Grade 2

Music for String Orchestra

Echoes of Bravery

Lucas Shogren

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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

Echoes of Bravery is an inspiring piece in E minor that captures the courage and strength needed to face challenges with confidence. With bold melodies and dynamic contrasts, *Echoes of Bravery* is a perfect concert closer that will energize your students and captivate your audience. The unique secondary theme, starting on beat two, provides a rewarding rhythmic challenge for young musicians. This piece is sure to excite beginning orchestras and leave a lasting impression that will resonate with your students throughout their orchestra careers.

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About the Composer

Lucas Shogren is a multifaceted musician whose style and energy has been sought after across the United States. He is currently the Orchestra Director at Mounds View High School in Arden Hills, Minnesota, where he teaches over 250 students in 6 different ensembles.

In 2022, he was appointed as the conductor for the Repertory Orchestra with Minnesota Youth Symphonies. Shogren has been a guest clinician and conductor for several national and state level festivals and conferences. In 2019, he was the recipient of *The Master Teacher: School Orchestra Award* from the Minnesota String & Orchestra Teachers Association.

As a composer, Shogren has been commissioned to compose music for various ensembles. He is also the executive producer for Good Courage Music Productions where he currently composes and produces material used in television and film. His music has been published with Wingert-Jones Publications, Carl Fischer Music, and In the Groove Music.

