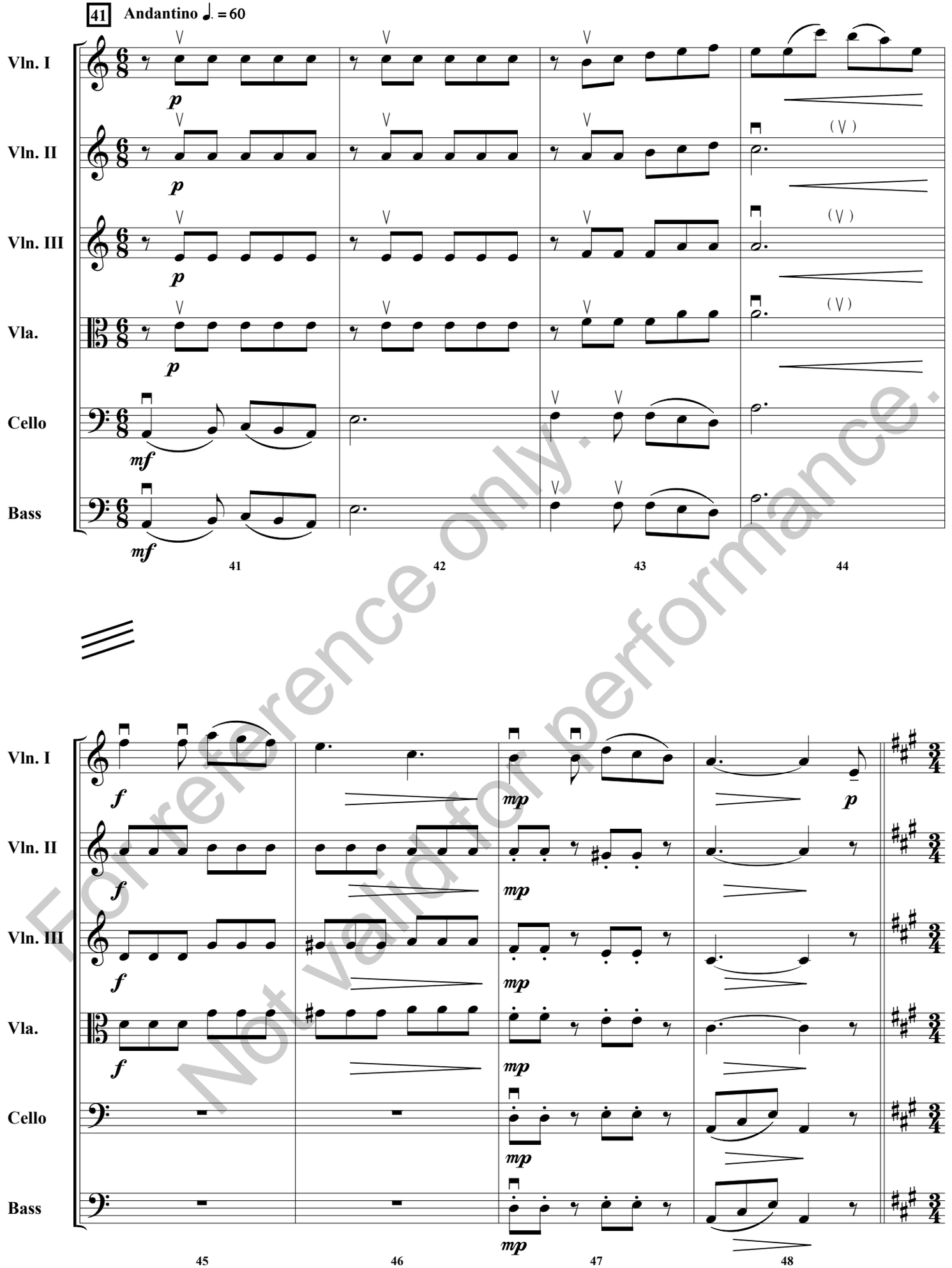

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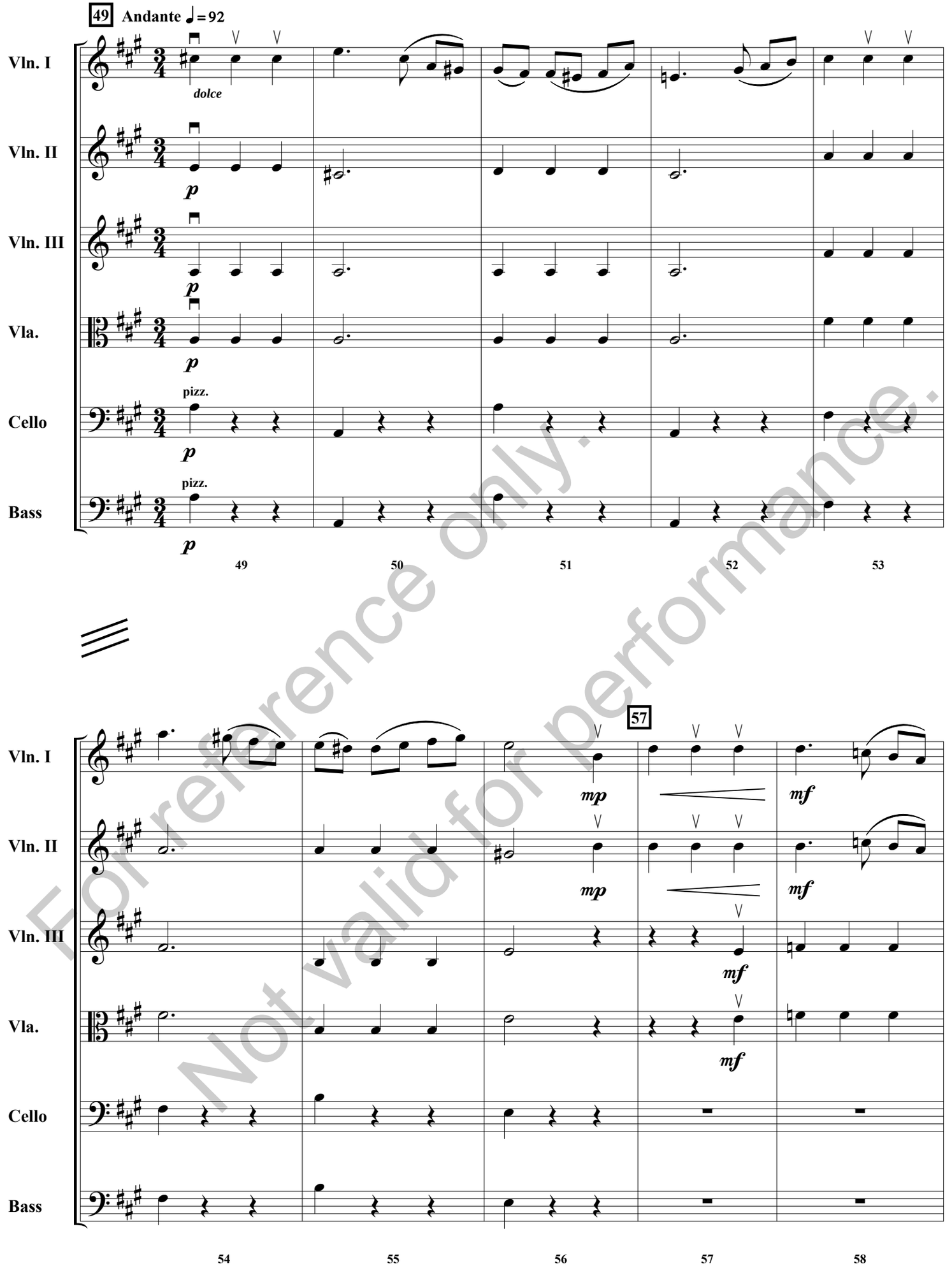

