Grade 2

Music for String Orchestra

Chinese New Year

Xiaokang Deng

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INSTRUMENTATION

Violin I 8
Violin II 8
Violin III (Viola T.C.) 2
Viola 5
Cello 5
Bass 5

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Performance Notes

Celebrated by billions of people around the world, Chinese New Year is the biggest festival of the Chinese community. Every year around this time, we see massive crowds gathering at bus and train stations, eagerly waiting to embark on their journey home. For the children, it's the most fun time of the year filled with fireworks, gifts and joy. But the older I grew, the more I realized, that the sweetest moment of joy comes when I sit at the dinner table with my mom, my dad, and my grandma.

About the Composer
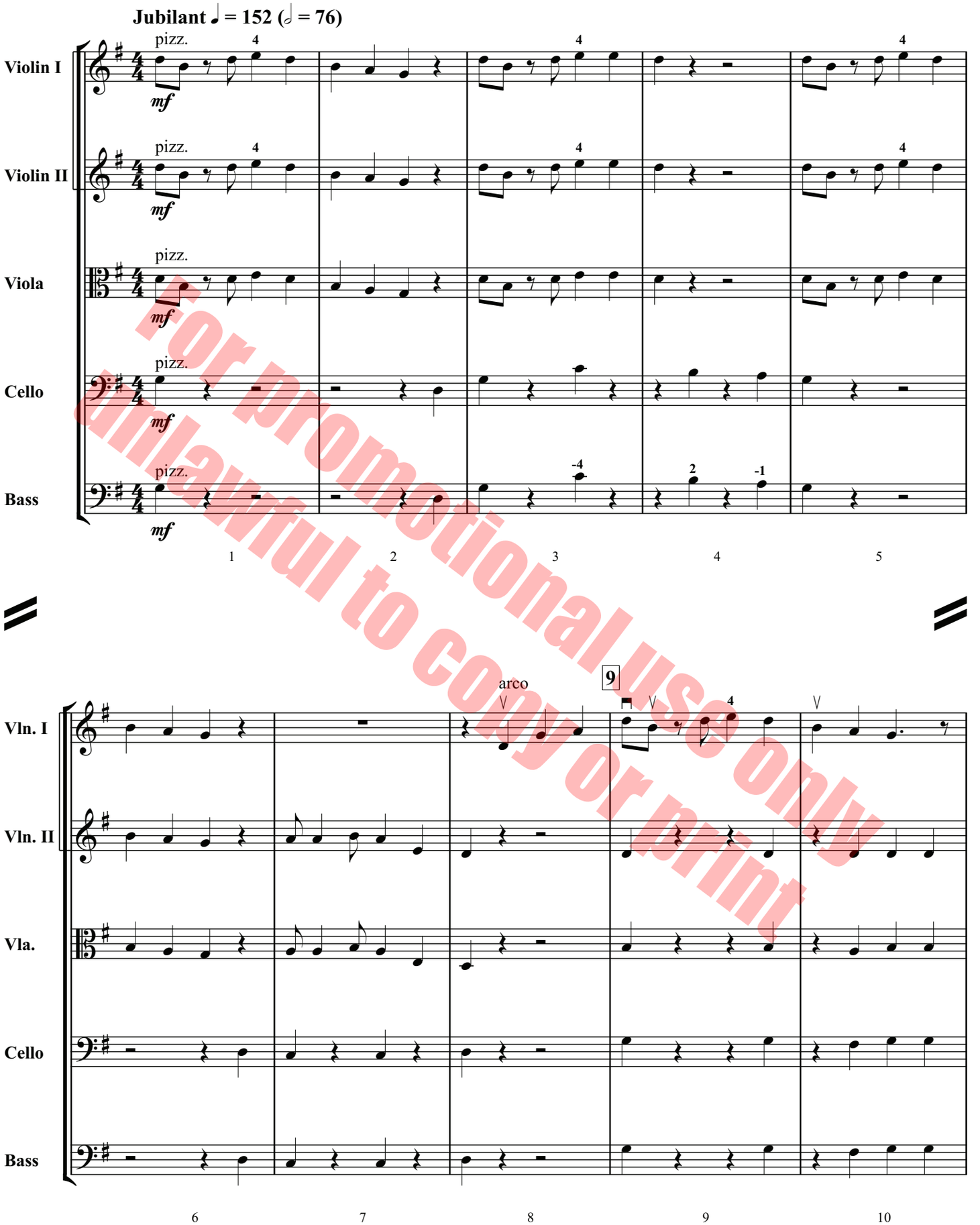
Xiao is a composer currently based in New York City. He recently graduated from the Mannes School of Music with a Master's degree in Composition and completed a Bachelor's degree at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. Xiao also holds an engineering degree and worked as an aerospace engineer for two years.Since 2019, Xiao has been exploring various genres and instrumentations including numerous solo, chamber, choral and orchestral pieces. He published eight pieces in three years with T.U.X. People's Music and is now a composer with Carl Fischer.

