Grade 2

Music for String Orchestra

New Guardians

Doug Spata

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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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Notes

New Guardians is a bold overture in D minor, designed as a way for students to show off a variety of intermediate-level skills, such as backward extensions, simple syncopated rhythms, and a variety of articulations. Students will love the robust, heroic sound, the bold melodies and rhythmic accompaniments found in each section. A spirited addition to any program!

About the Composer

Though he is a clarinetist by training, Doug Spata's experience as an orchestra teacher has led him to compose primarily for strings. His unique musical style and attention to pedagogical needs has made his works favorites among teachers, students, and audiences and his award-winning music has been performed around the U.S. and the world. Besides music for student musicians, Mr. Spata has composed an opera, ballet scores, symphonies, and many other orchestral and chamber works for ensembles of all sizes.

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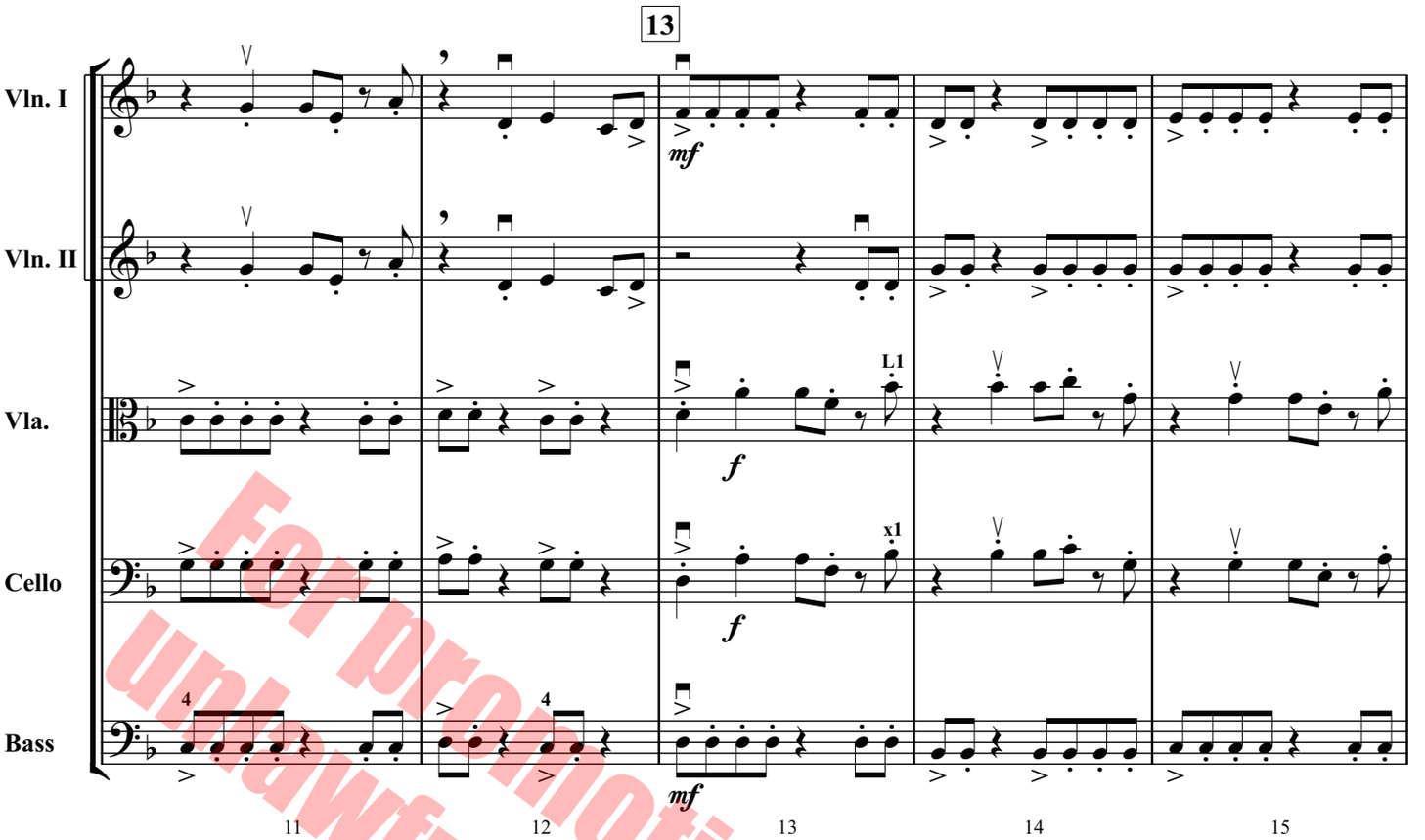
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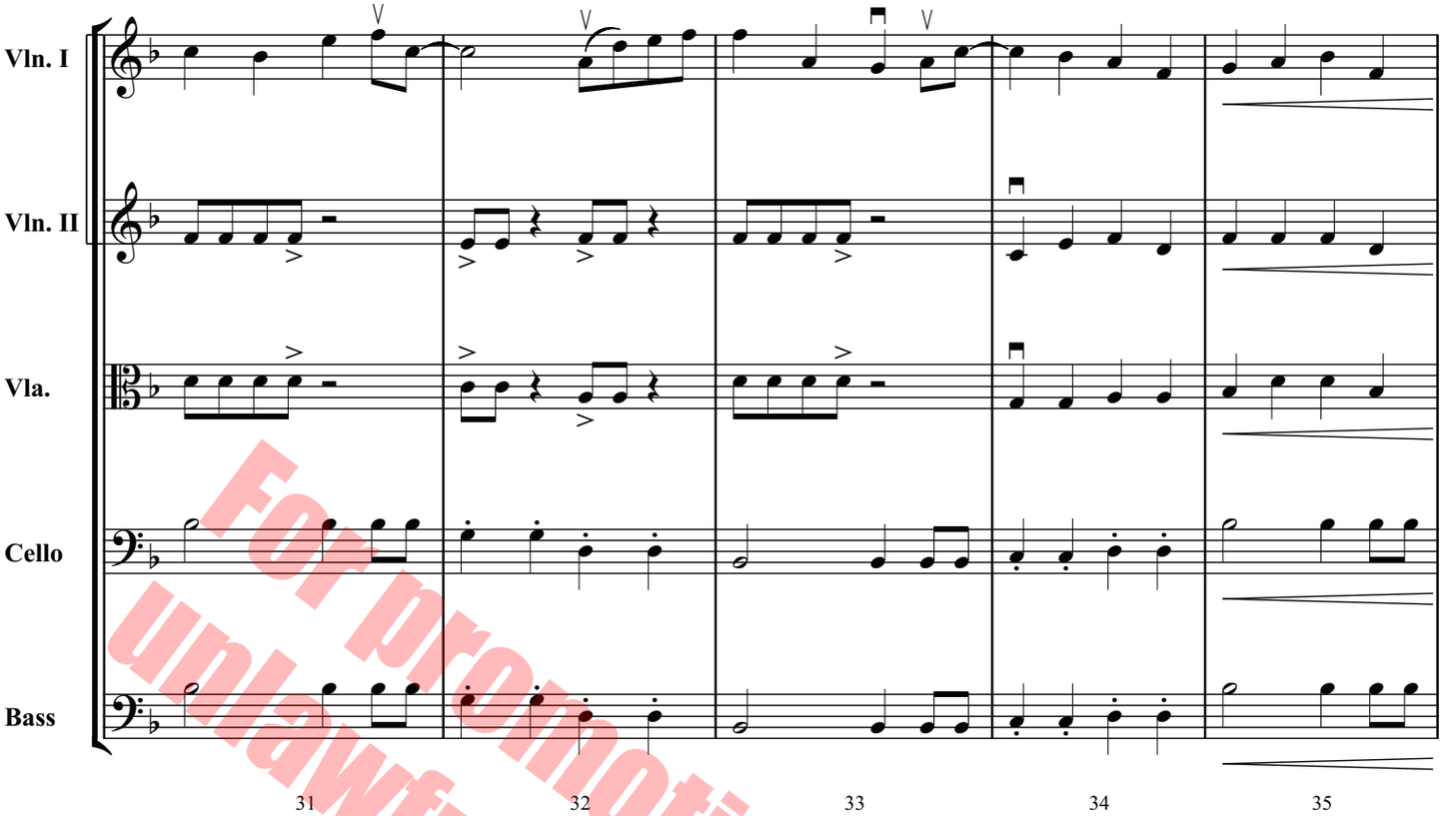