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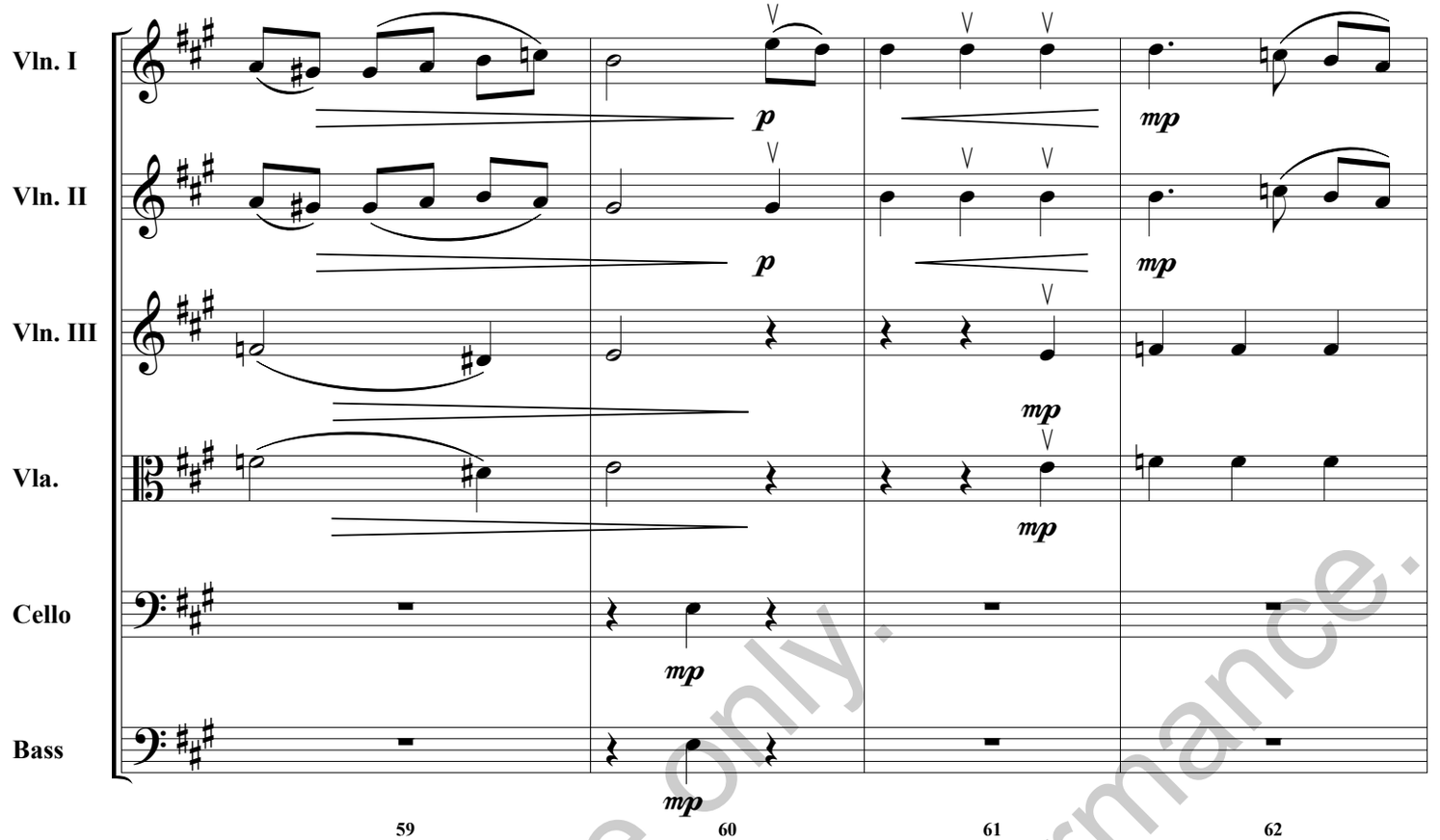