Xiao's compositions have earned several honors, including a J.W. Pepper Editors' Choice for 2024-25 for "Merry Christmas, Mr. Sakamoto." His greatest inspirations are two Japanese composers, Joe Hisaishi and Ryuichi Sakamoto. Like them, he wants to create beautiful emotional music that deeply touches people's hearts. Xiao is currently exploring a career in film scoring and looks forward to collaborating with aspiring directors who share a vision of making this world a better world through the power of art.
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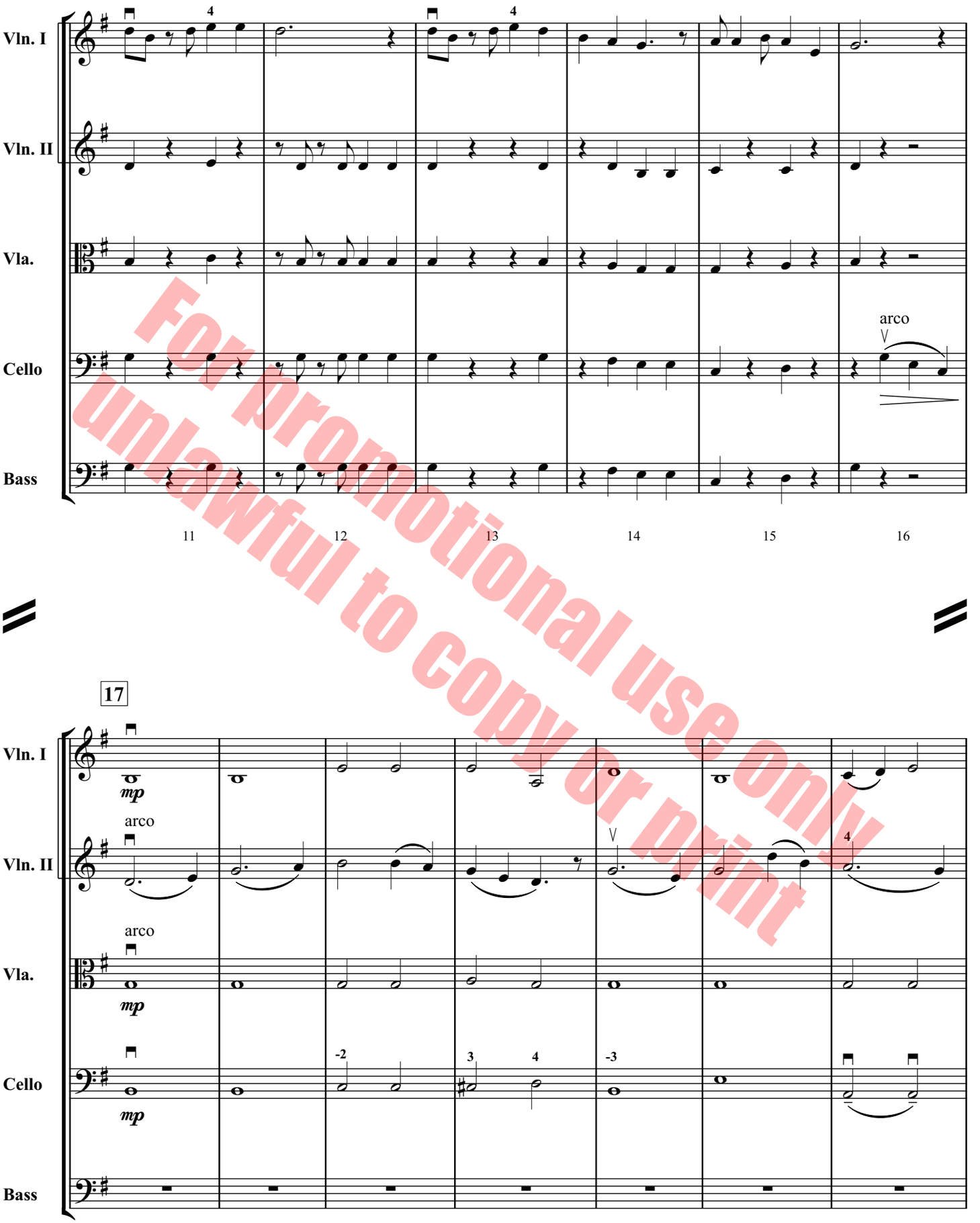
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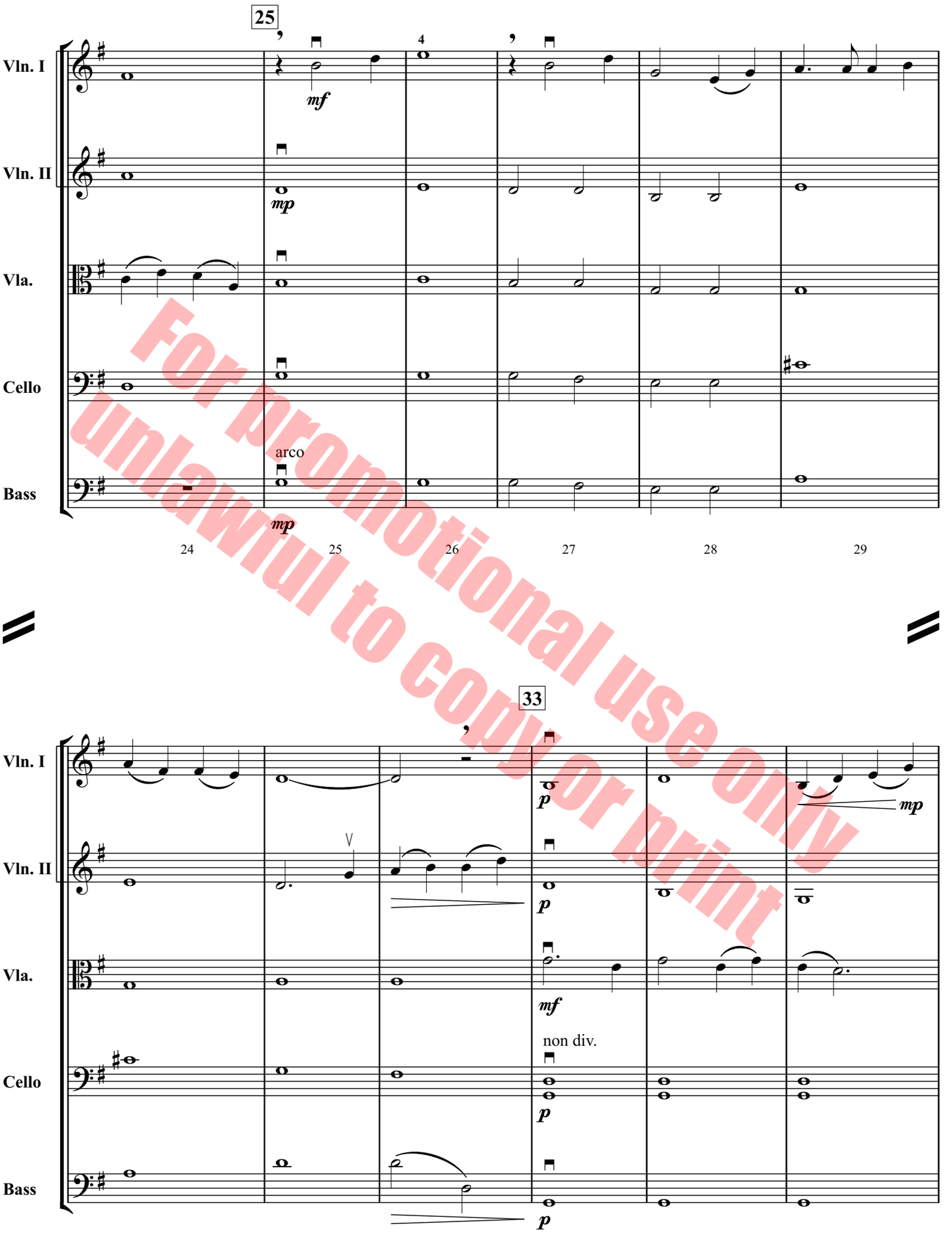


