Grade Level: 3½

THE HIGHLAND/ETLING STRING ORCHESTRA SERIES

LONESTAR VARIATIONS

By Richard Meyer (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

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

Written in honor of the Texas Orchestra Directors Association 50th anniversary, *Lonestar Variations* is the perfect way to show off all facets of your orchestra's playing abilities. The five variations on the folk tune "Streets of Laredo" go through five different keys, five different time signatures, and five very distinct moods. Each section is featured in their own variation, followed by a virtuosic finale that is sure to stir up everyone in your audience. As educational as they come, this selection is a must for your next festival or contest!

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Notes to the Conductor

Lonestar Variations was written for the 50th anniversary of the Texas Orchestra Directors Association. The five variations on the folk tune "Streets of Laredo" go through five different keys, five different time signatures, and five very distinct moods. Each section is featured in their own variation, followed by a virtuosic finale.

A number of musical "nods" to the great state of Texas have been incorporated into the construction of the piece:

• The variations are built on the folksong "Streets of Laredo," which describes a cowboy in a Texan city.

• The "bridge" of the theme (m. 25–32) is original, and is derived from the scale tones La, Re, and Do (A, D, and C in the key of C Major).

In addition, these three notes are used in the Introduction (m. 2–3), as transition material (m. 219–224), and in the Finale (m. 251–256).

• The five decades of TODA are symbolized by the time signatures of the five variations: 1/4, 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, and 5/4.

• The keys of the variations are the musical abbreviations of the five largest cities in Texas:

Variation I: A Major, for Austin

Variation II: E mixolydian mode, for El Paso

Variation III: E♭ Major ("Es" in German), for San Antonio

Variation IV: B minor ("H" in German), for Houston

Variation V: D Major, for Dallas

• The tempo marking for each variation also begins with these letters.

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Lonestar Variations

CONDUCTOR SCORE
Duration - 7:15

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Allegro con brio (♩ = 116)

Violins I, II
Viola
Cello
String Bass

1 2 3

div.
rit.
7 **Theme**
Semplice (♩ = 126)

Vlns. I, II
Vla.
Cello
Str. Bass

4 5 6 7 8

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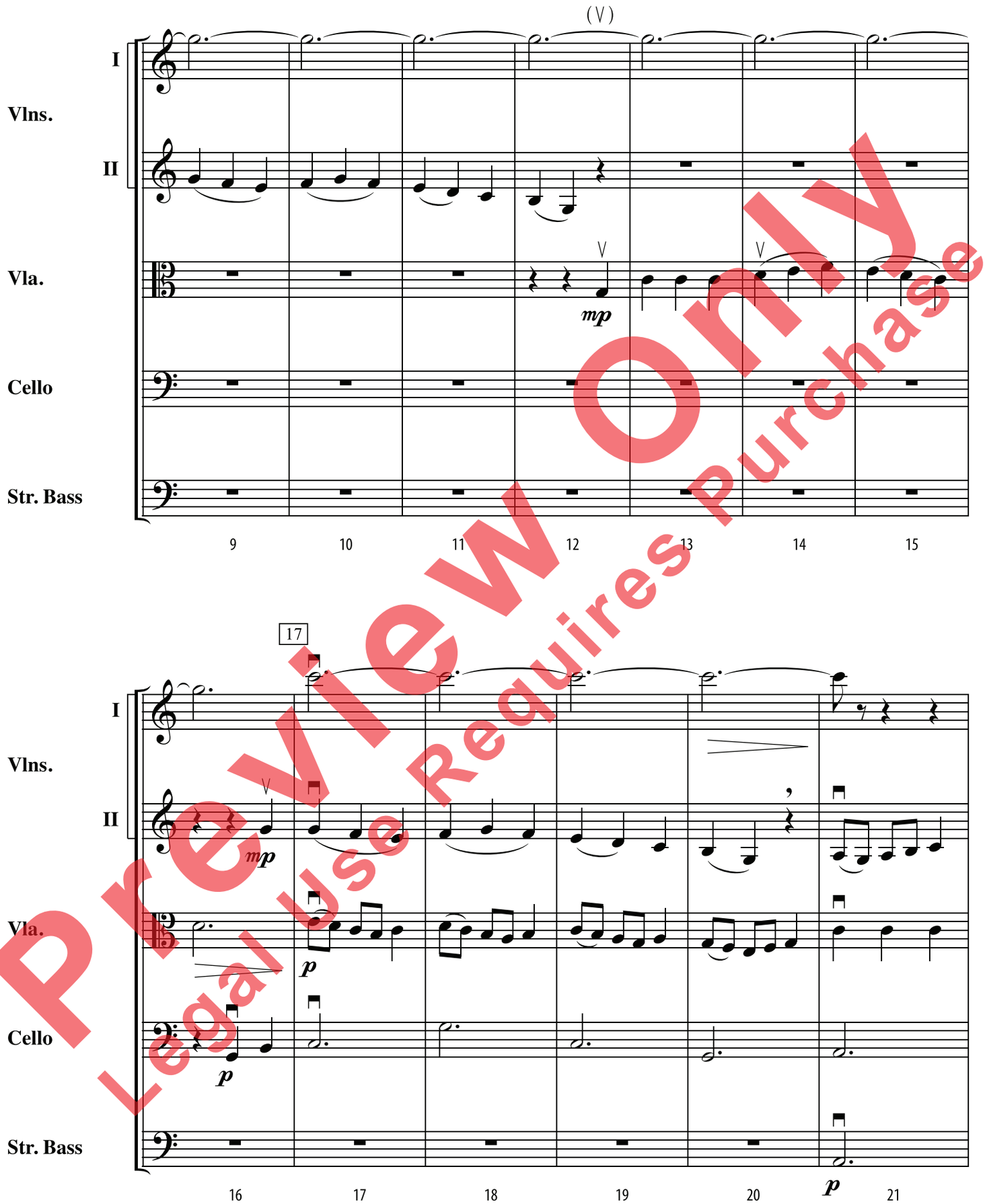

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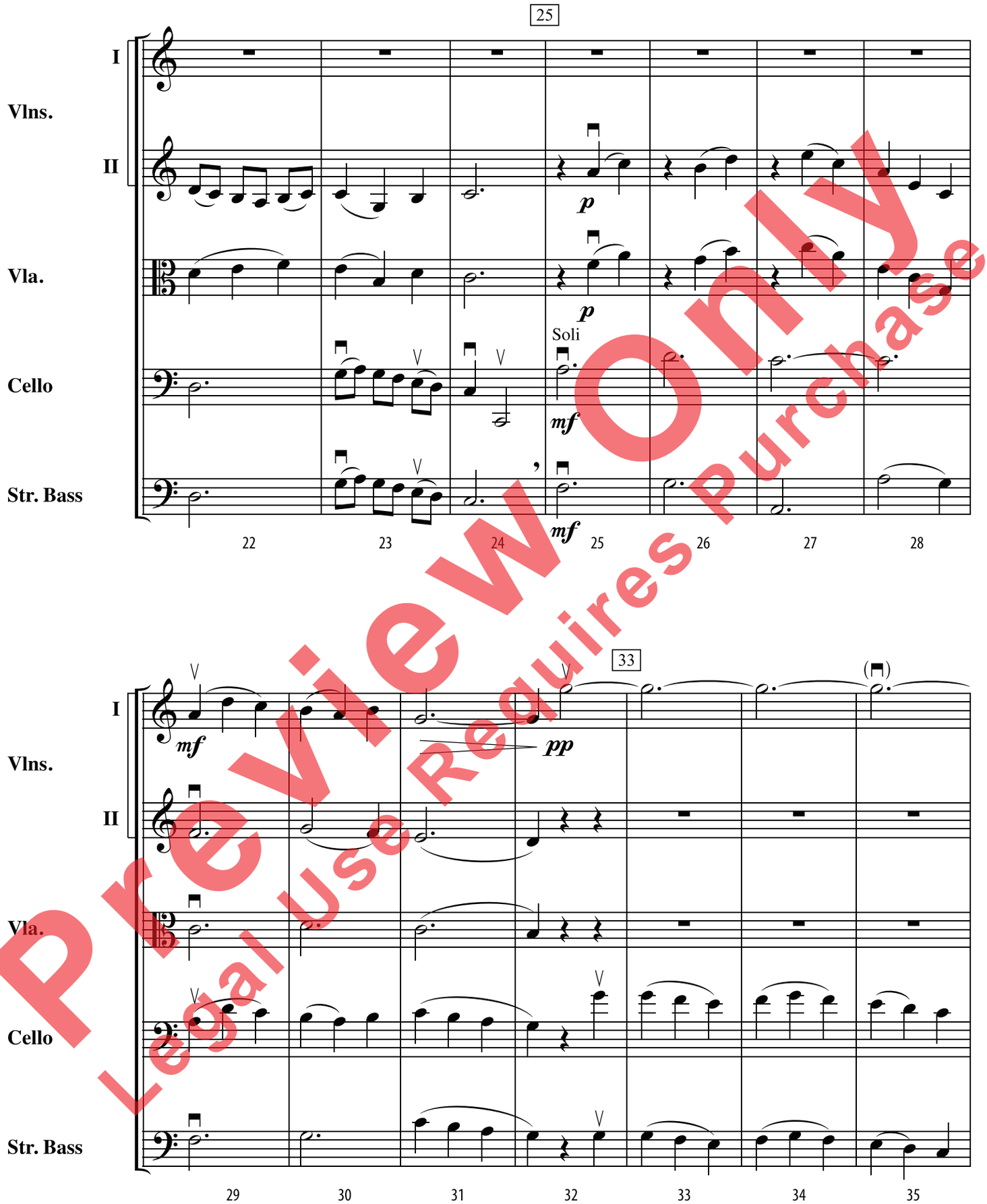