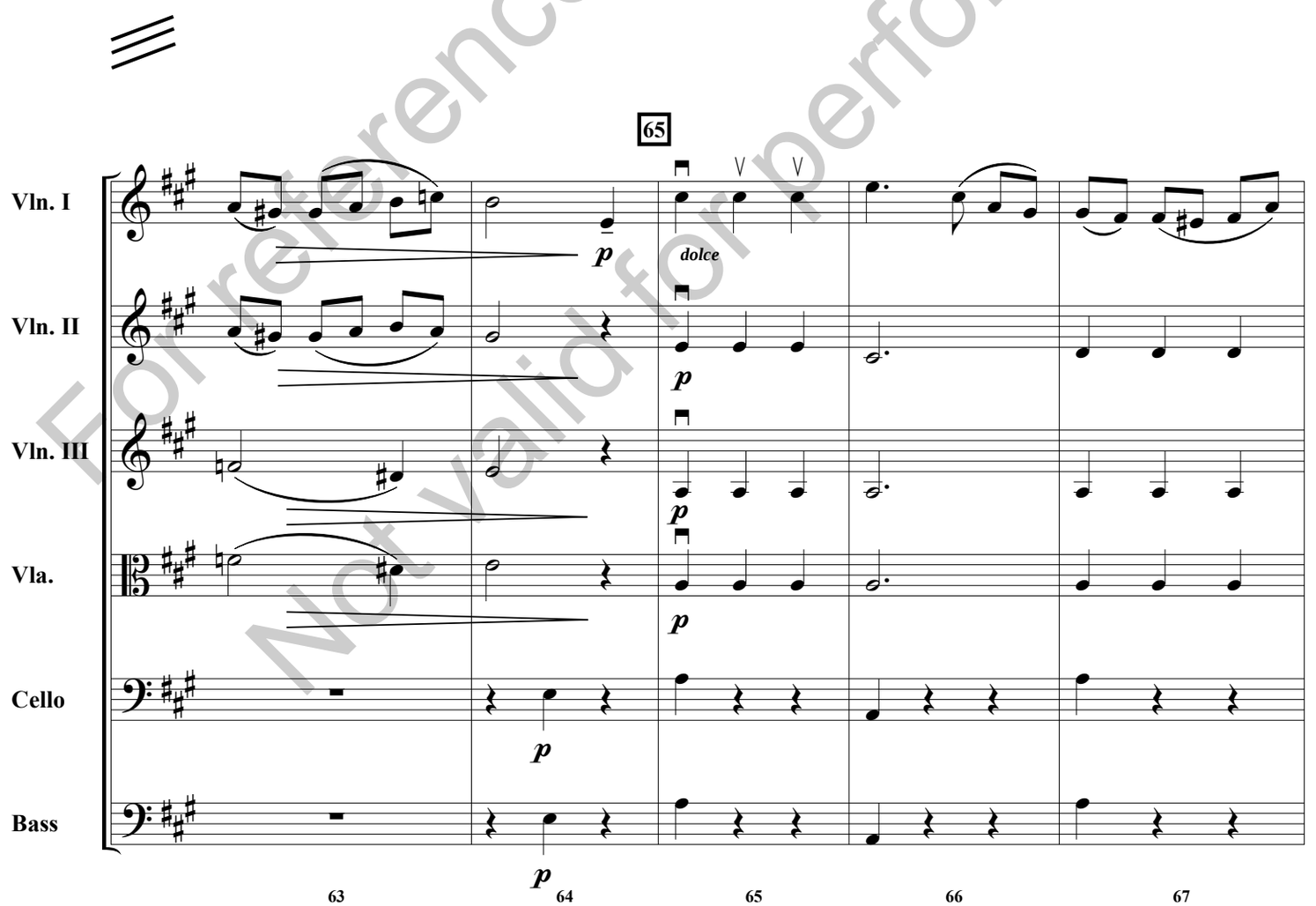

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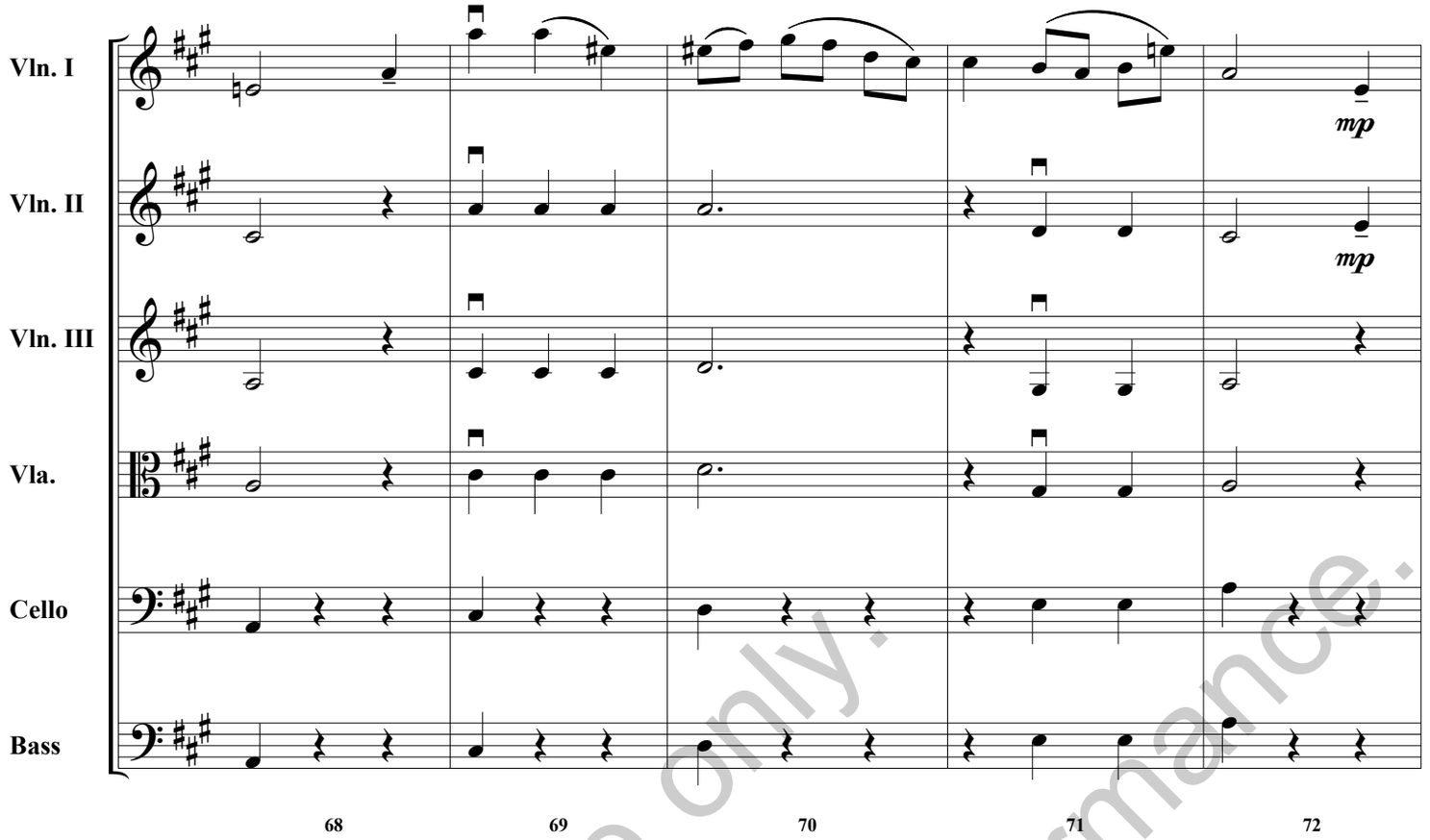