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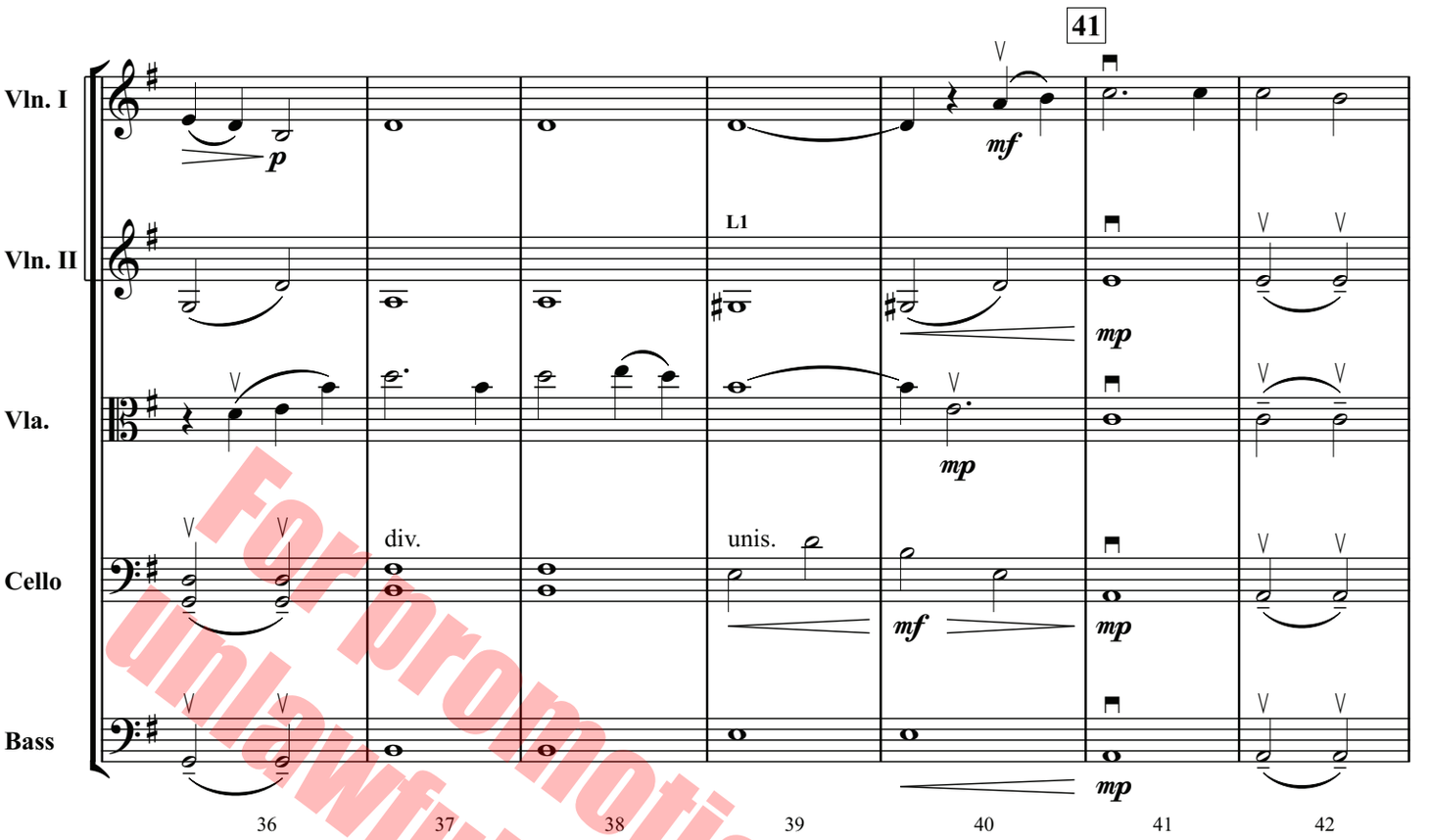
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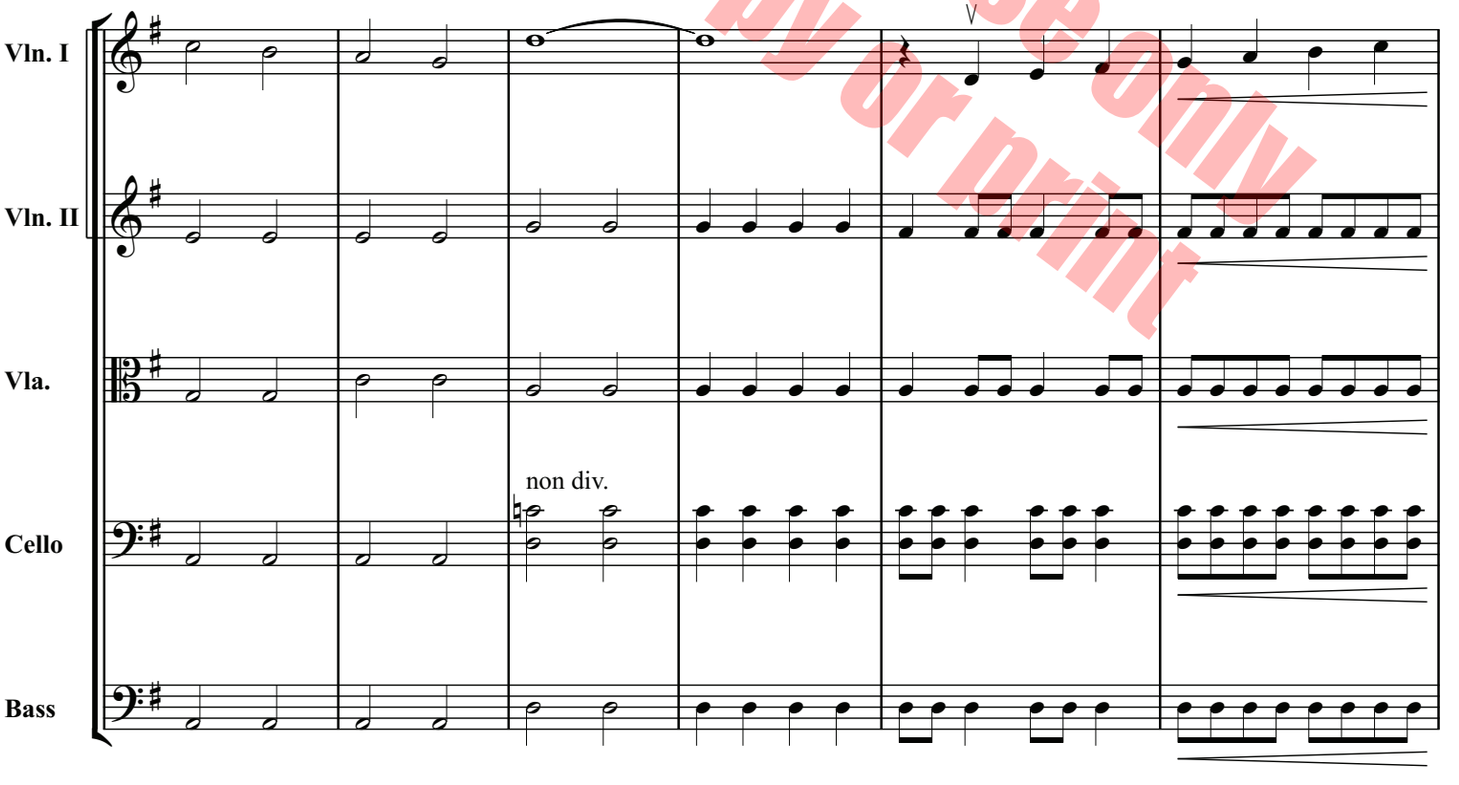