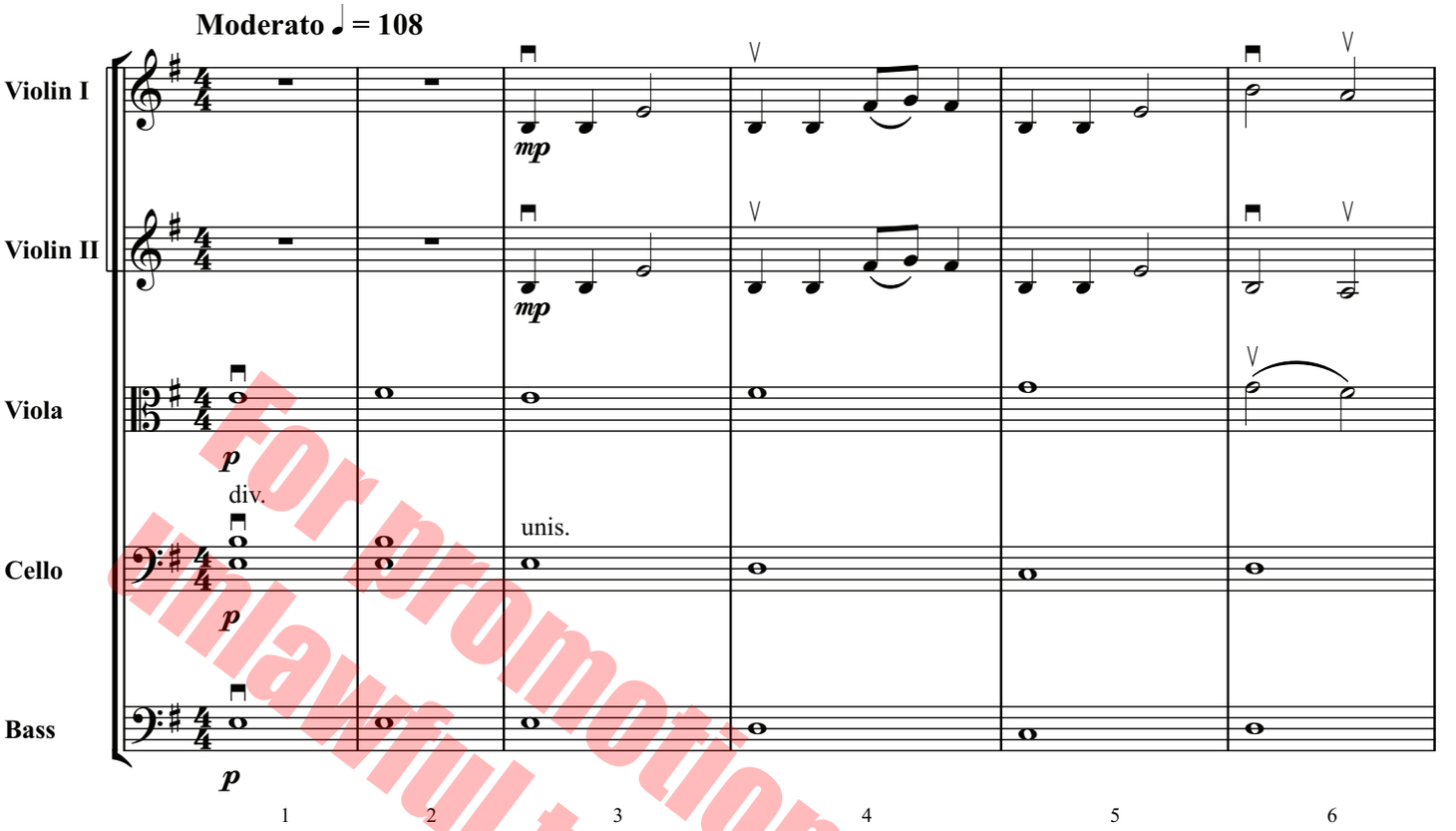
Shogren is the cellist and co-composer for the original trio *Clocks & Clouds*. This group has fused classical and rock styles together to create an exciting performance that has inspired audiences across the country.
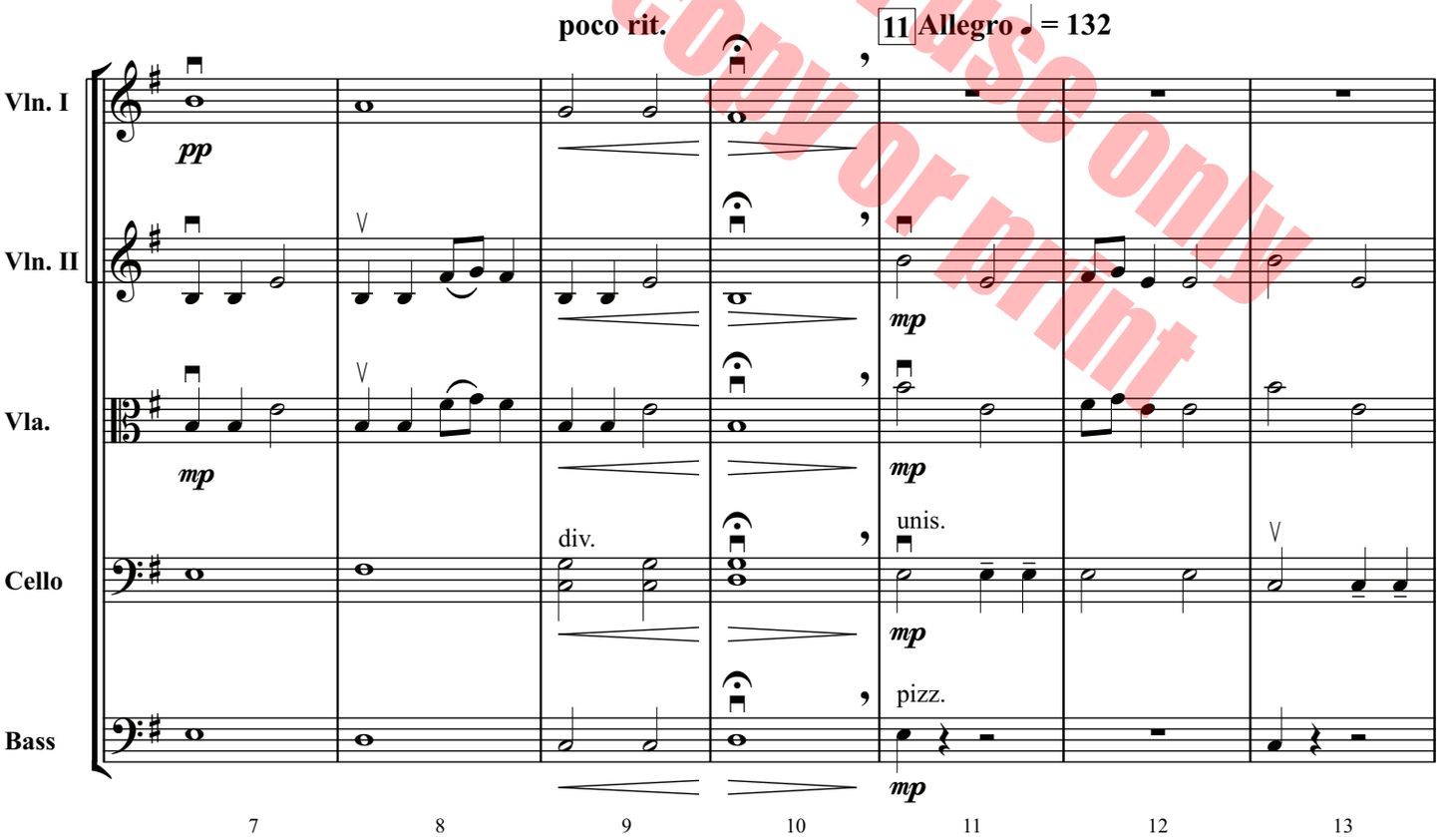
Mr. Shogren received a Bachelor of Music in Cello Performance degree and a Bachelor of Music in Music Education degree from the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities and a Master of Music - Conducting Specialization degree from Colorado State University.