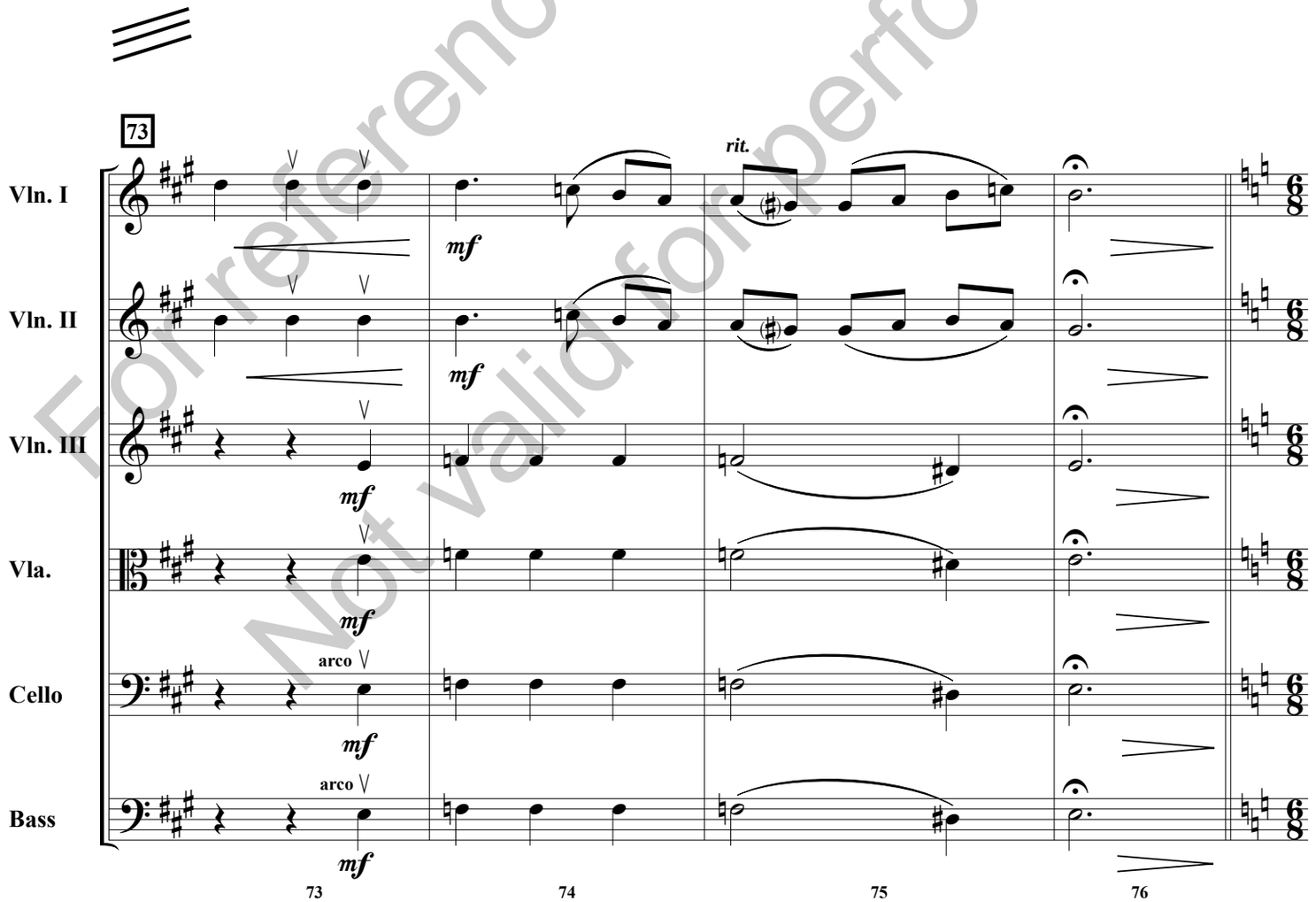

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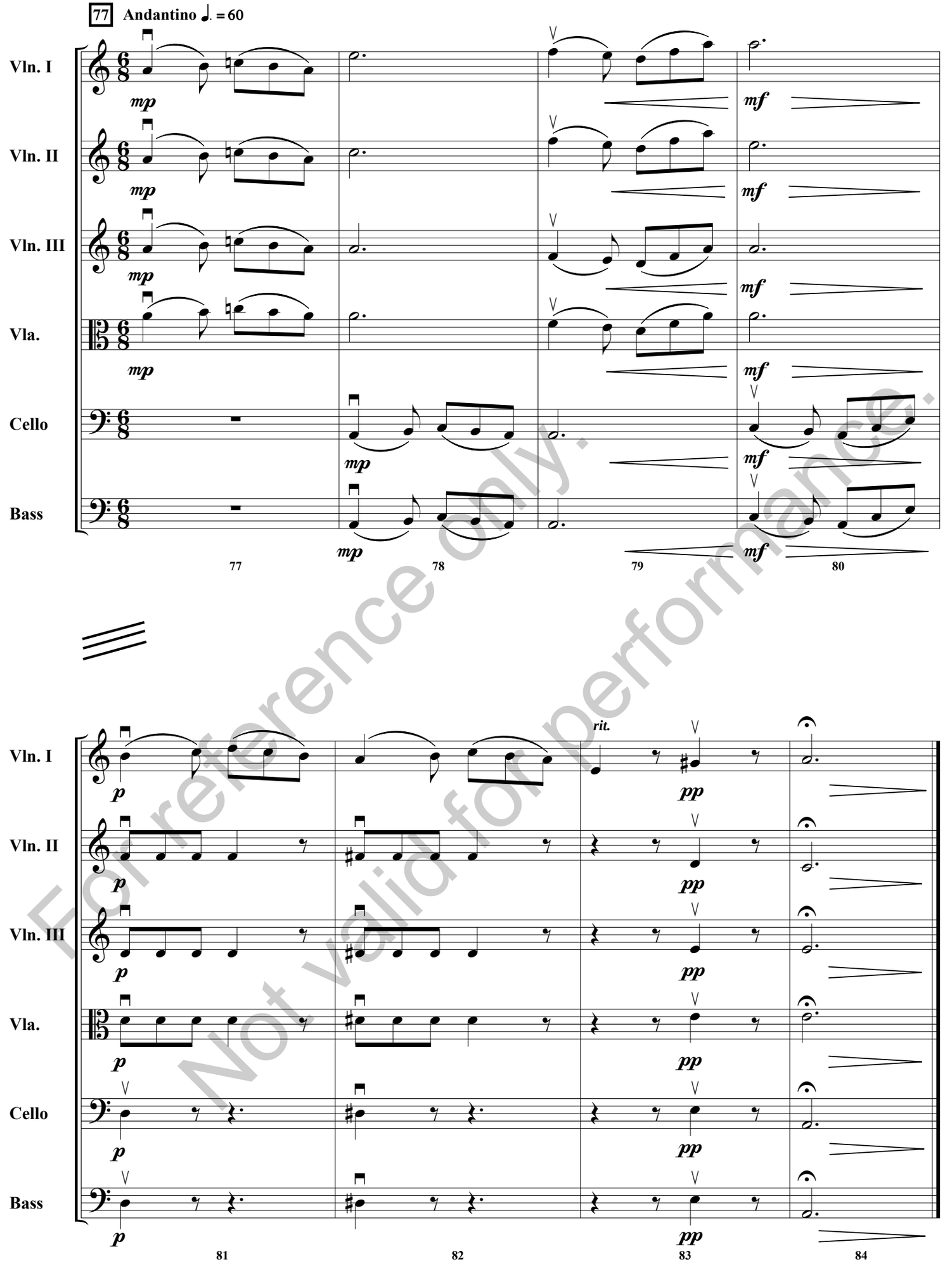