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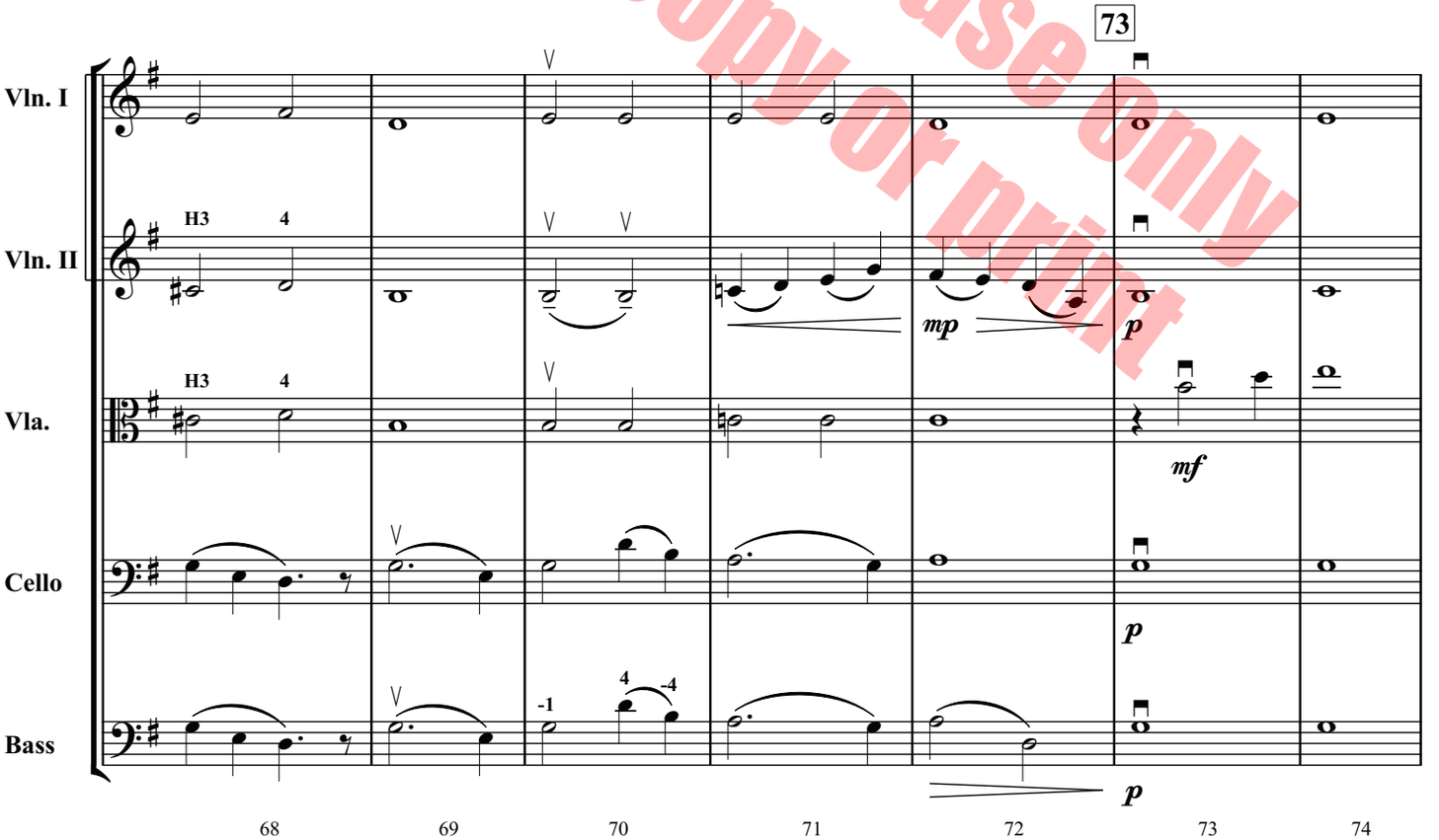