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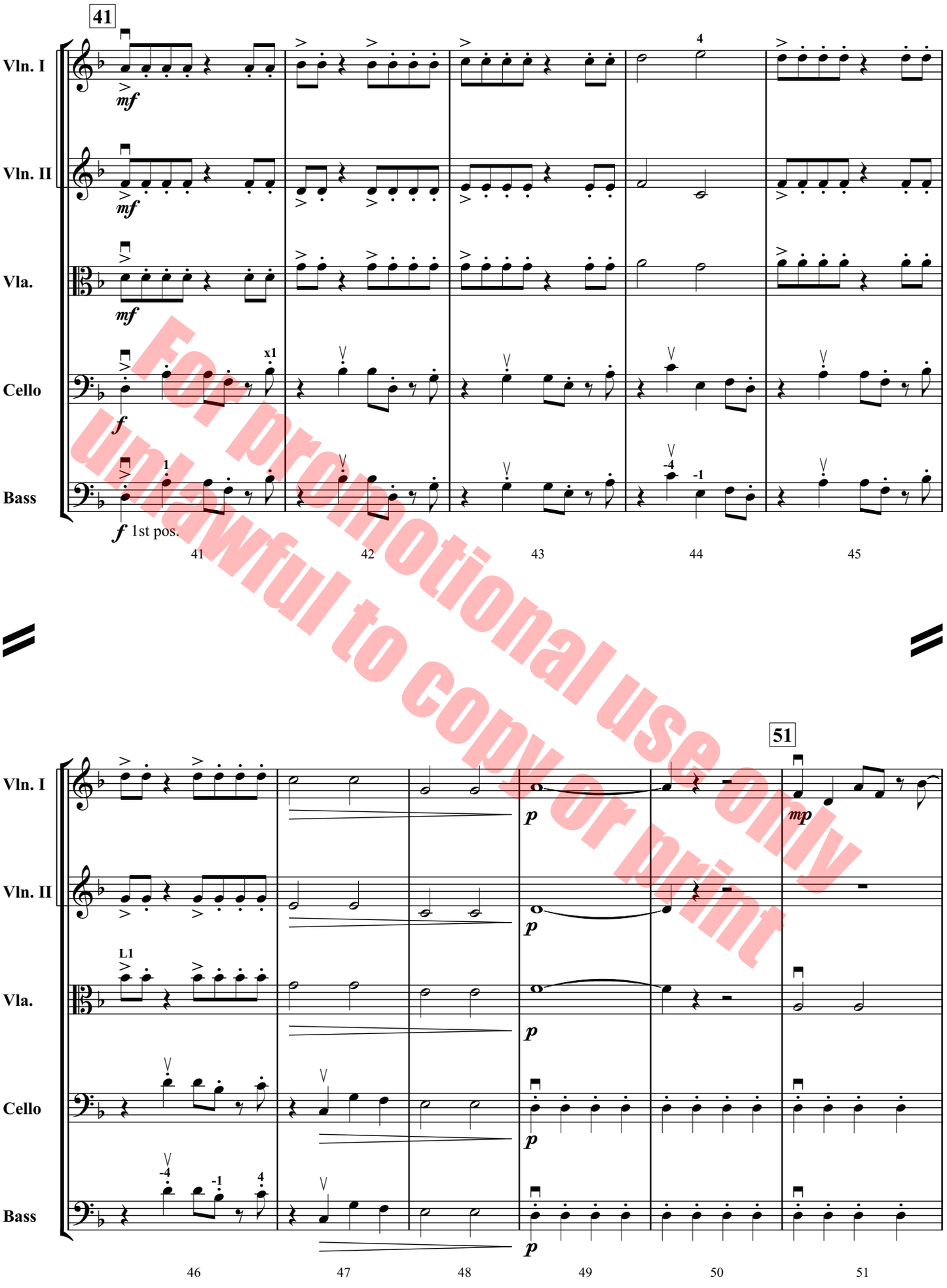