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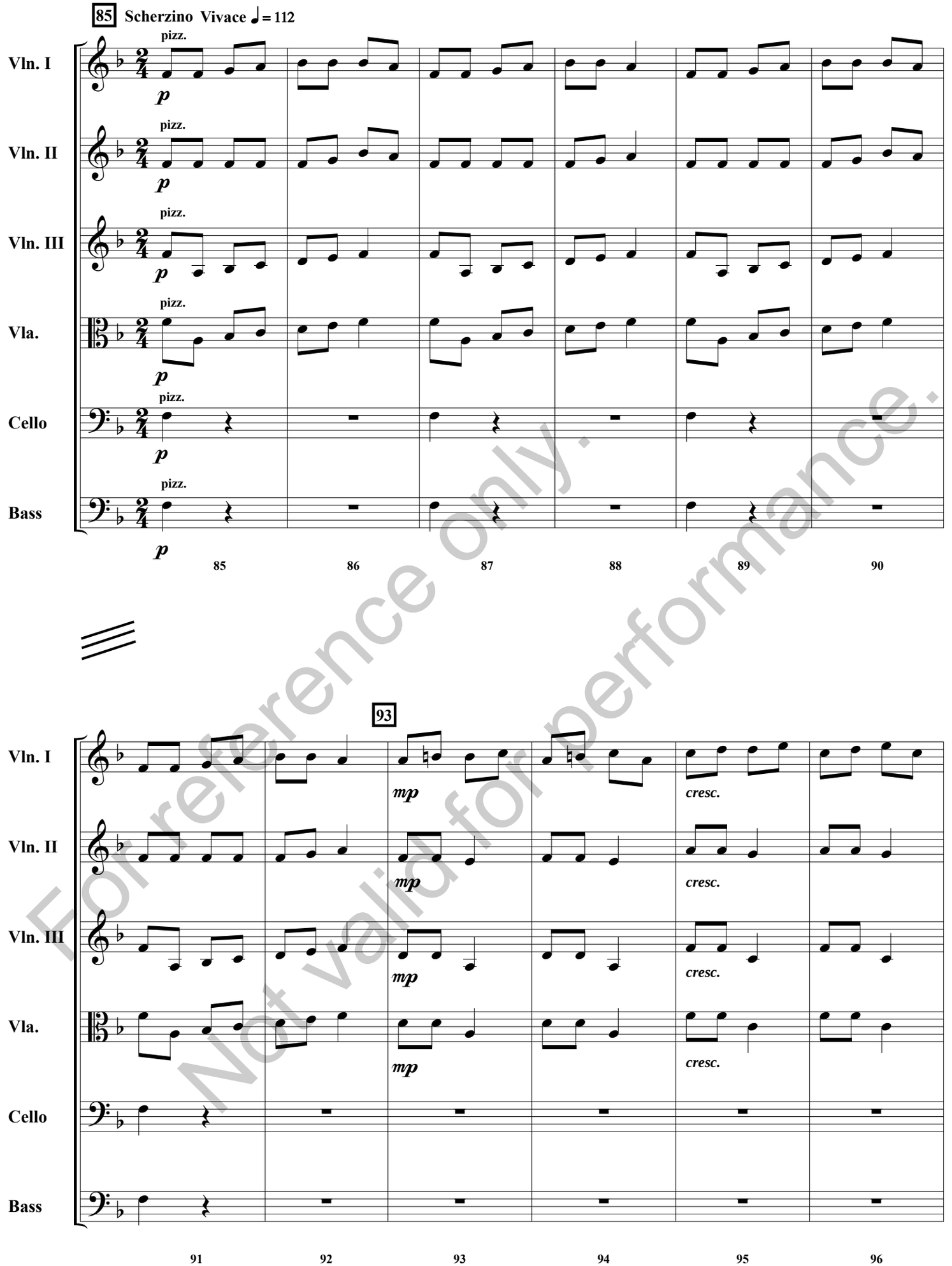

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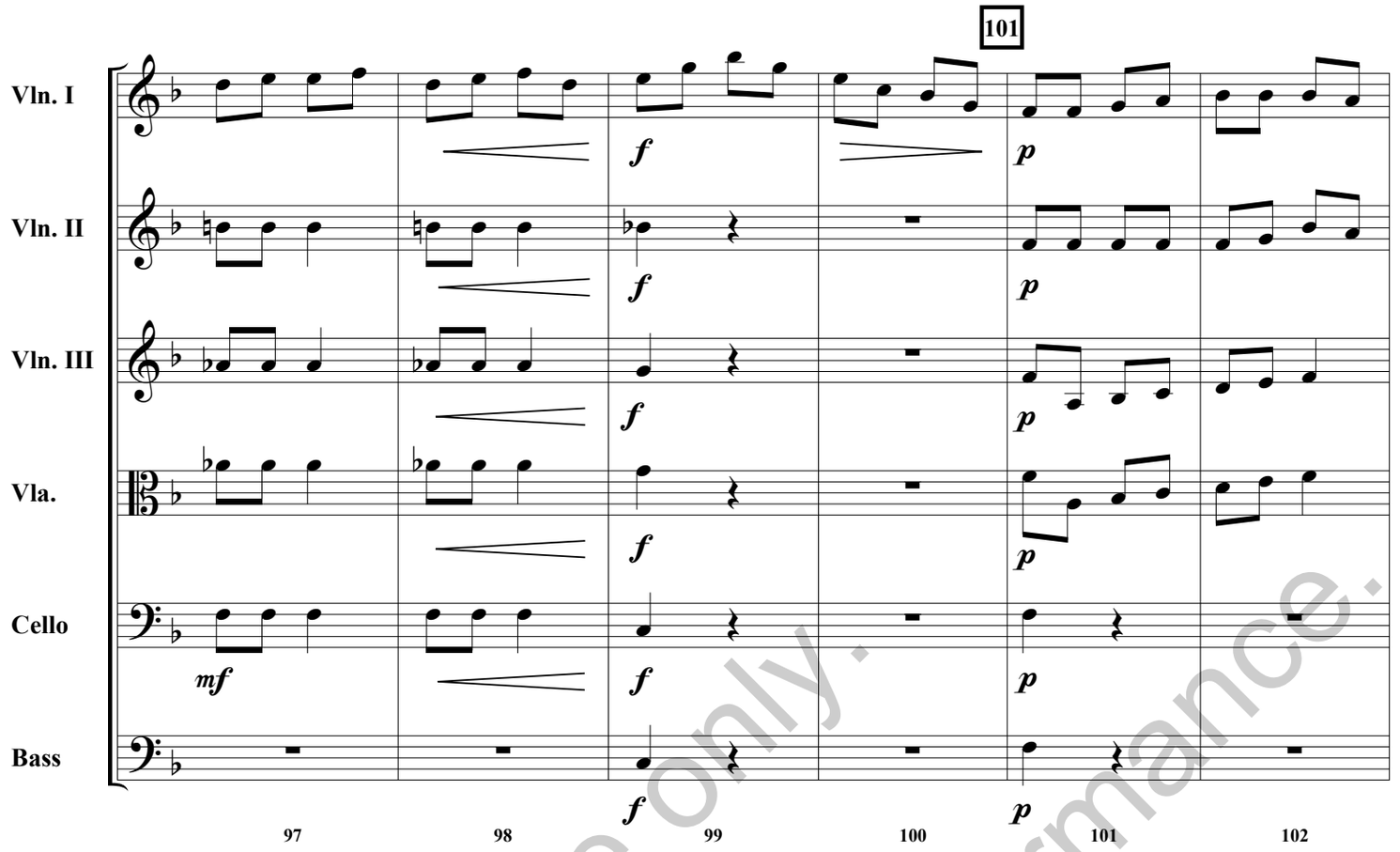