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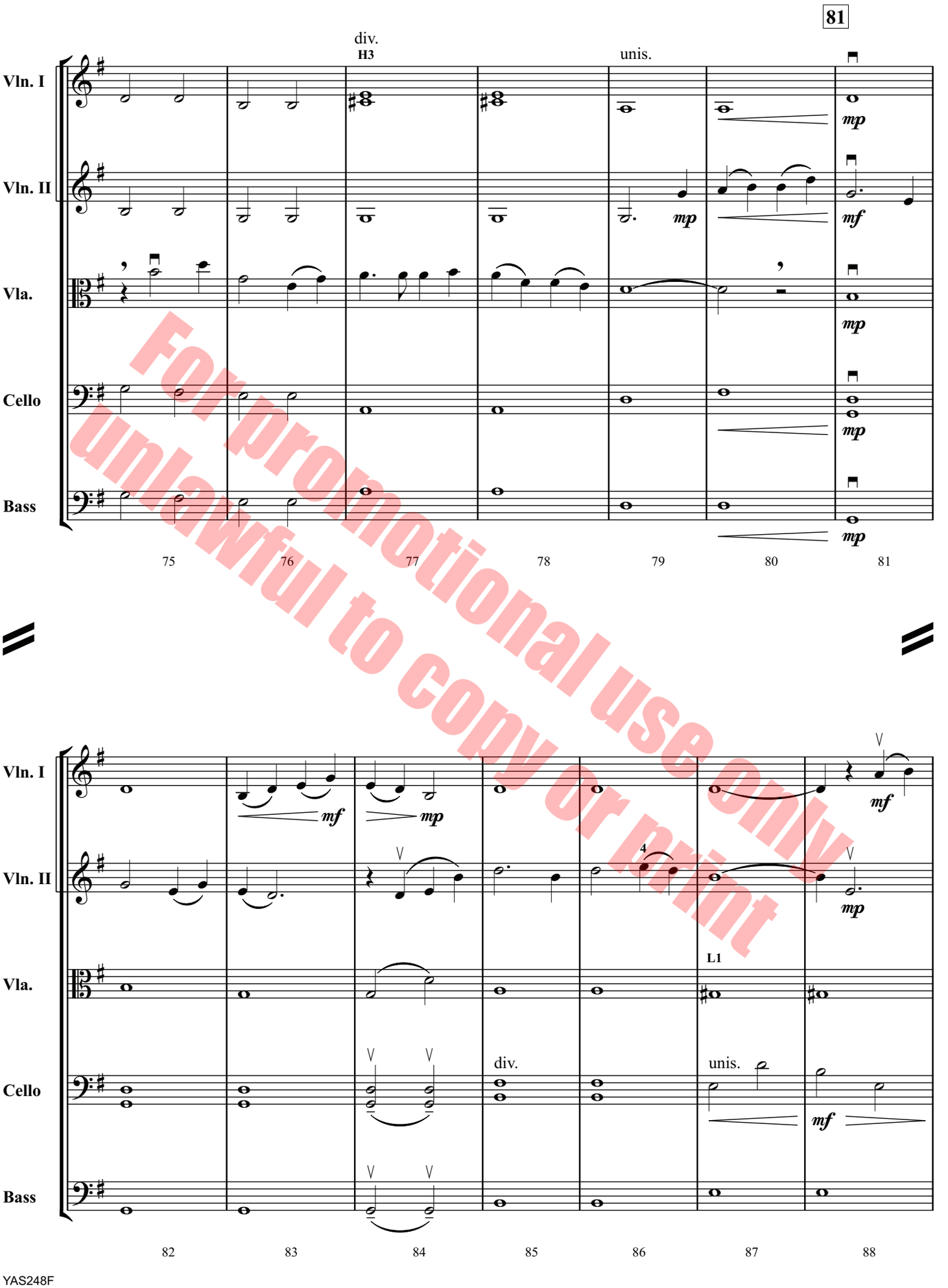