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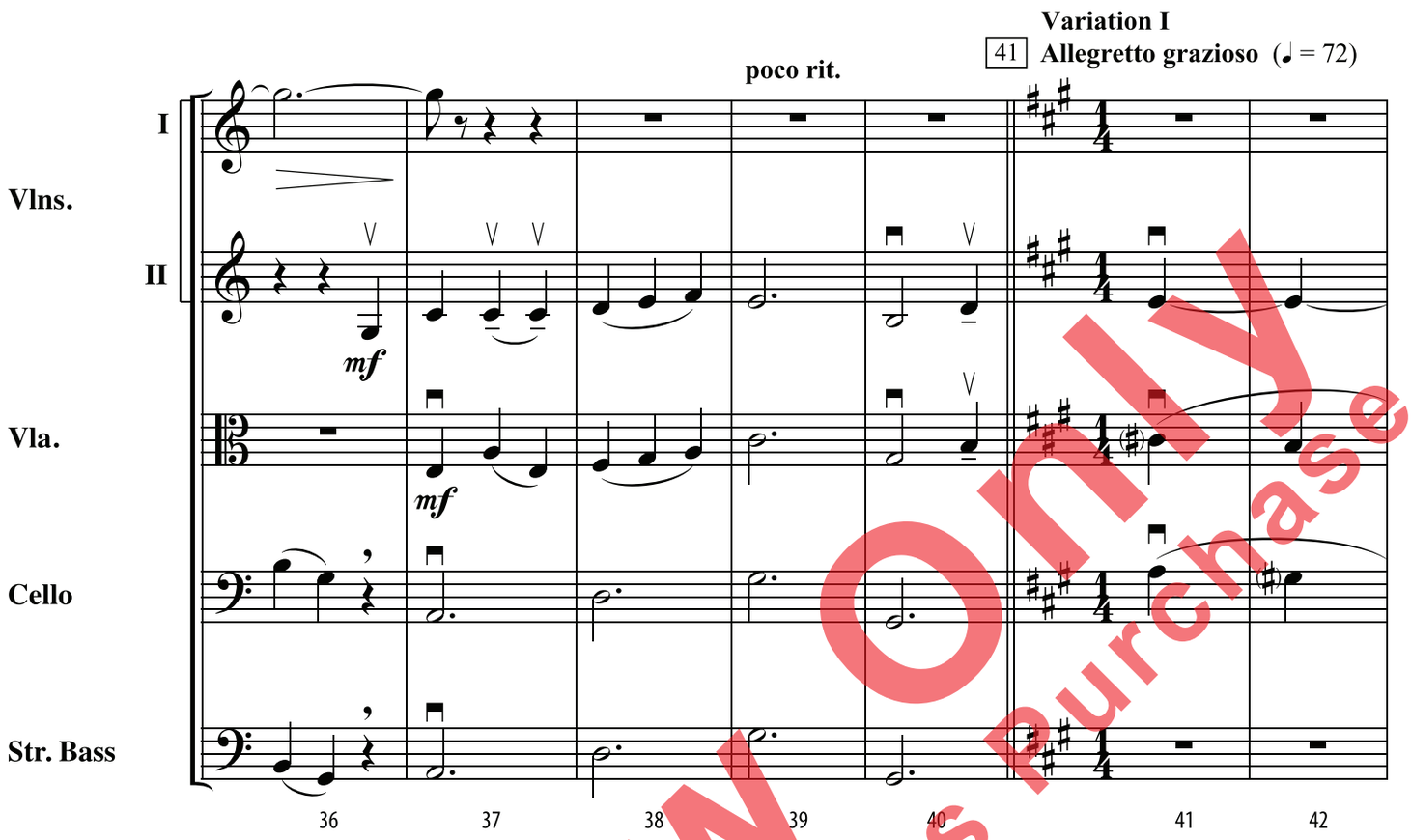