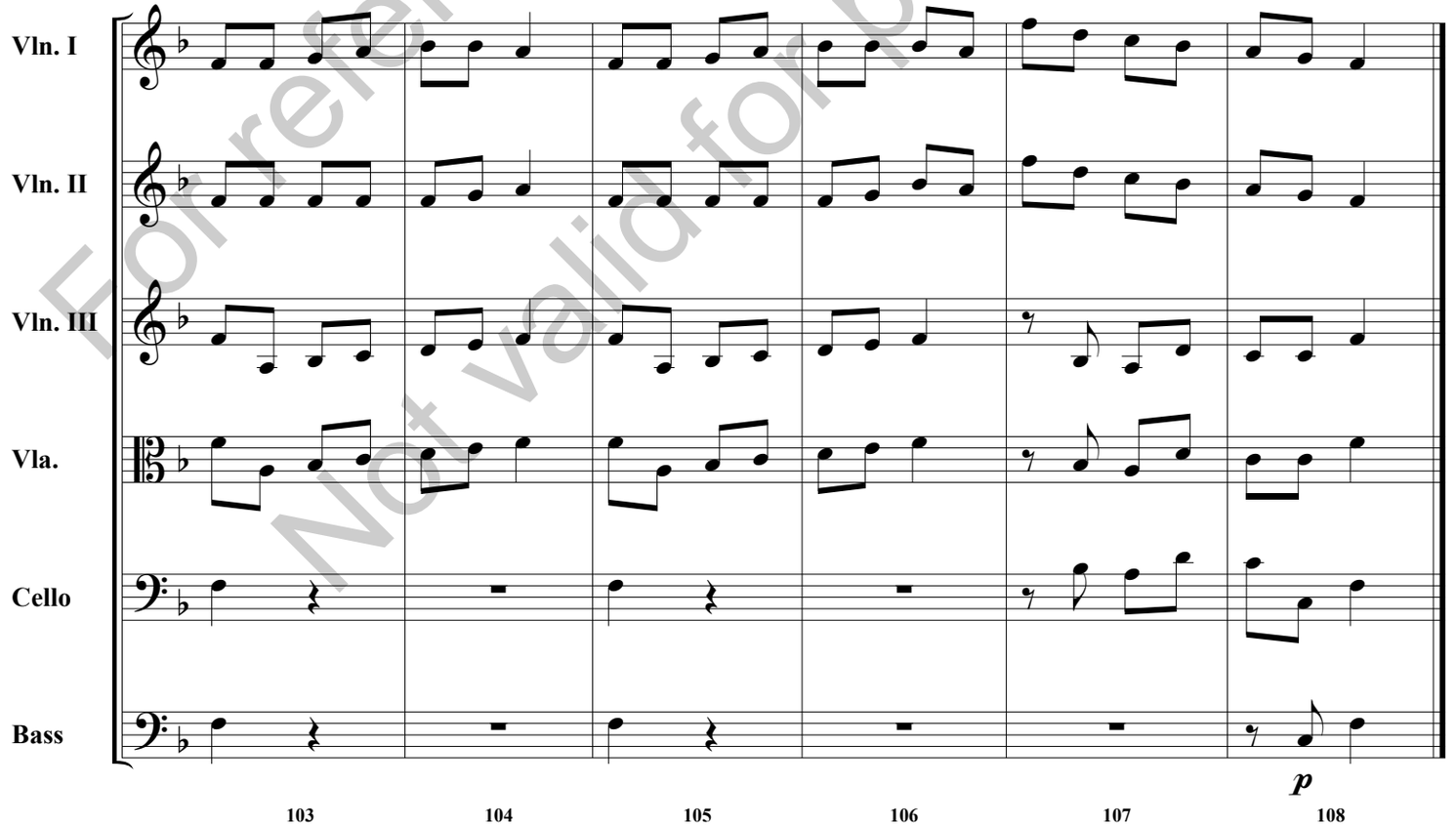

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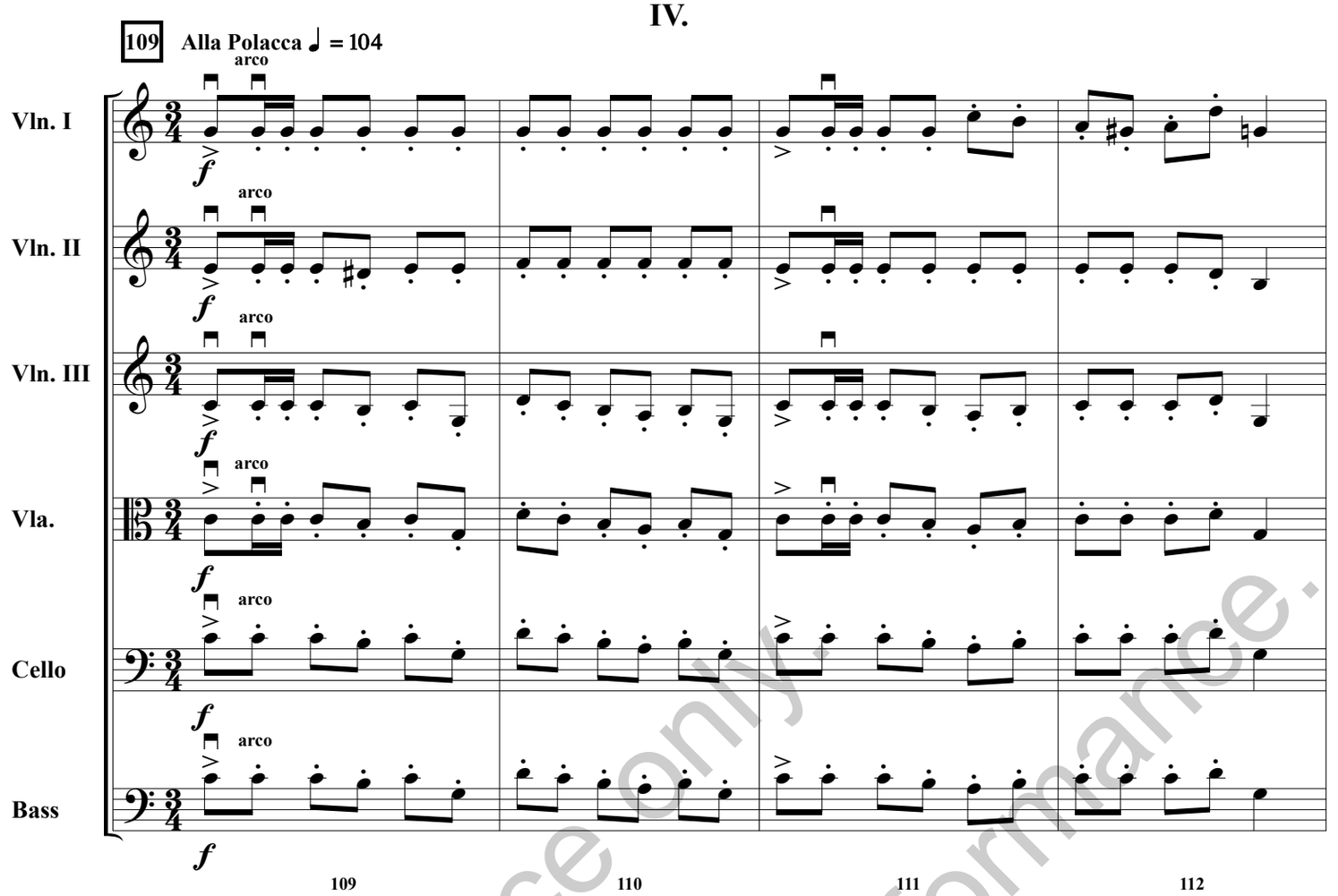