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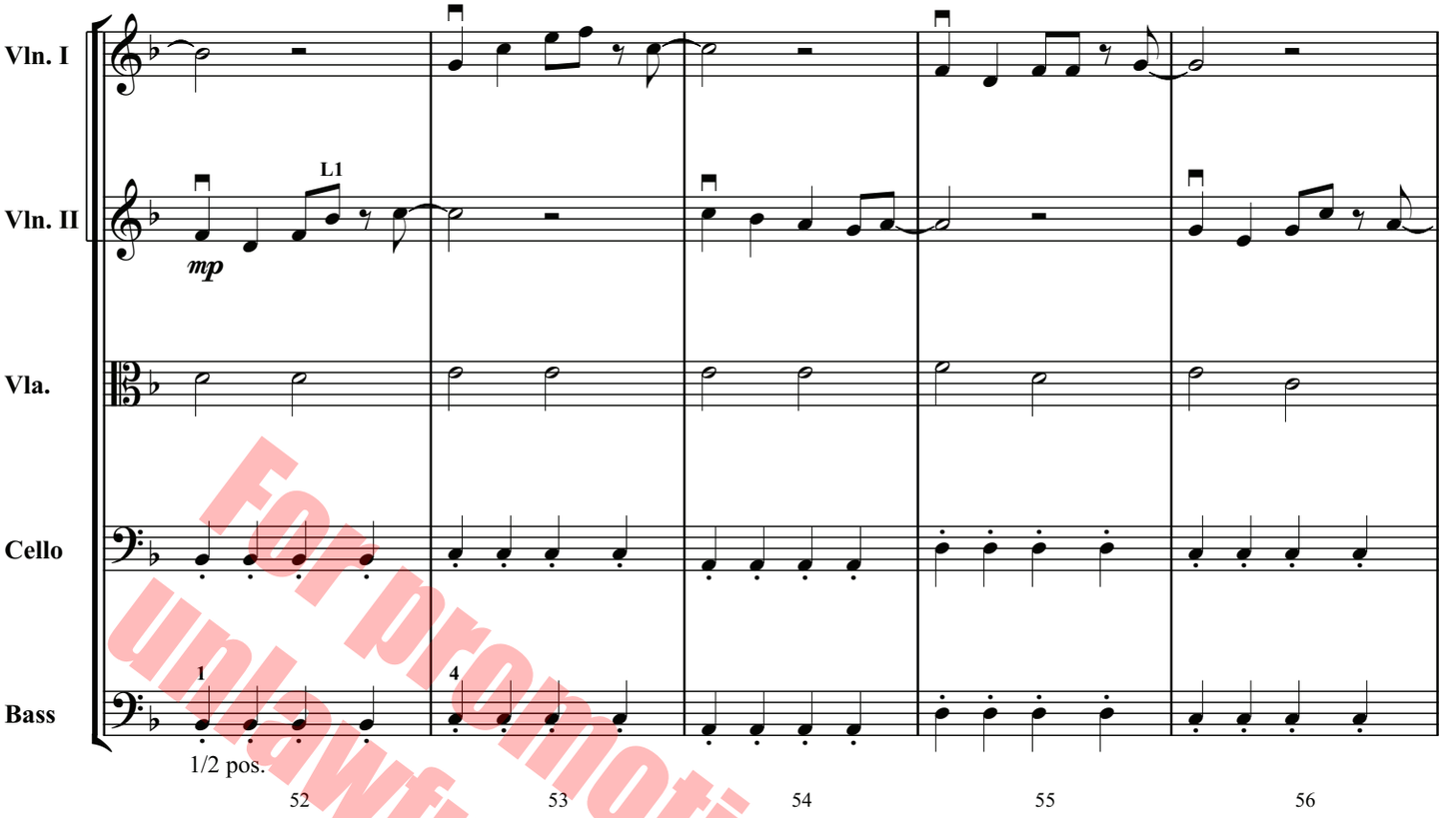