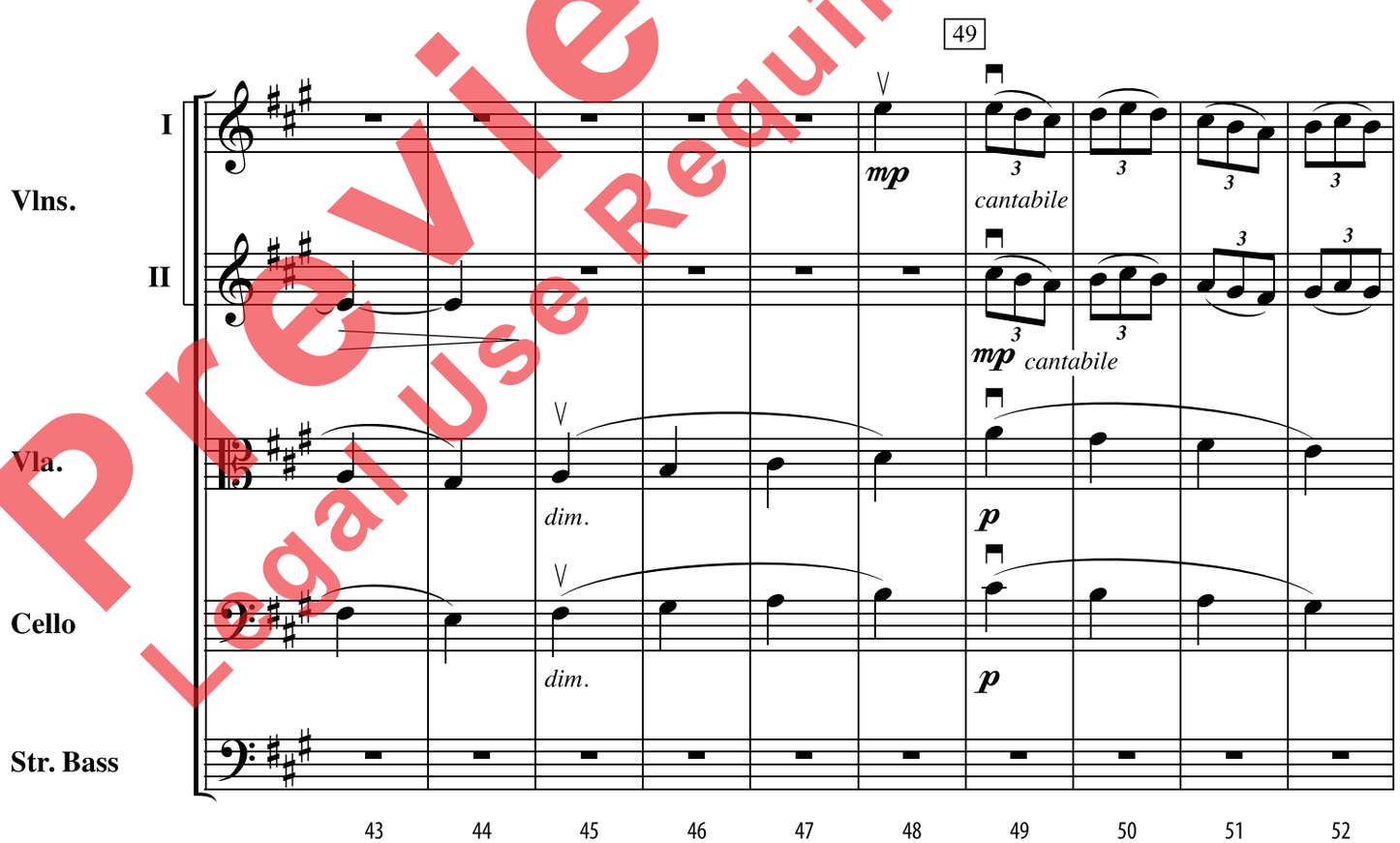

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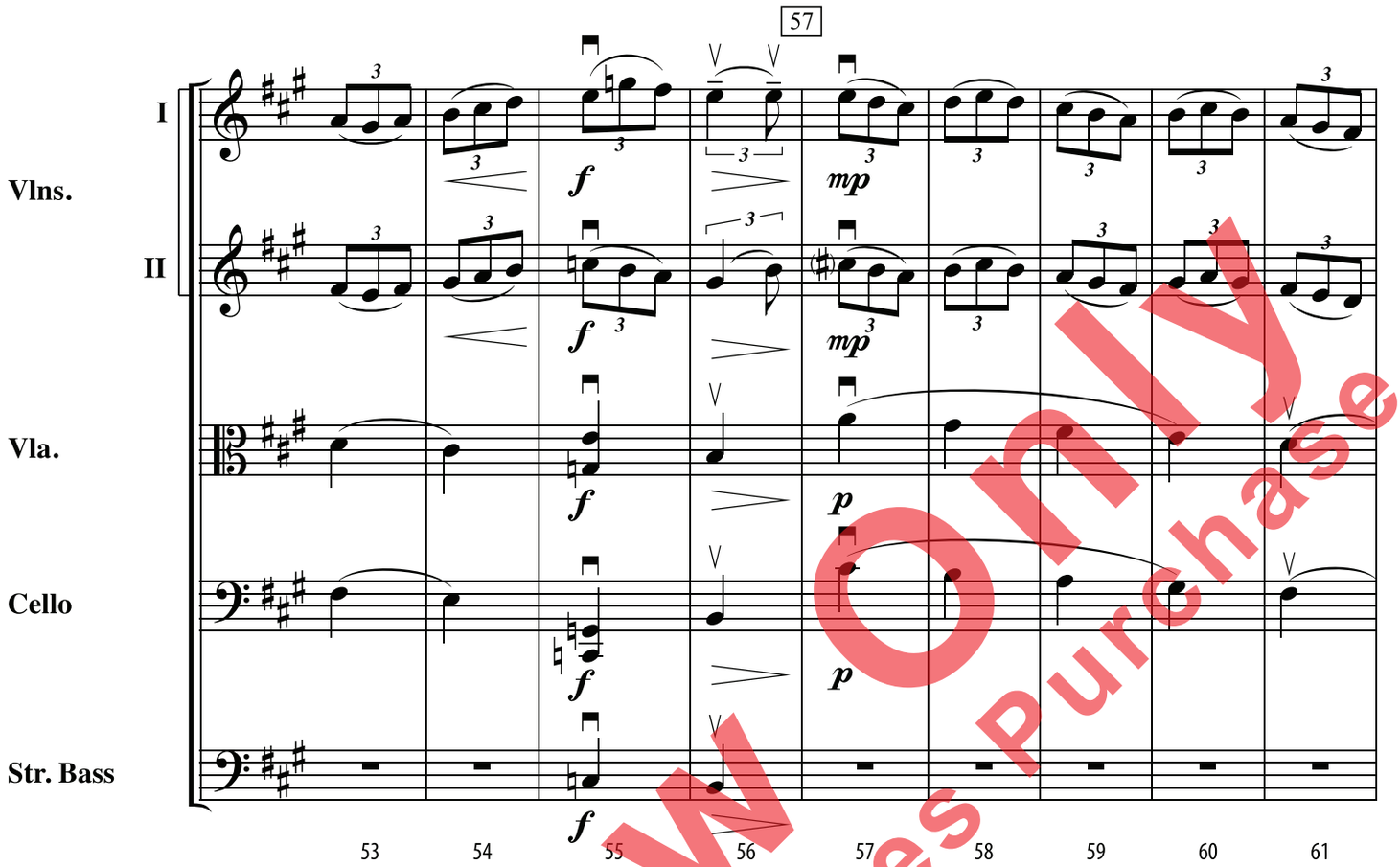

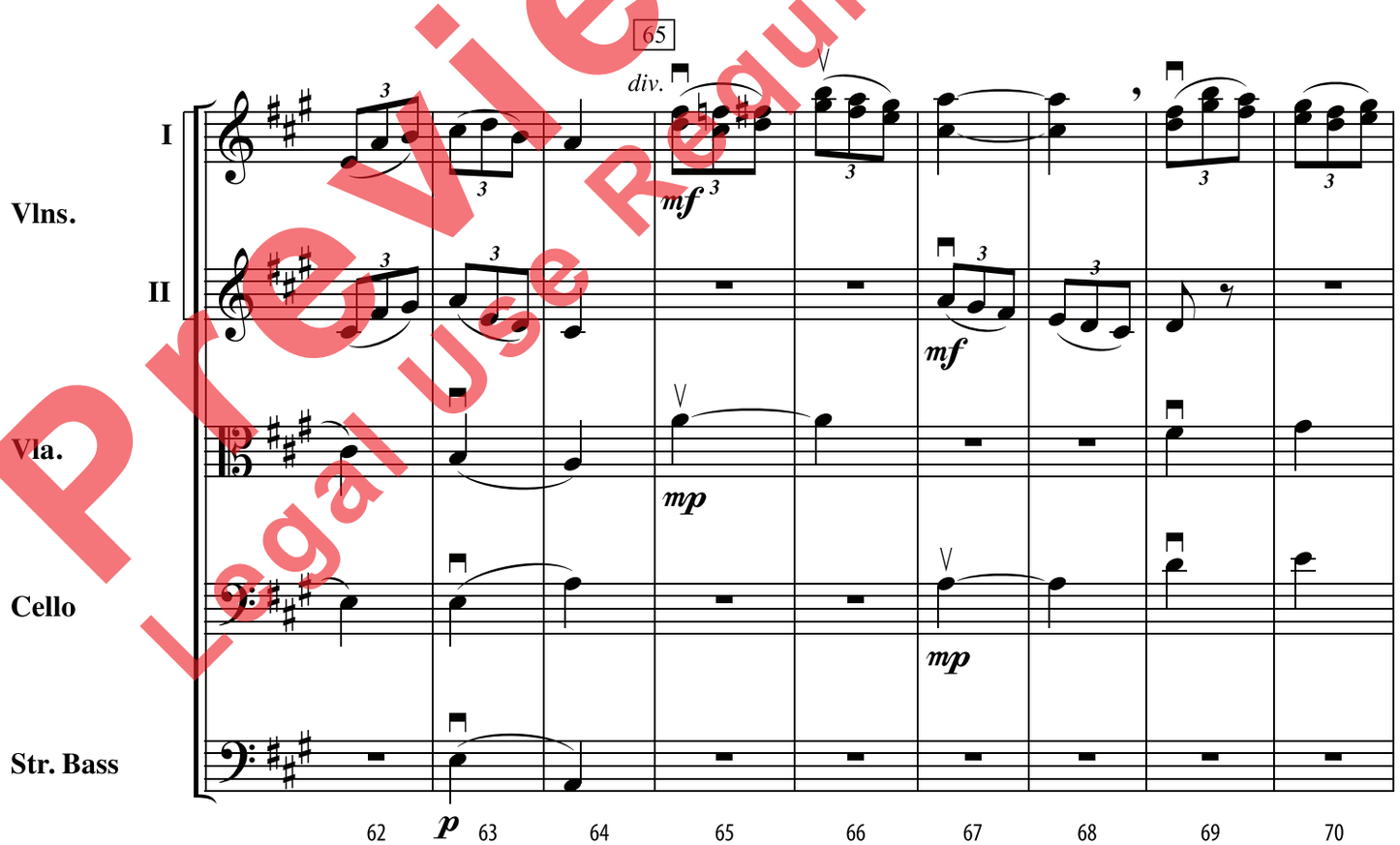

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Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

p

div.

p

mf

mf

pp

mf detached

pp

mf detached

pizz.

pp

71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78

poco rit.