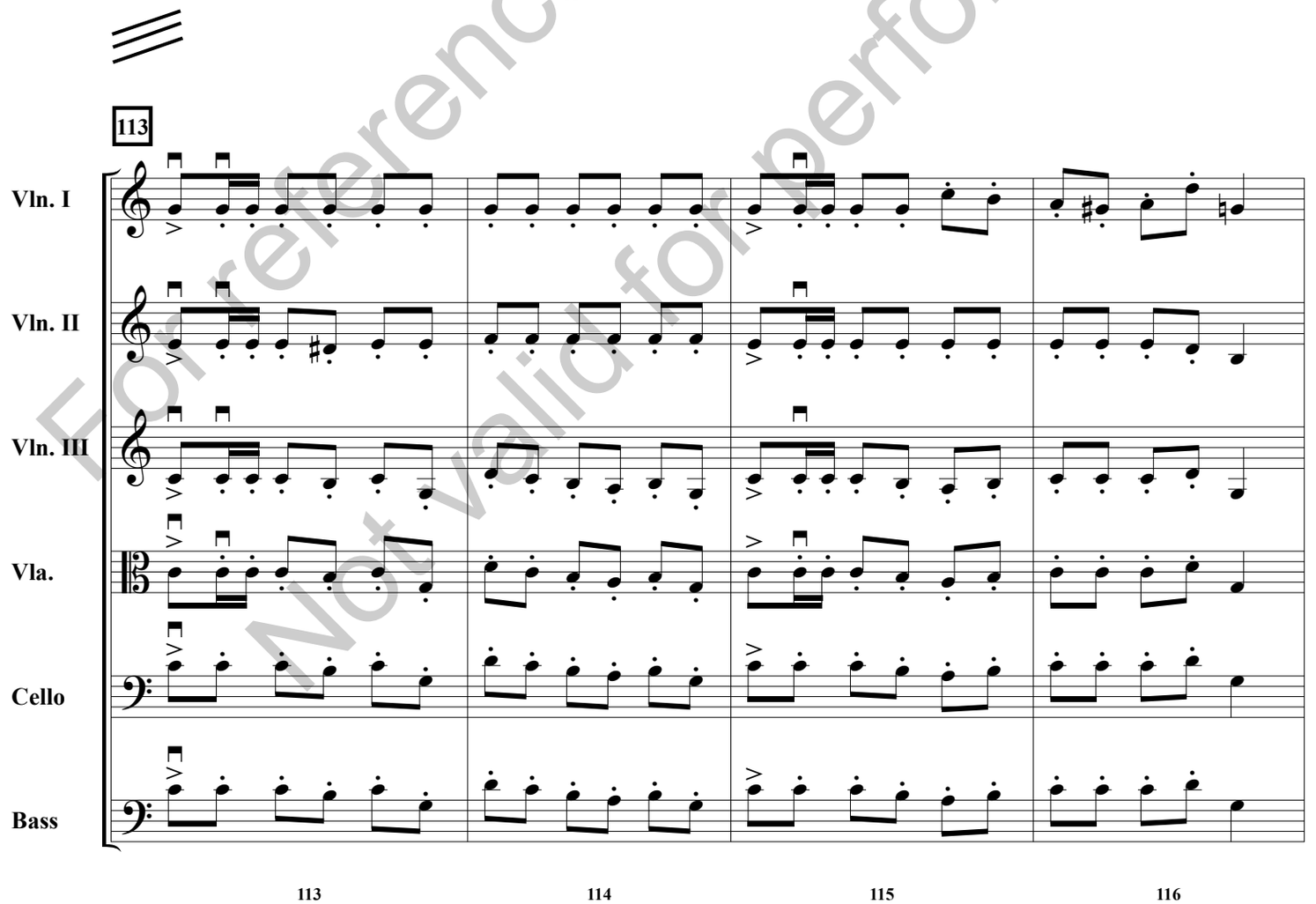

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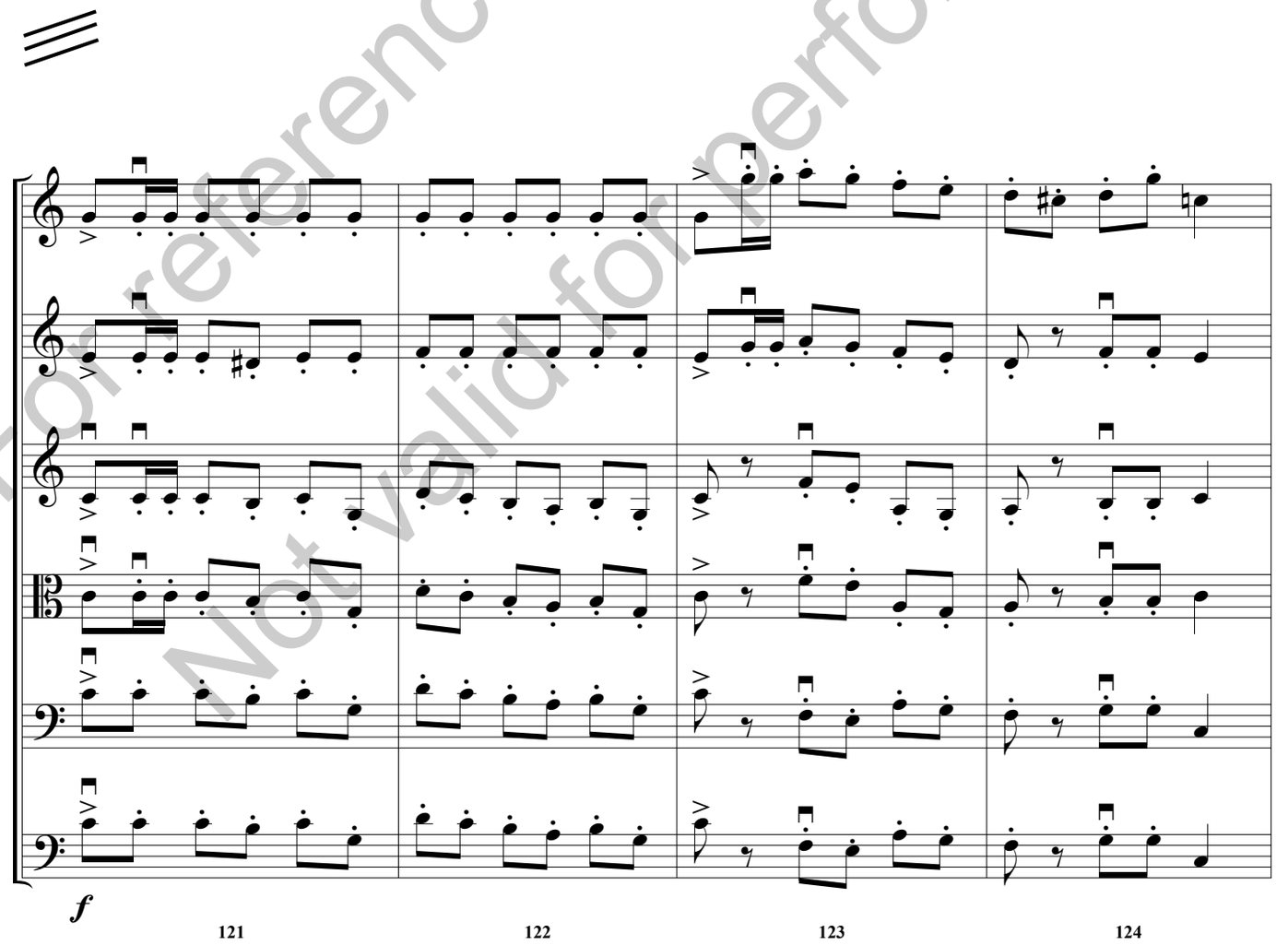