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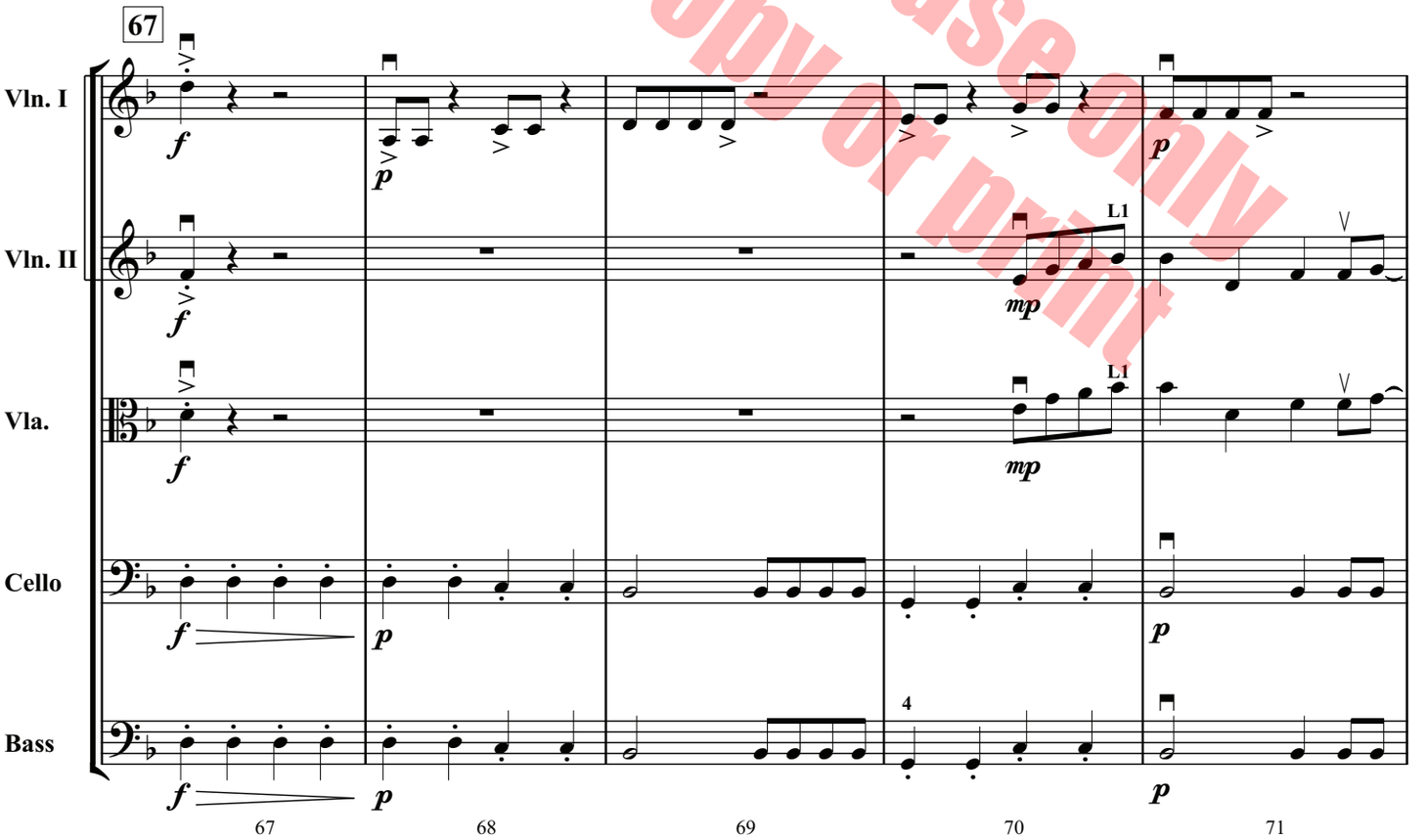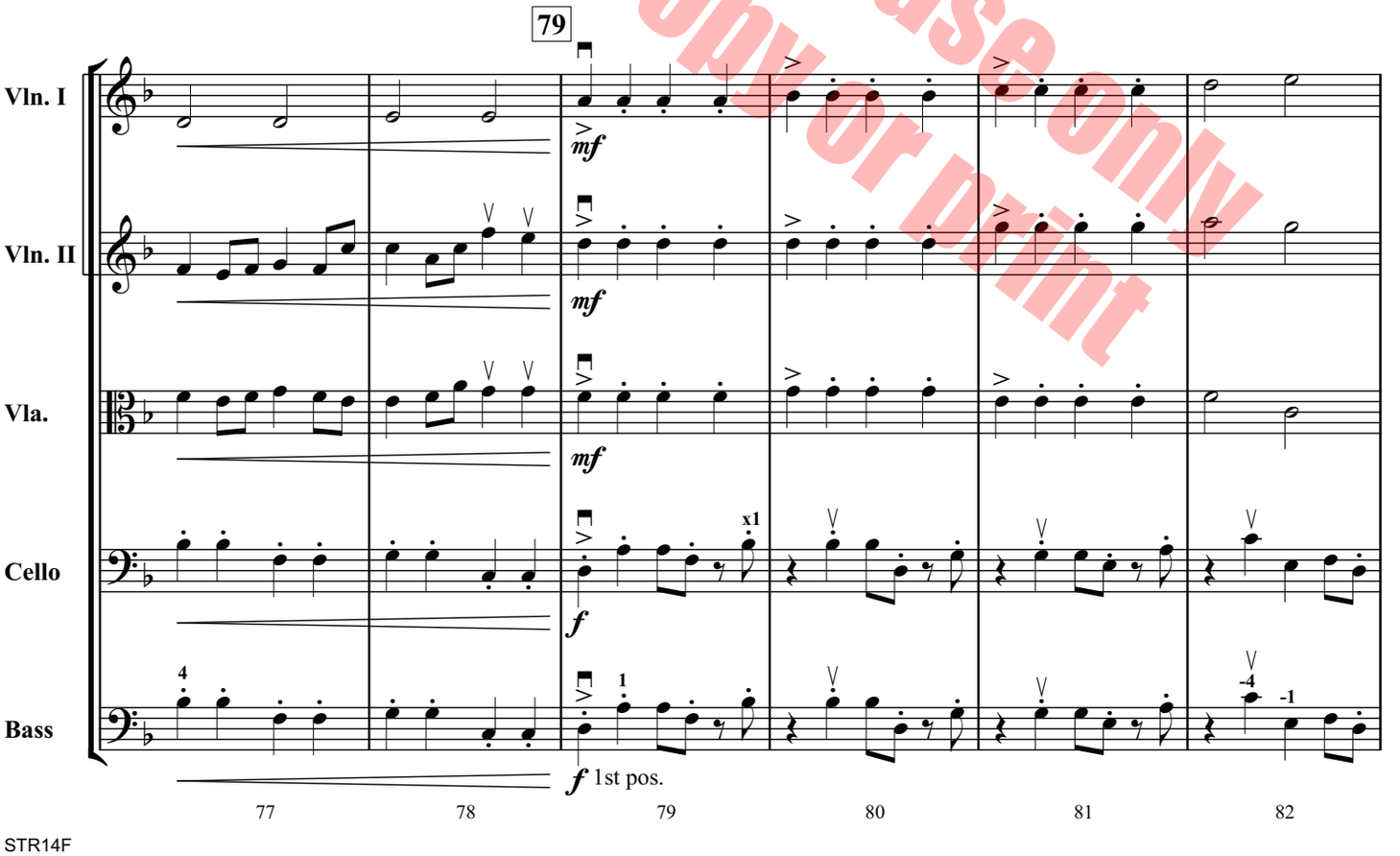