84 A tempo

mp leggiero

mp leggiero

pizz.

mf

79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86

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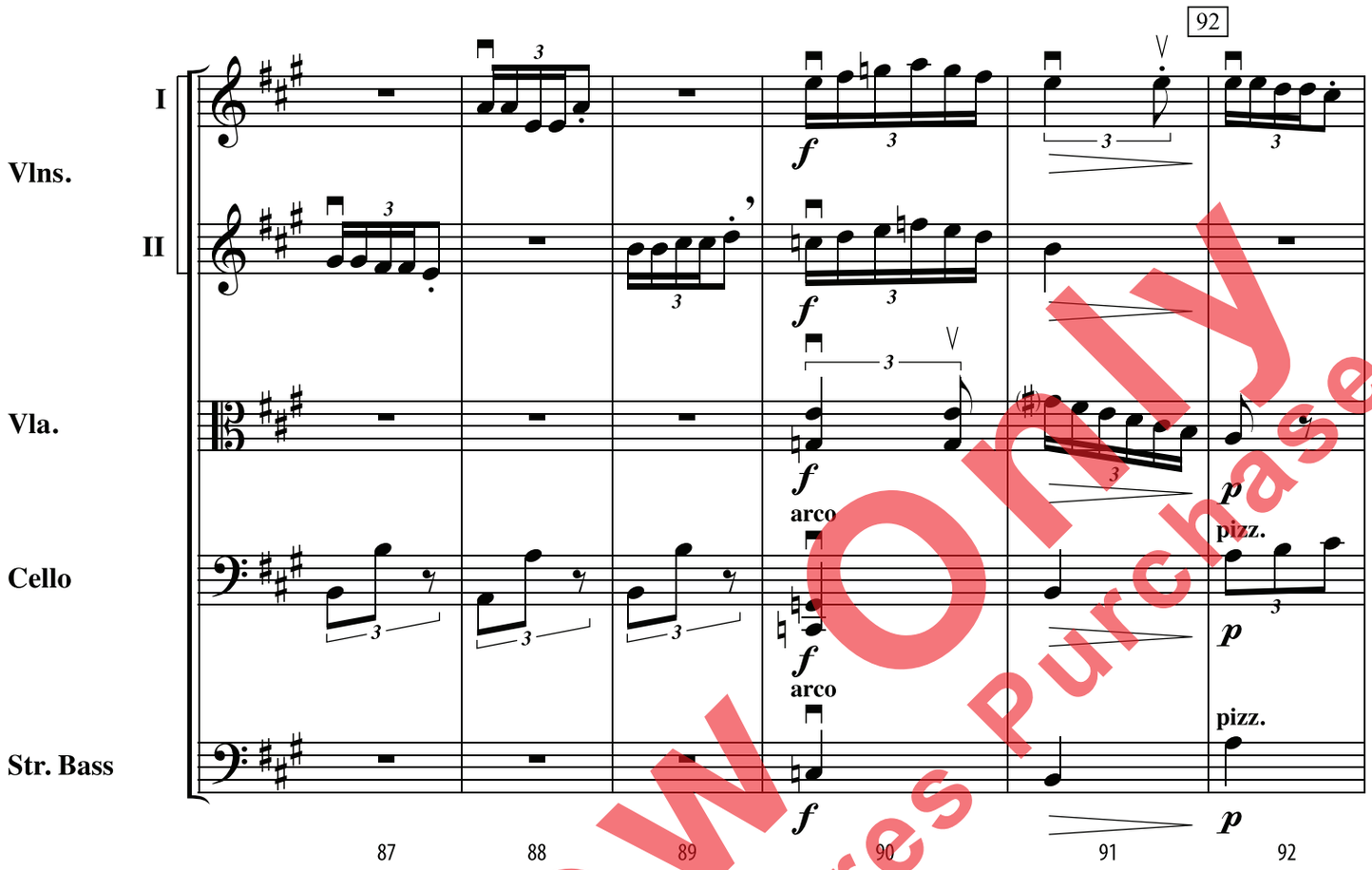