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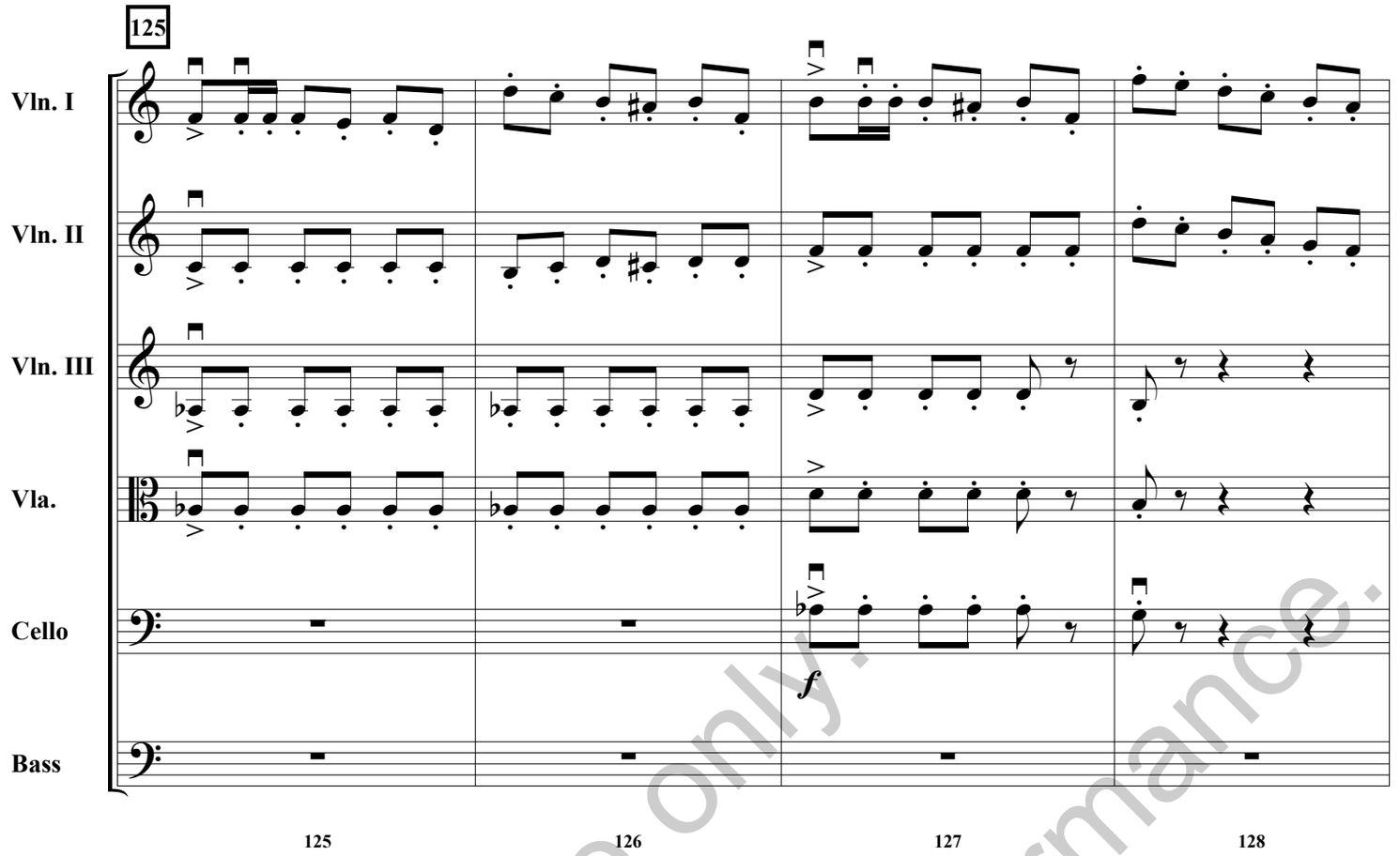

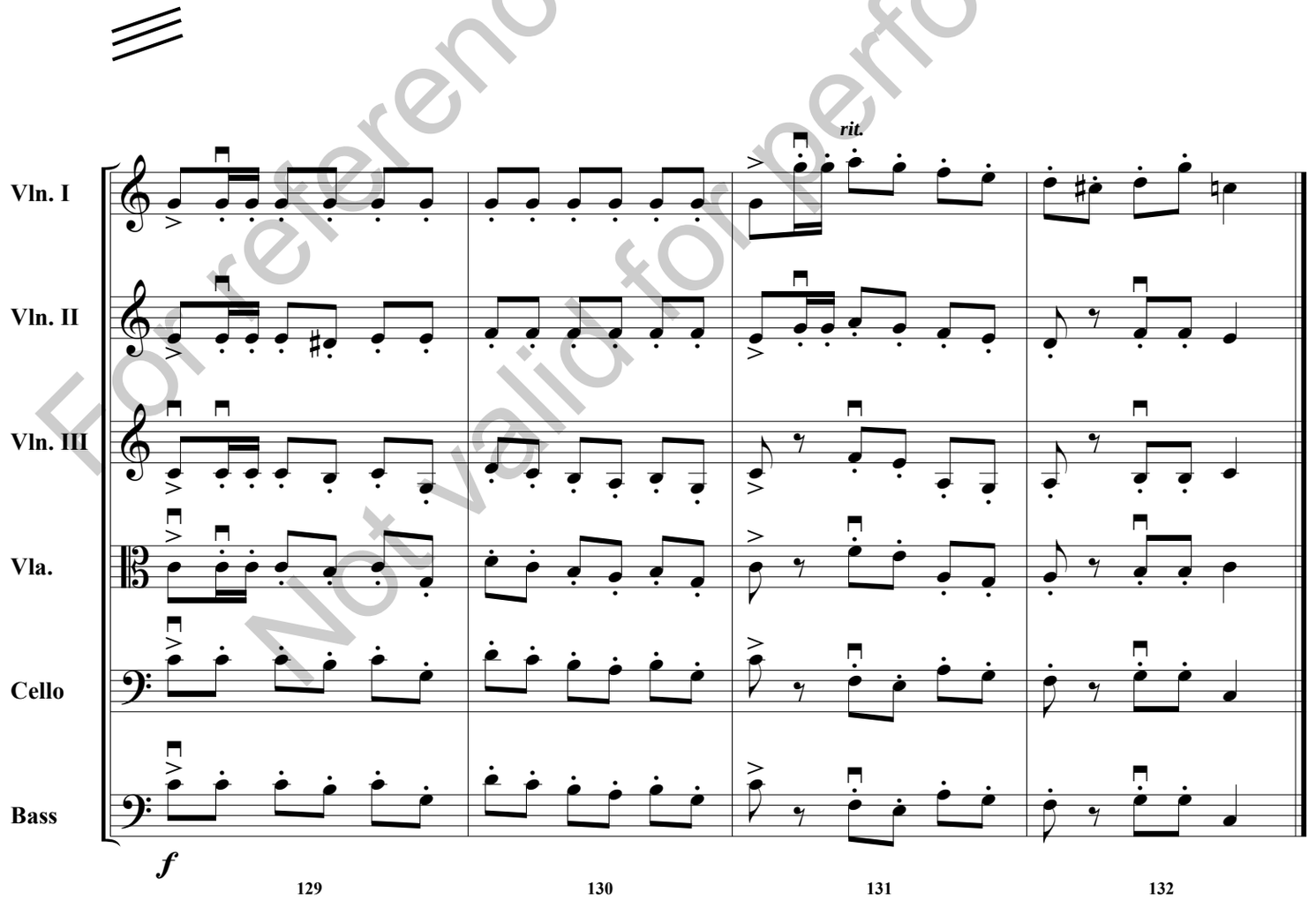

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