Composed for the West Des Moines 6th Grade District Orchestra. Commissioned by the Valley Orchestra Guild and the West Des Moines Community Schools Elementary String Staff in Des Moines, Iowa.

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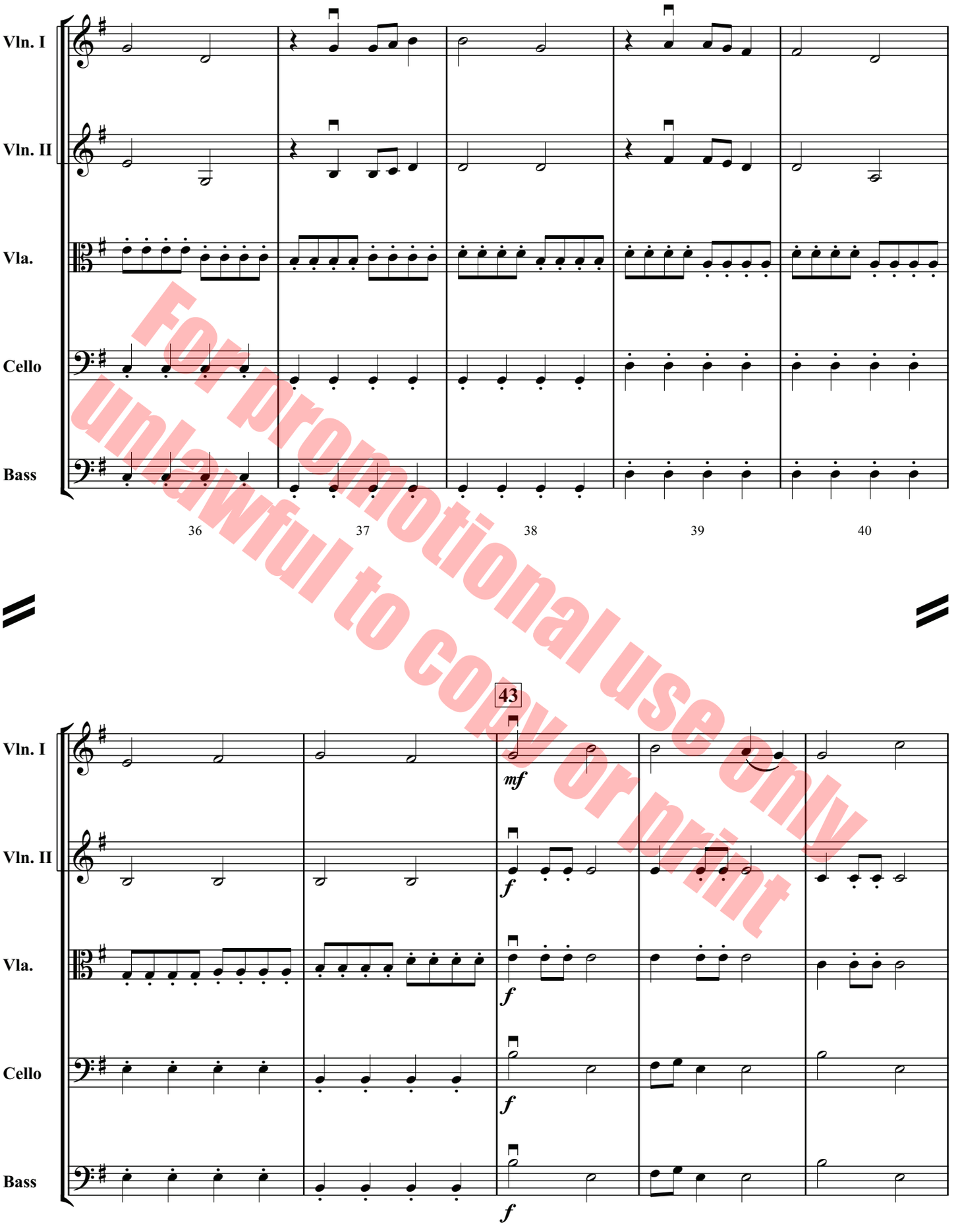