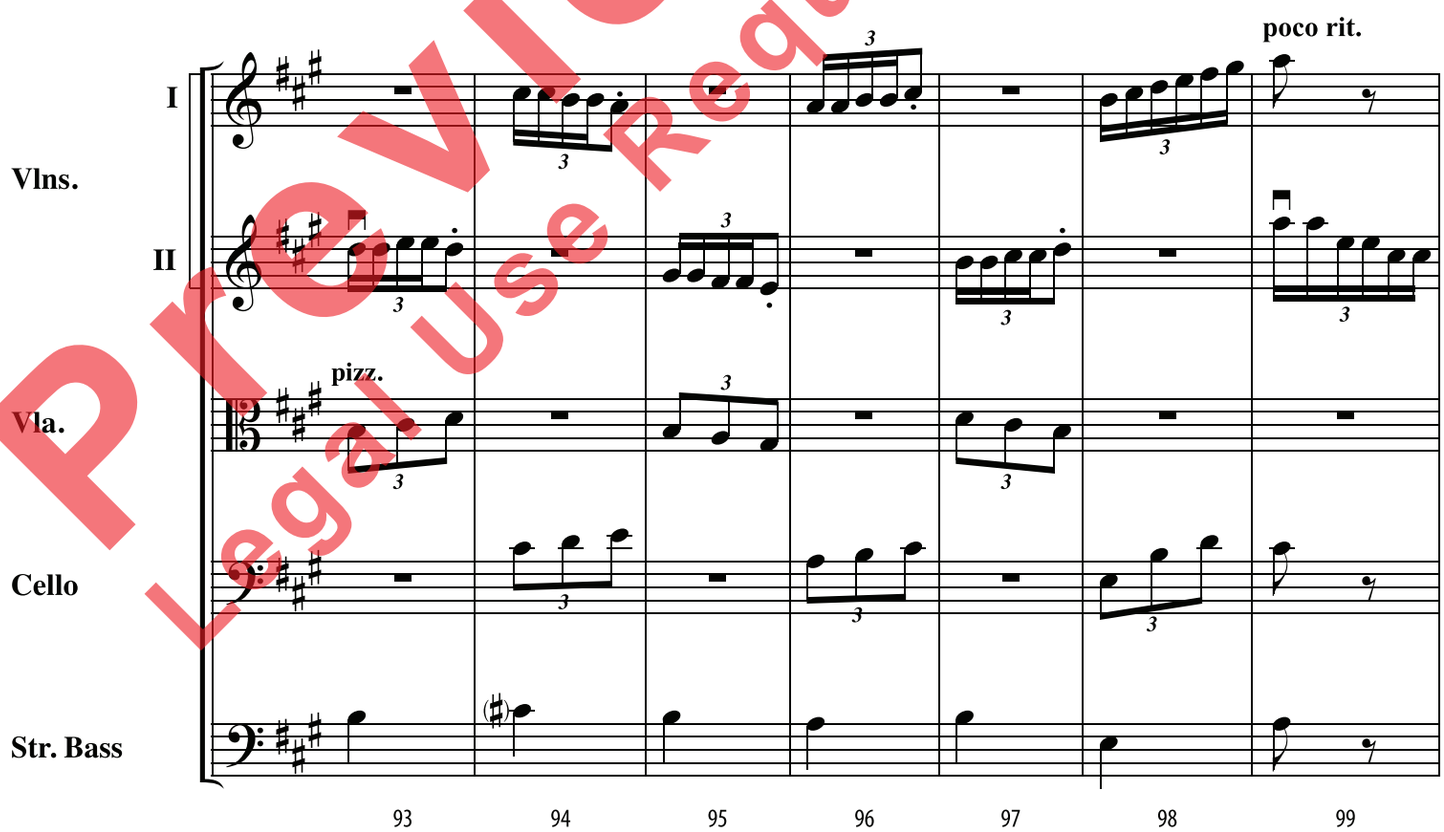

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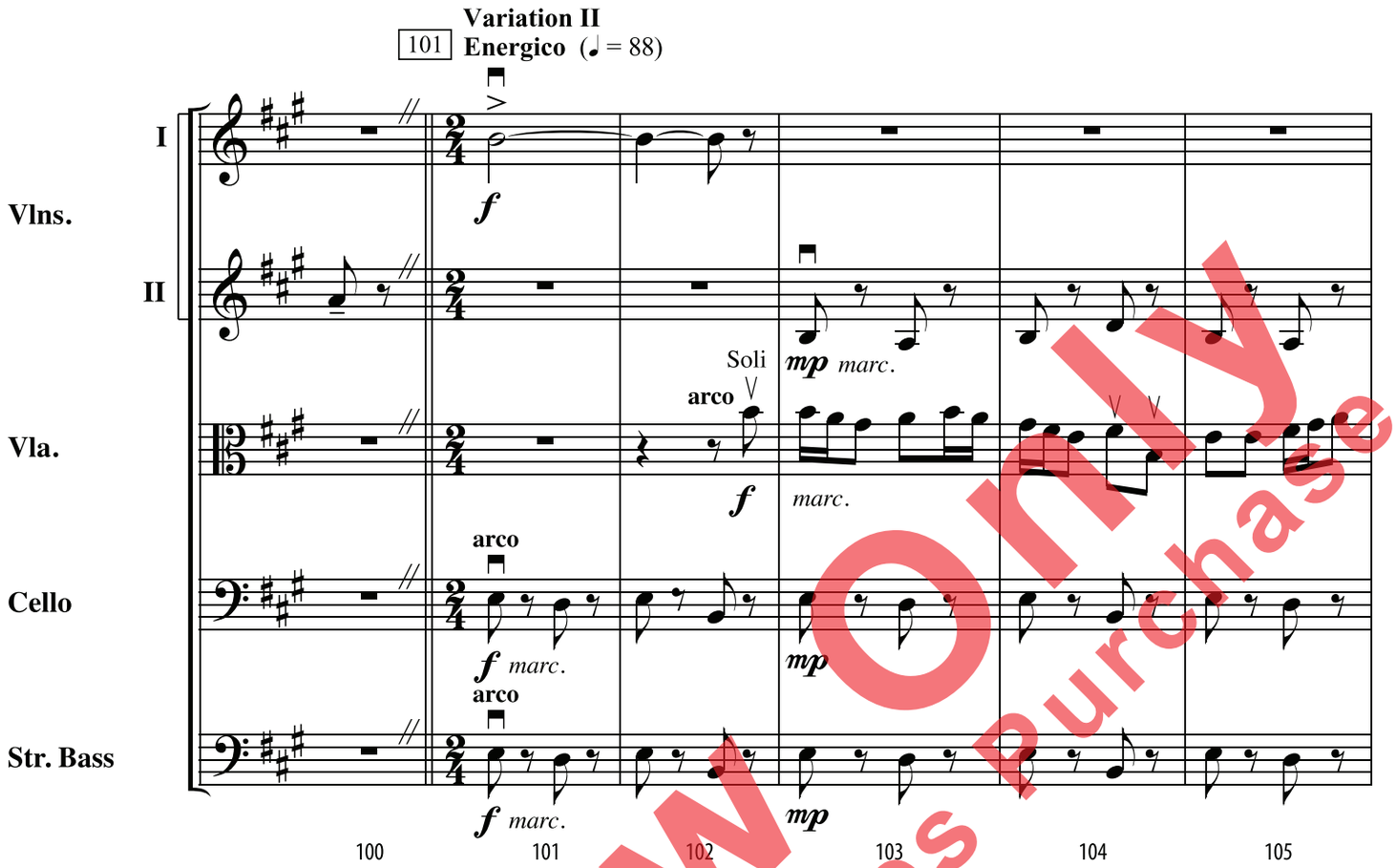

