Grade 3

Music for String Orchestra

Glasconia

Todd Parrish

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INSTRUMENTATION

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

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Performance Notes

The piece was written to celebrate Martin and Alice Glasco for building a legacy of orchestra programs in Chesapeake, Virginia schools. The title is based on the Glasco name and describes their journey. The music starts with a violin and cello feature, representing the two pioneers in the early days of founding the orchestras. More complex rhythm patterns and meter changes depict the difficult work in the middle, leading to a triumphant finale to express their success at the end of the career. Dedicated to all orchestra directors who pour their lives into students, day after day, this theme of perseverance and joy offers a rewarding performance experience for students as well.

About the Composer

Todd Parrish (b. 1971) has taught public school orchestra at all levels for over 20 years in Illinois, Virginia and Florida. His ensembles have performed at many outstanding venues, including Atlanta Symphony Hall, the Kennedy Center, and Carnegie Hall. He currently teaches high school orchestra and music theory in Winter Park, Florida.

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

Mr. Parrish arranges classical music for school orchestras and writes original compositions for all levels. In 2018, he became an orchestra editor for Carl Fischer Music in New York City. He has lead new music reading session clinics at music conferences around the country along with workshops on how to prepare music for publication. Contact: toddparrishcomposer@gmail.com

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In celebration of Martin and Alice Glasco and the orchestra program they built in the Western Branch area of Chesapeake, Virginia

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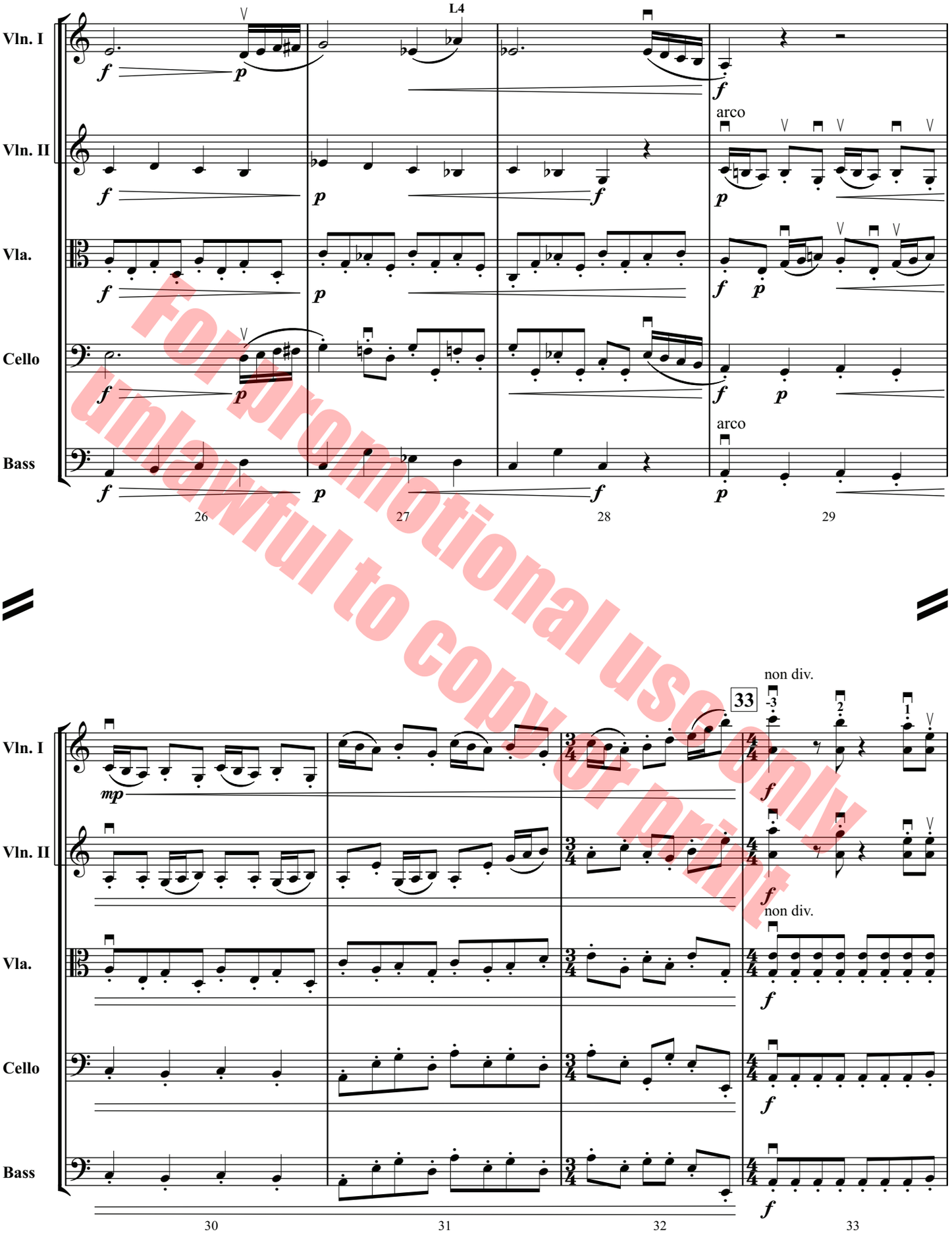
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