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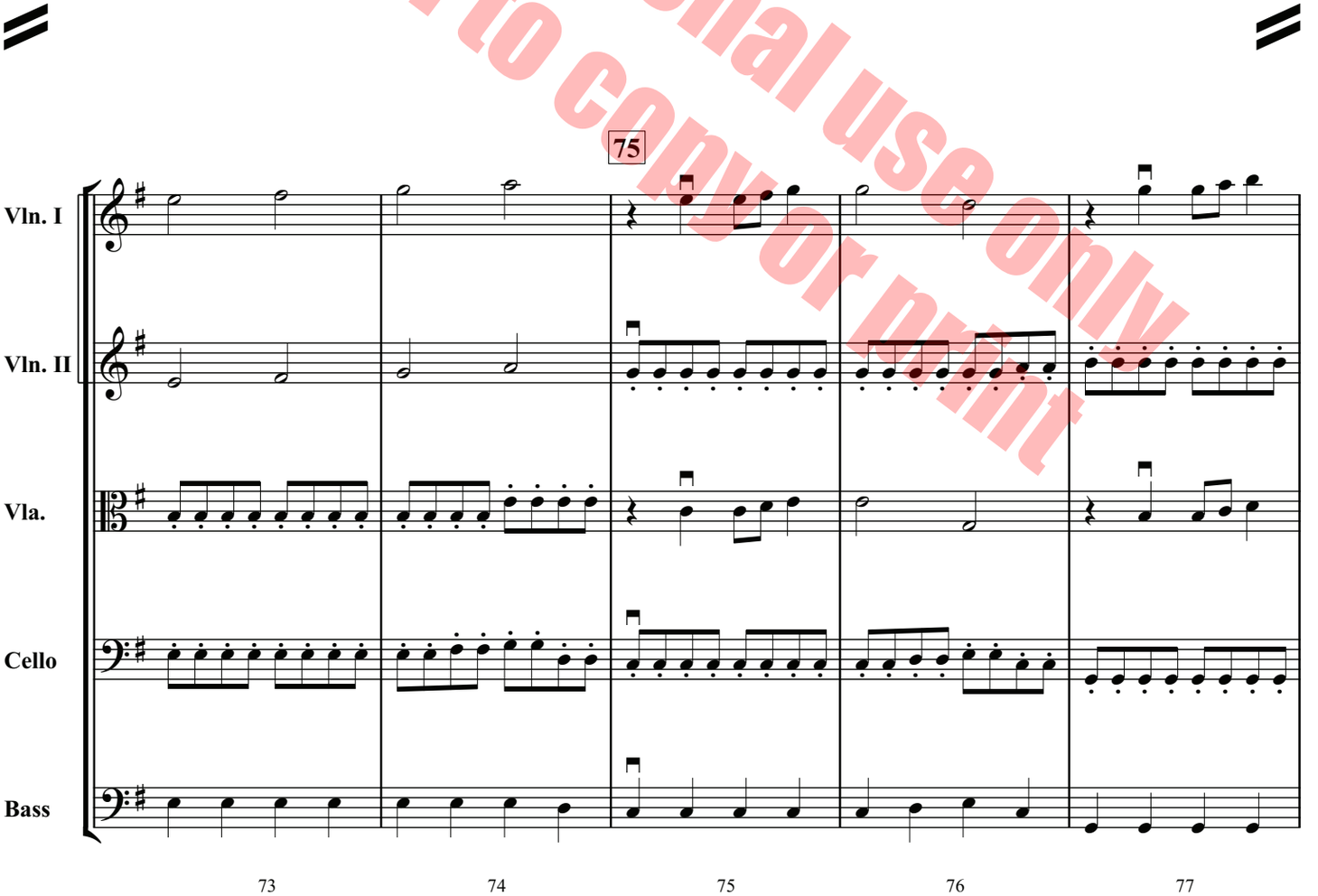