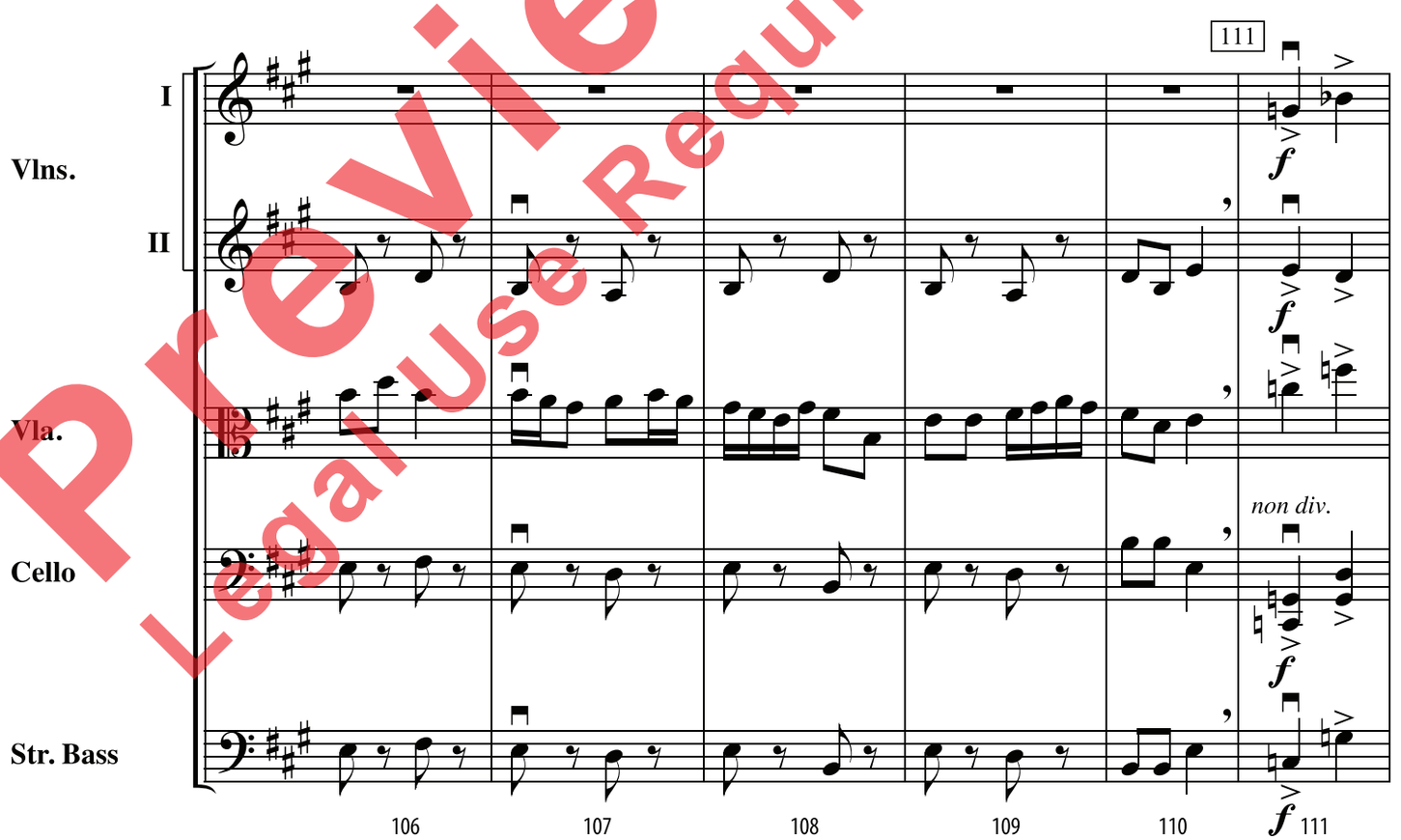

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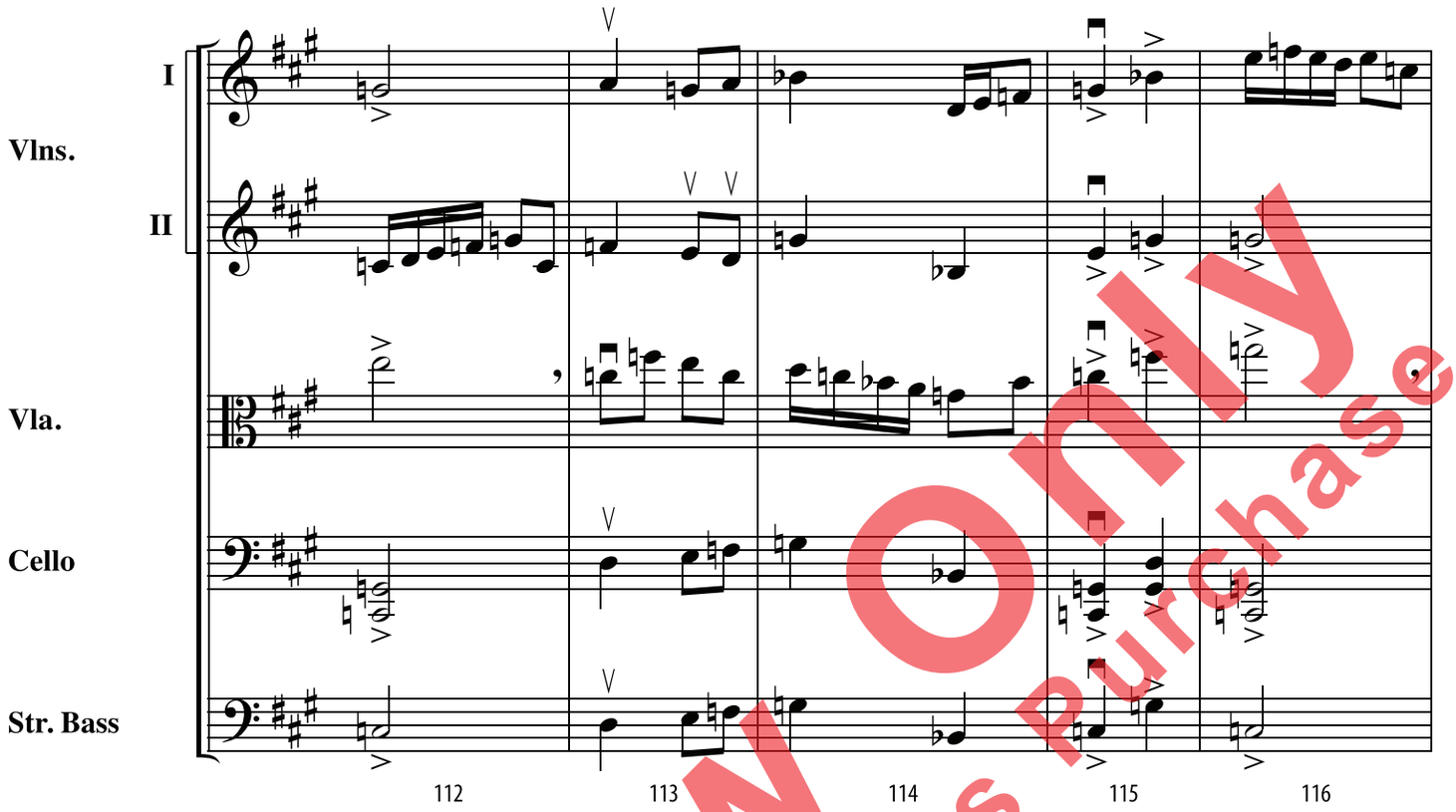

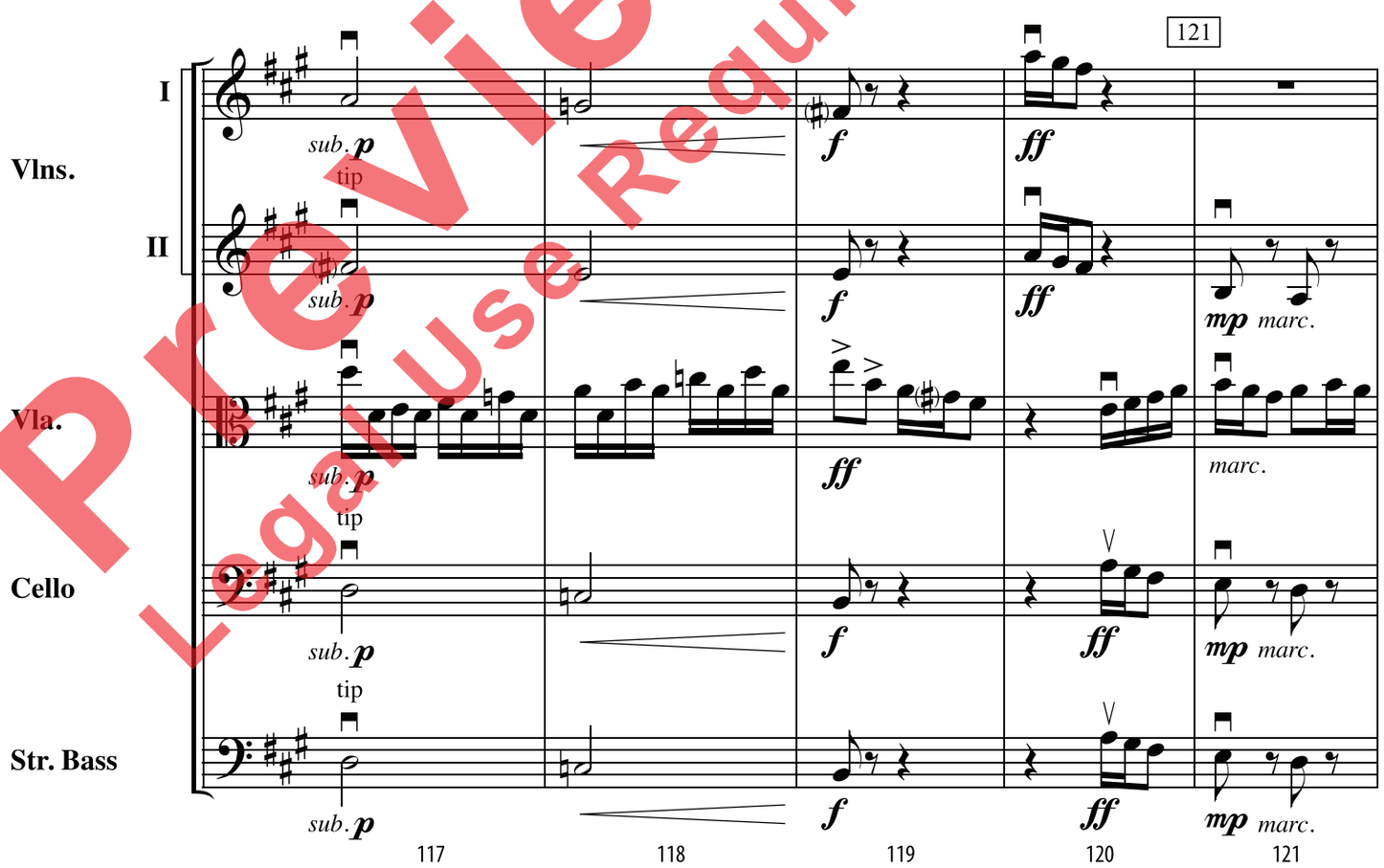

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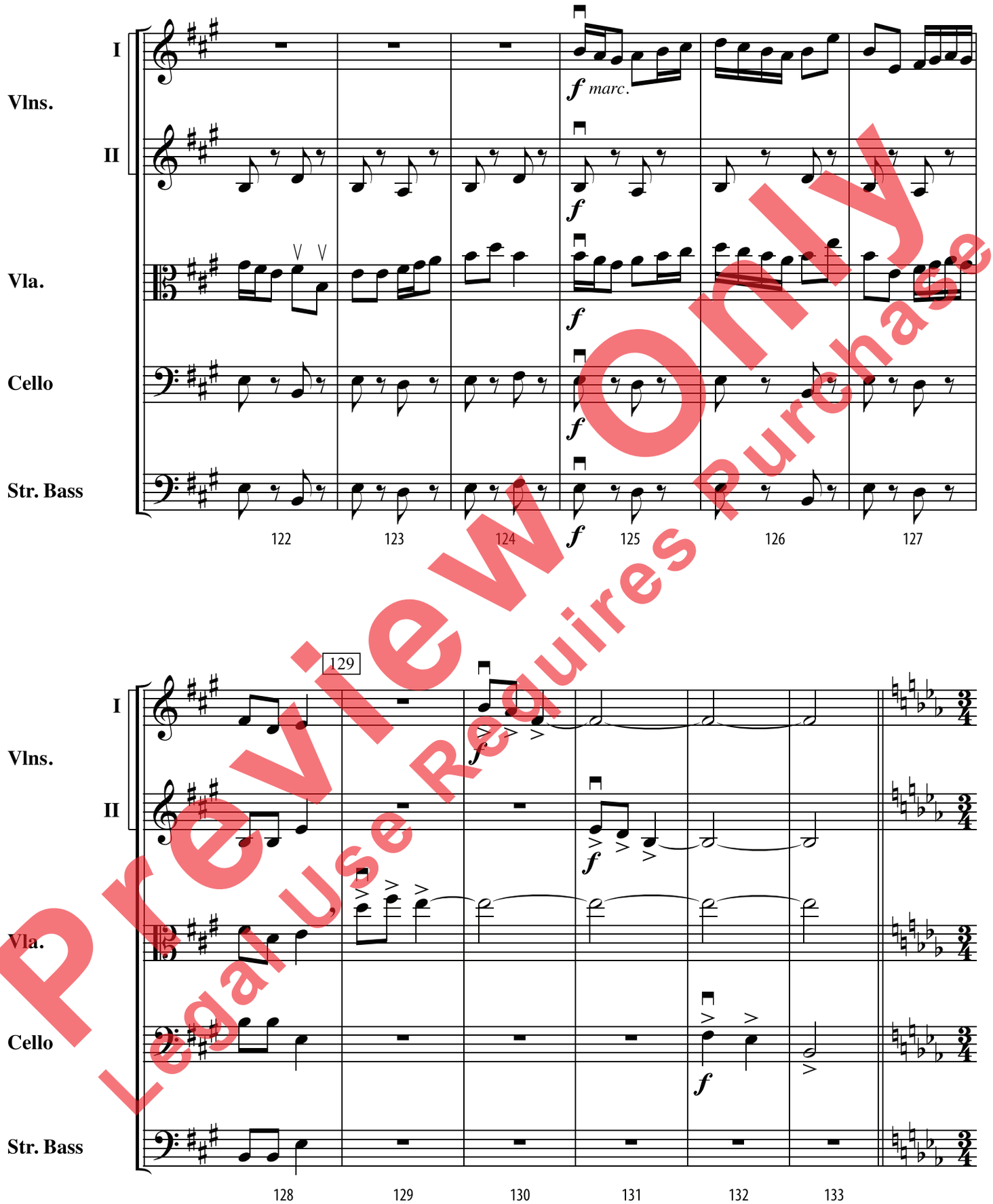