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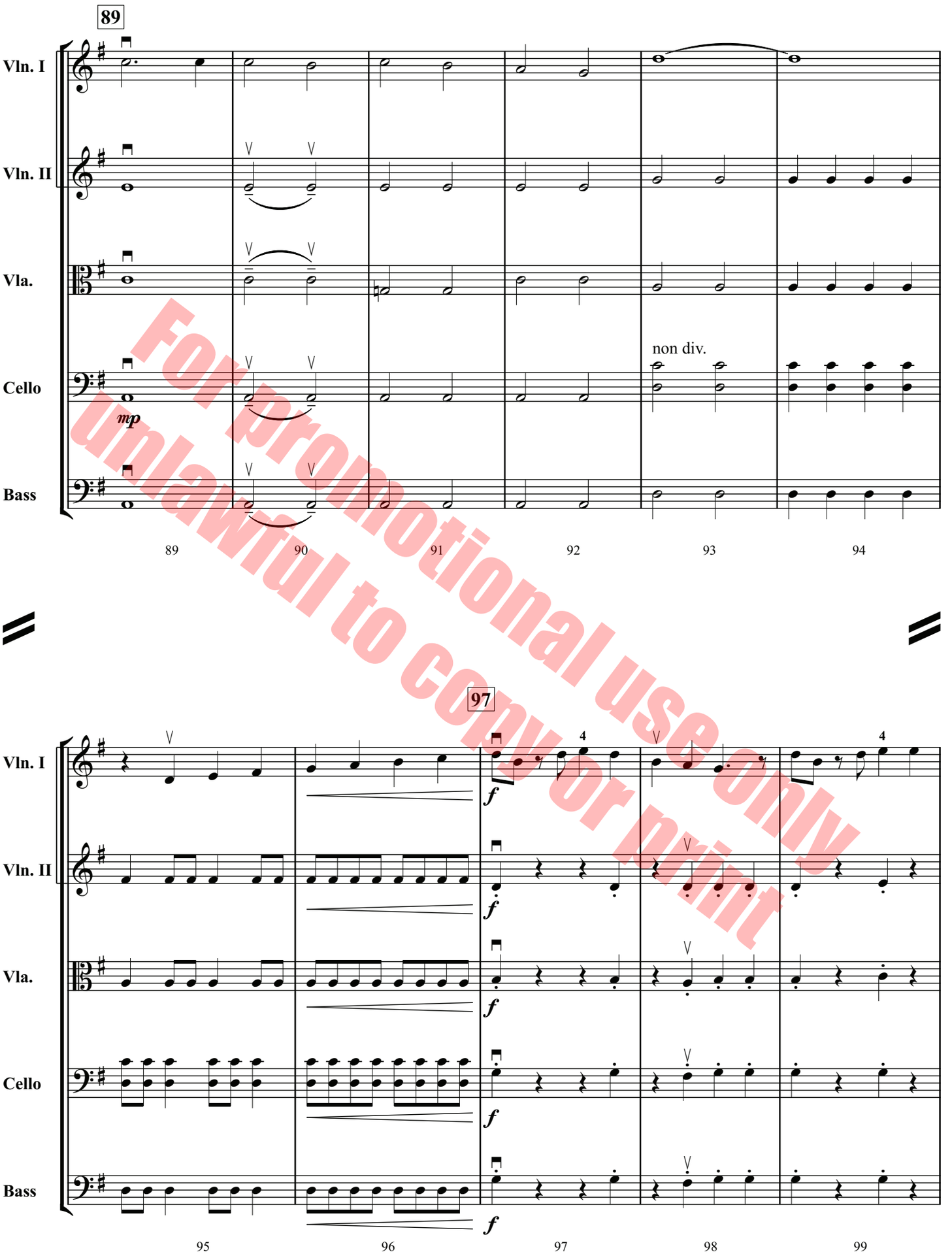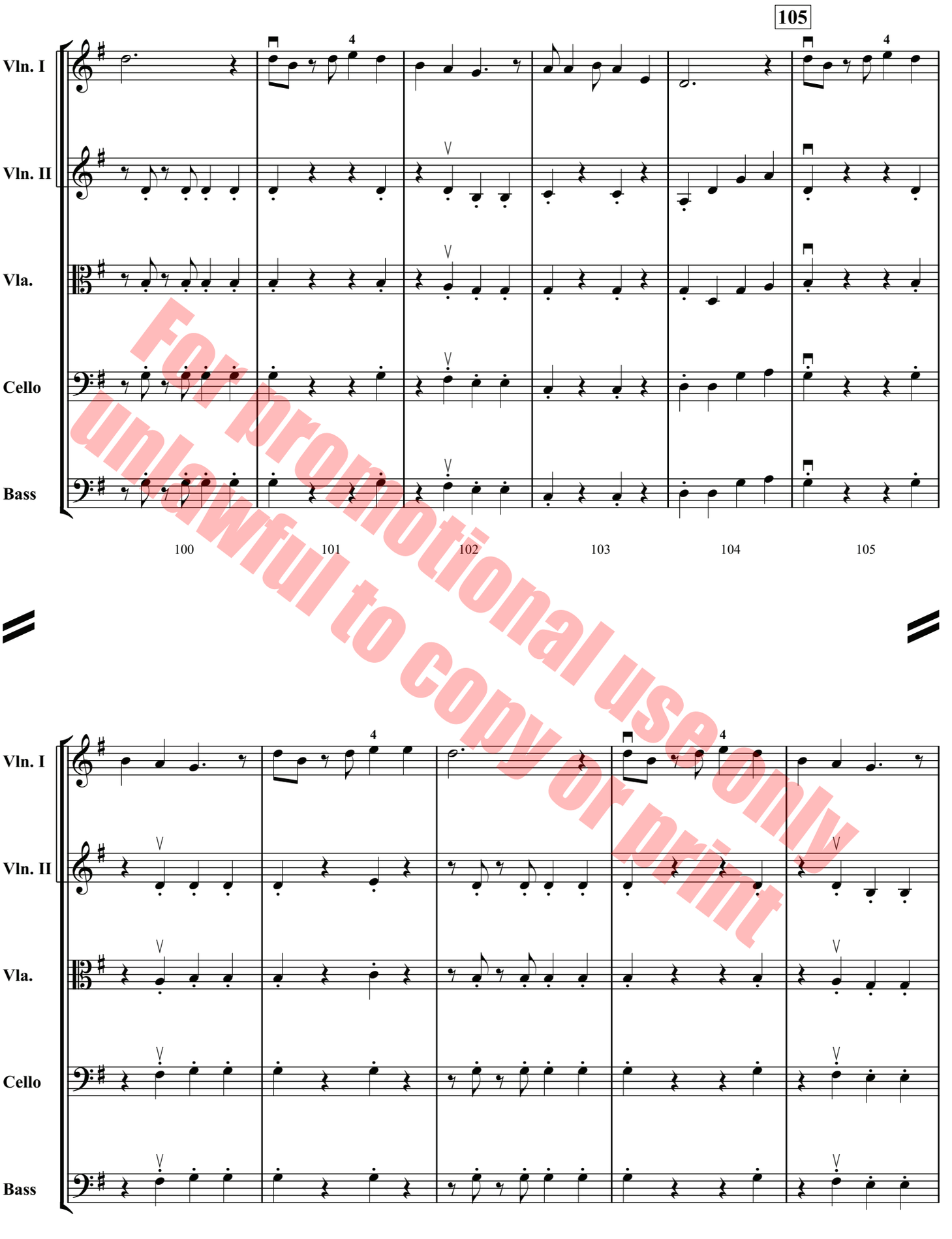