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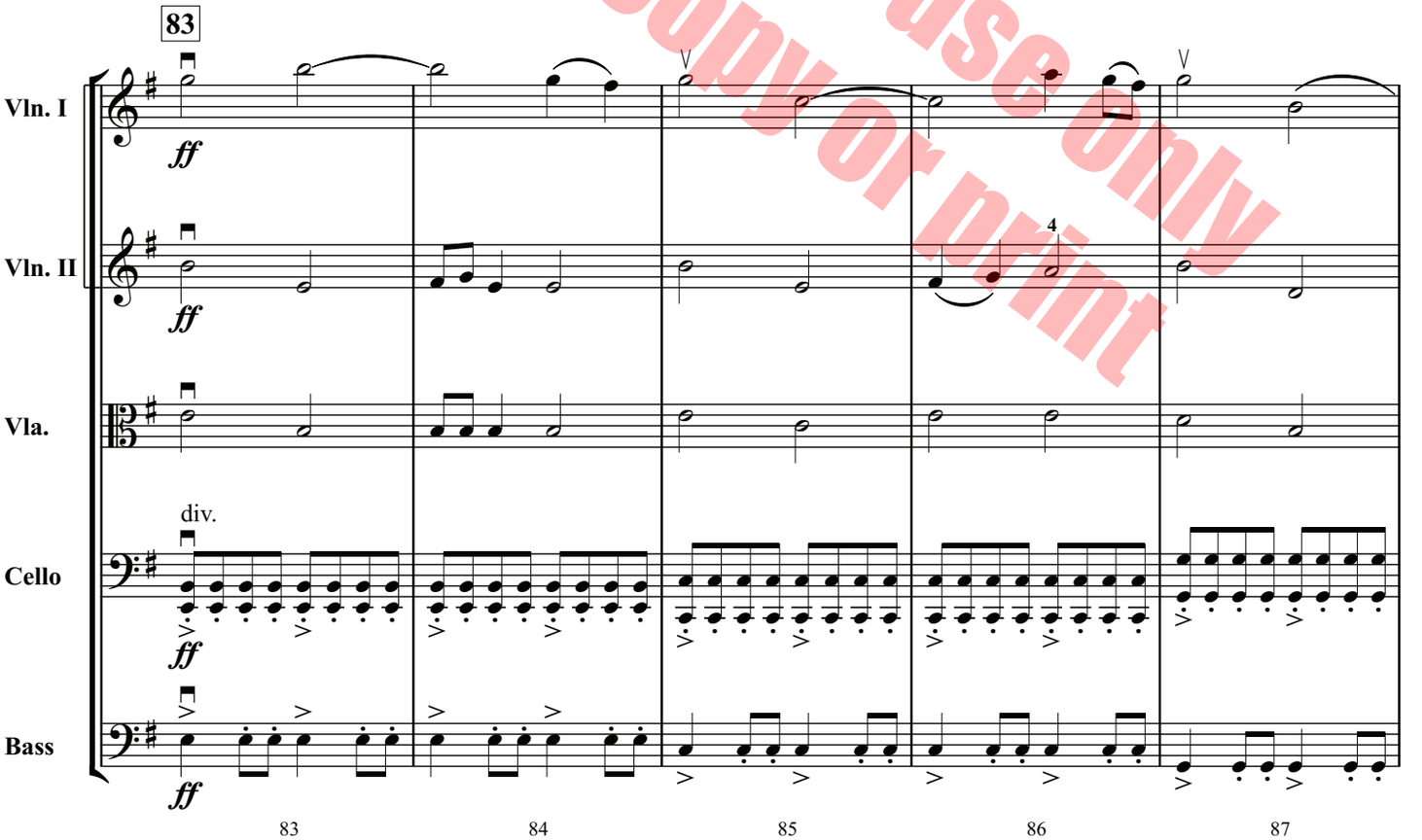