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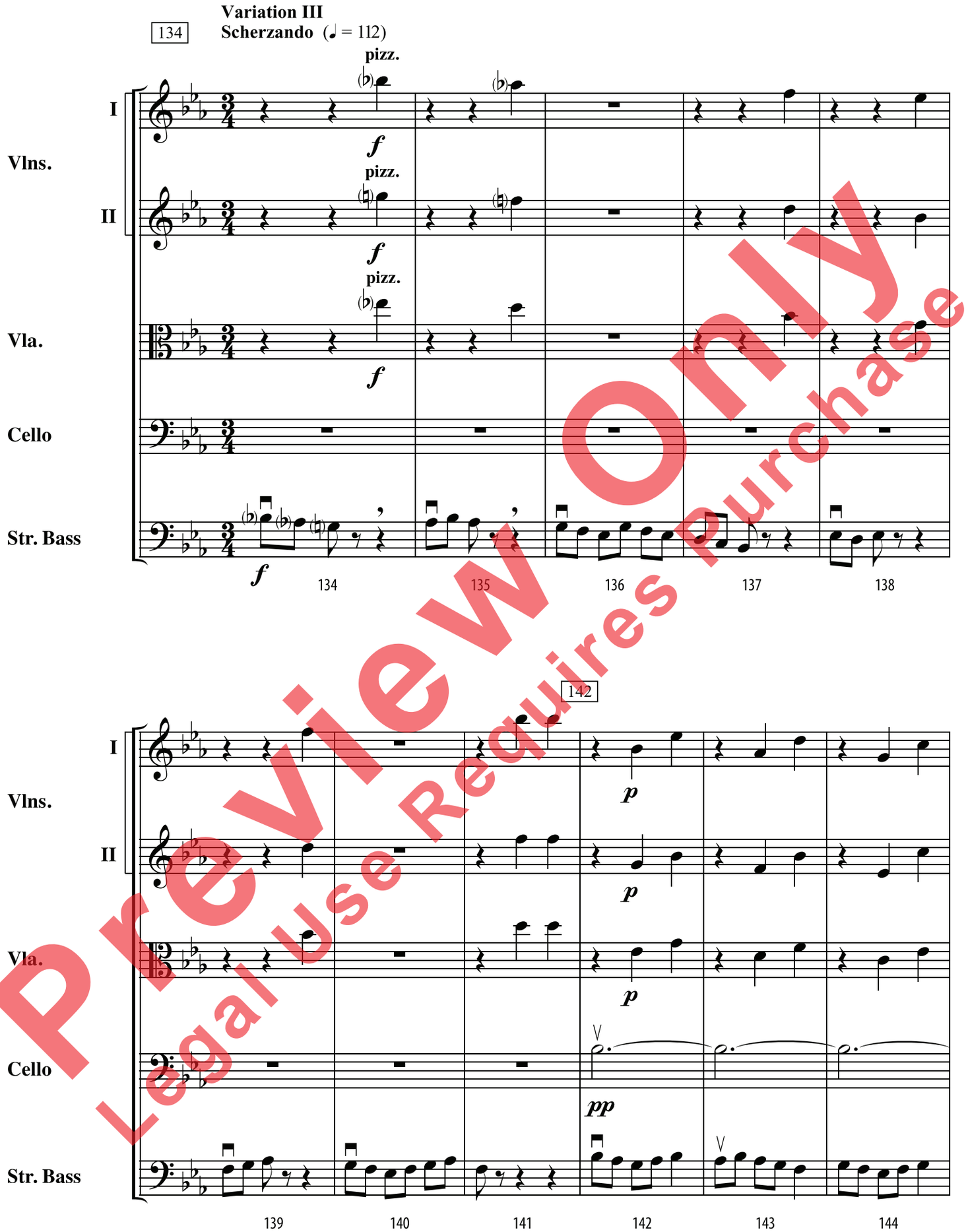

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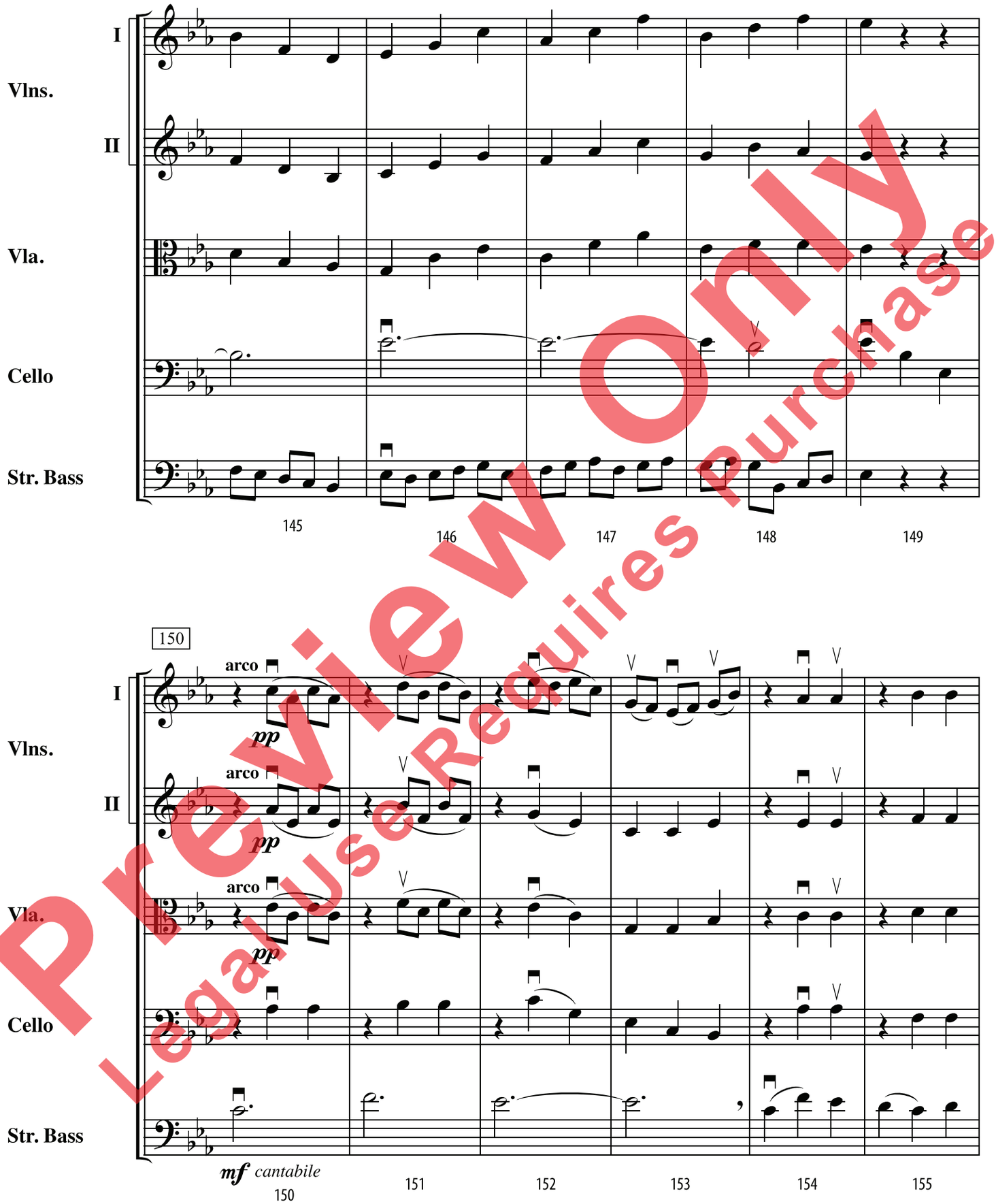