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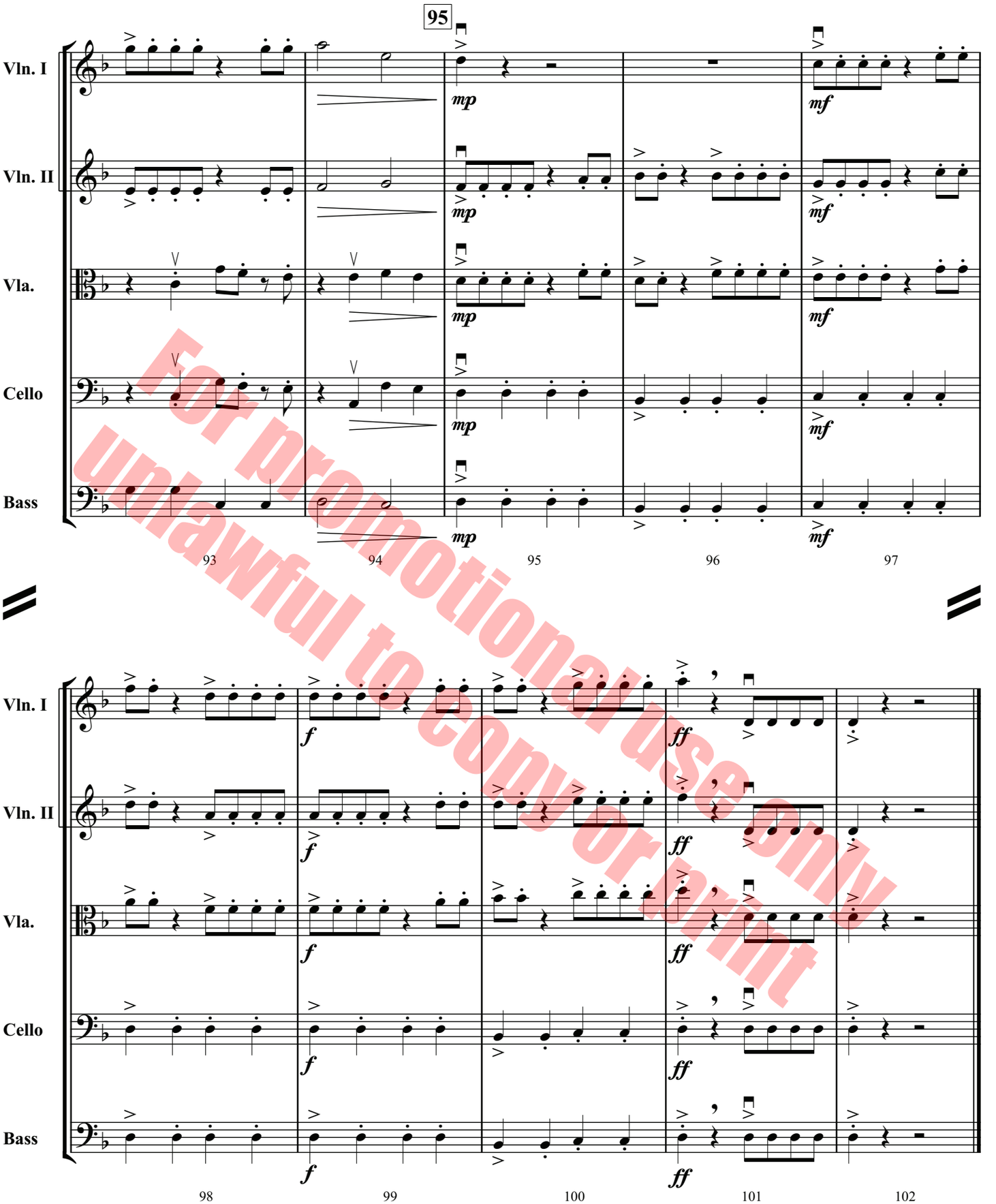






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