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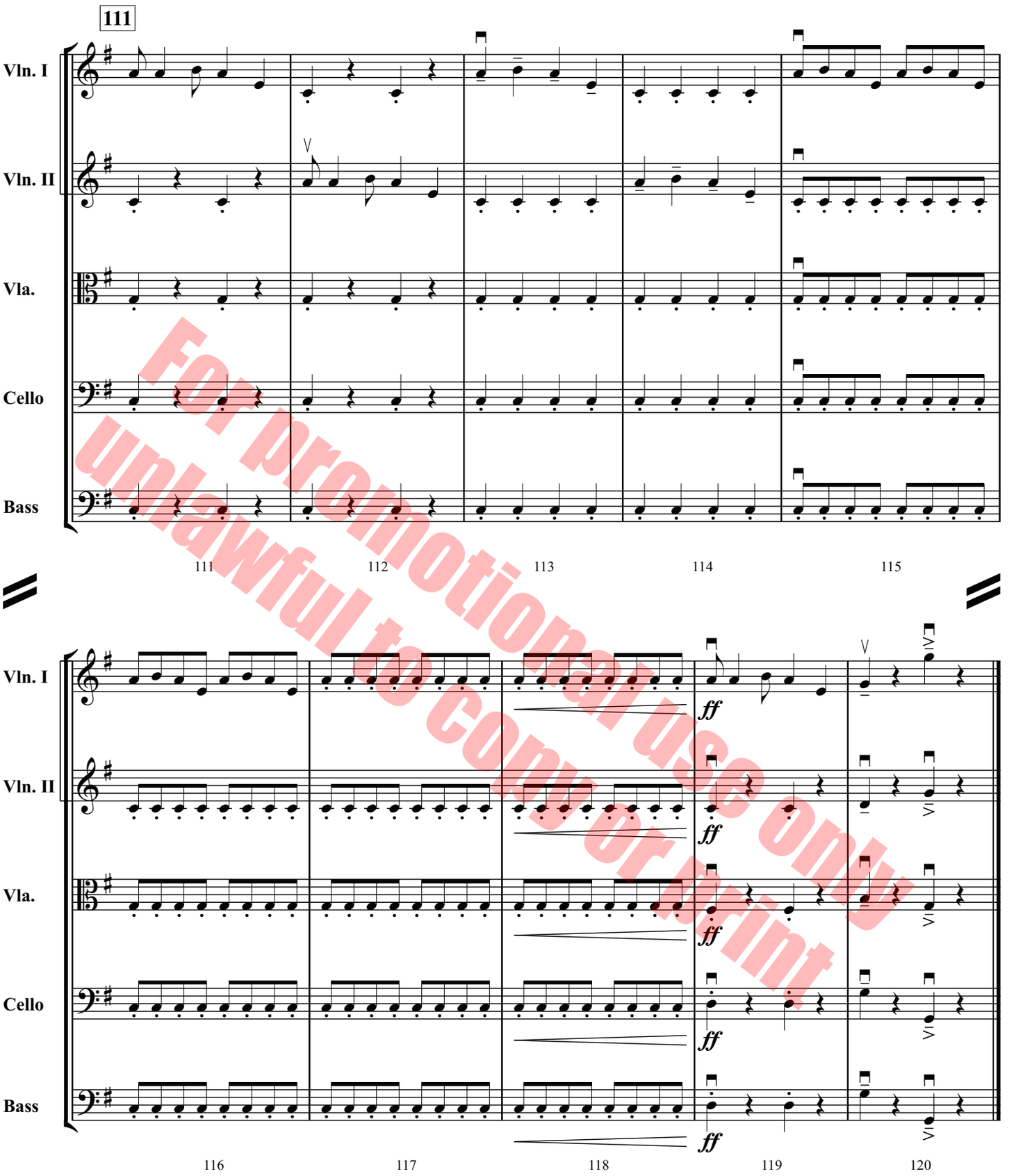


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