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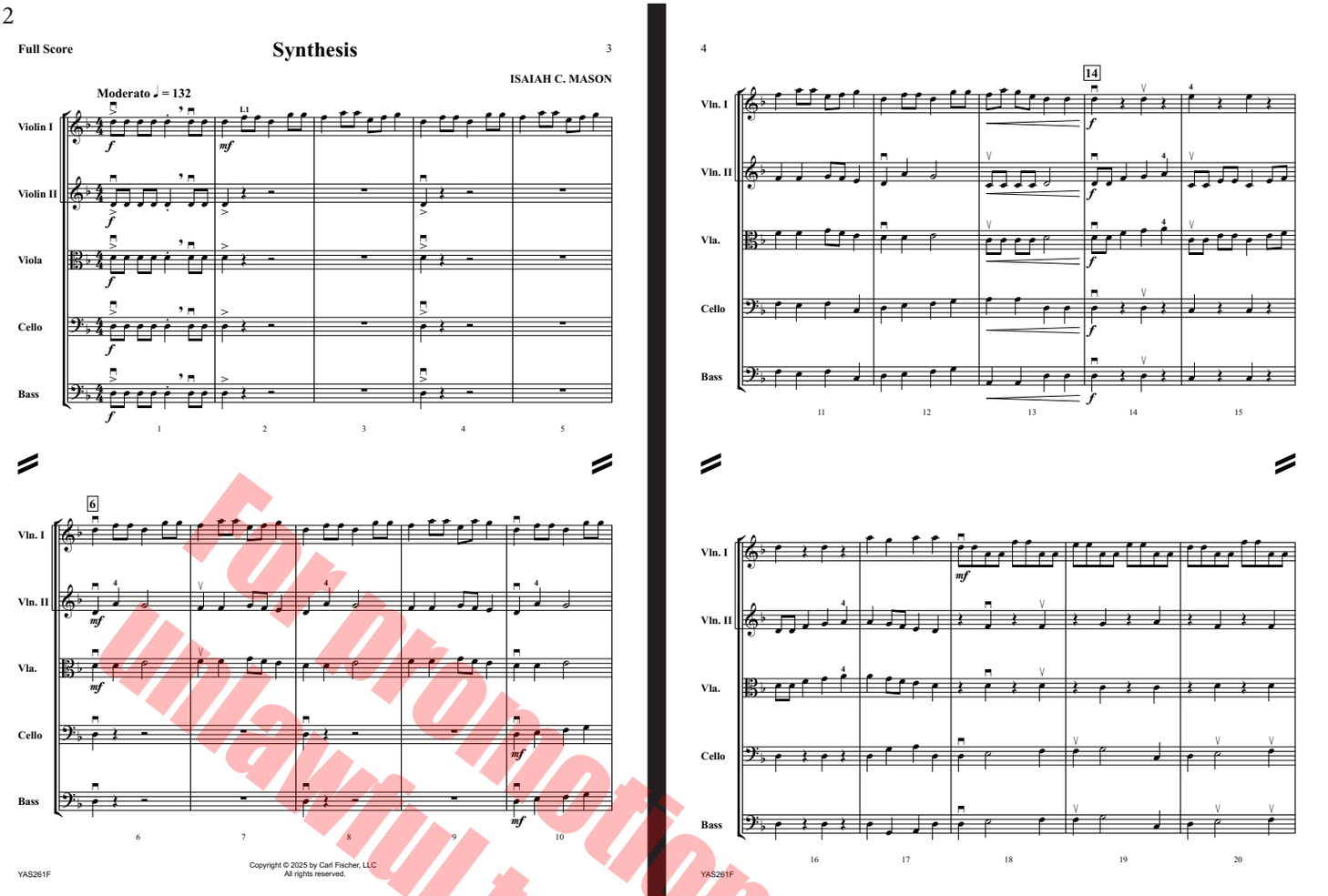




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