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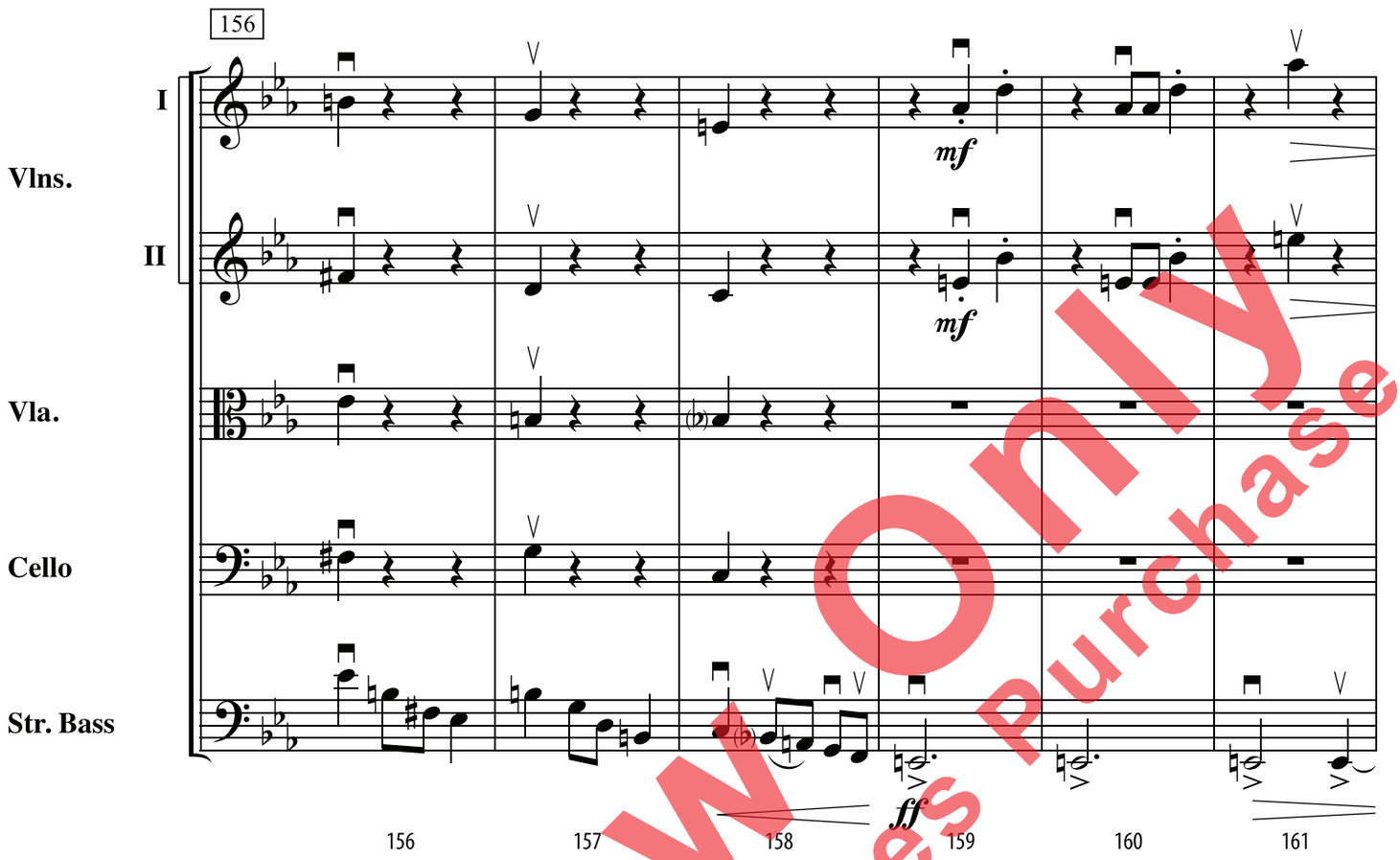

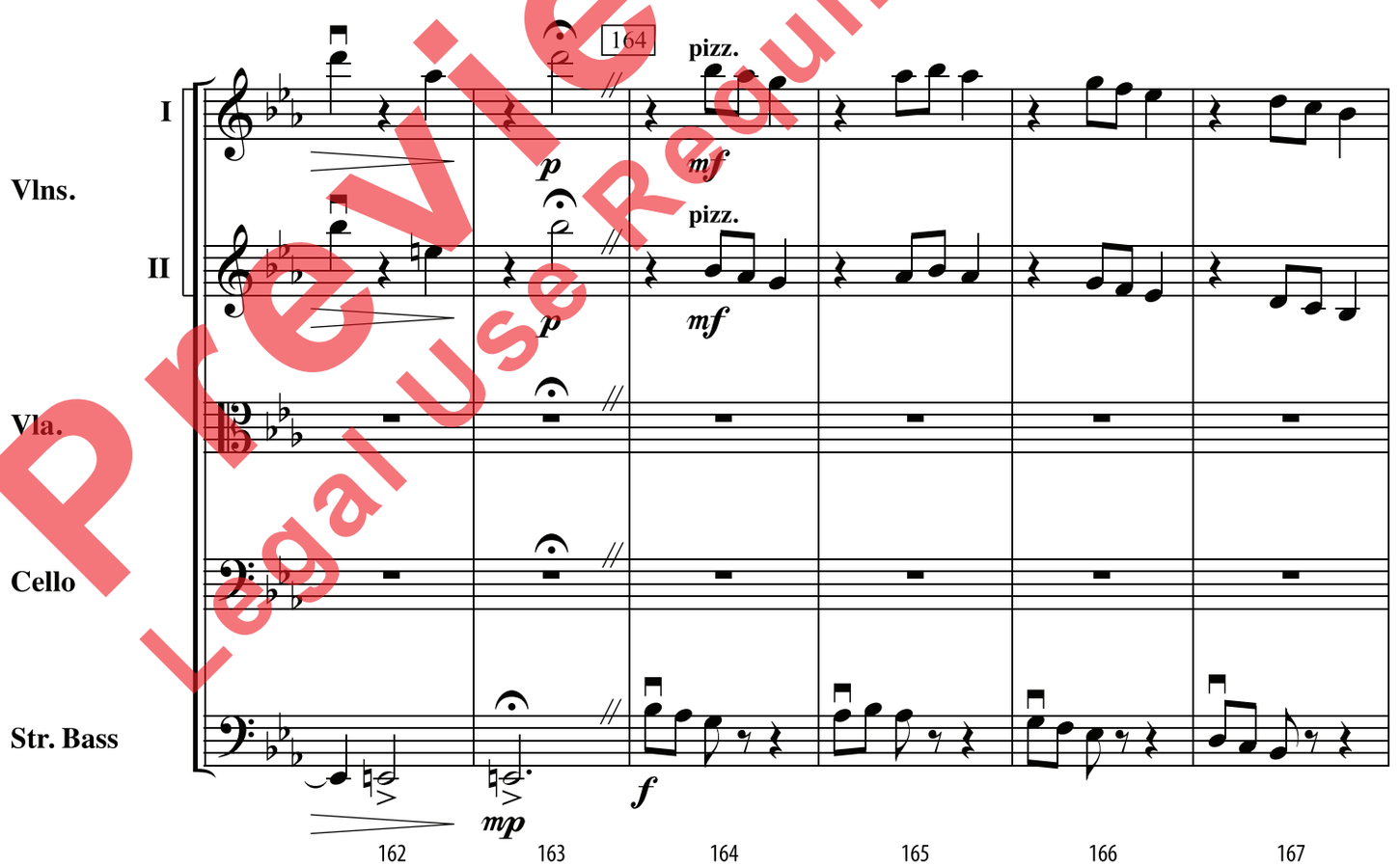

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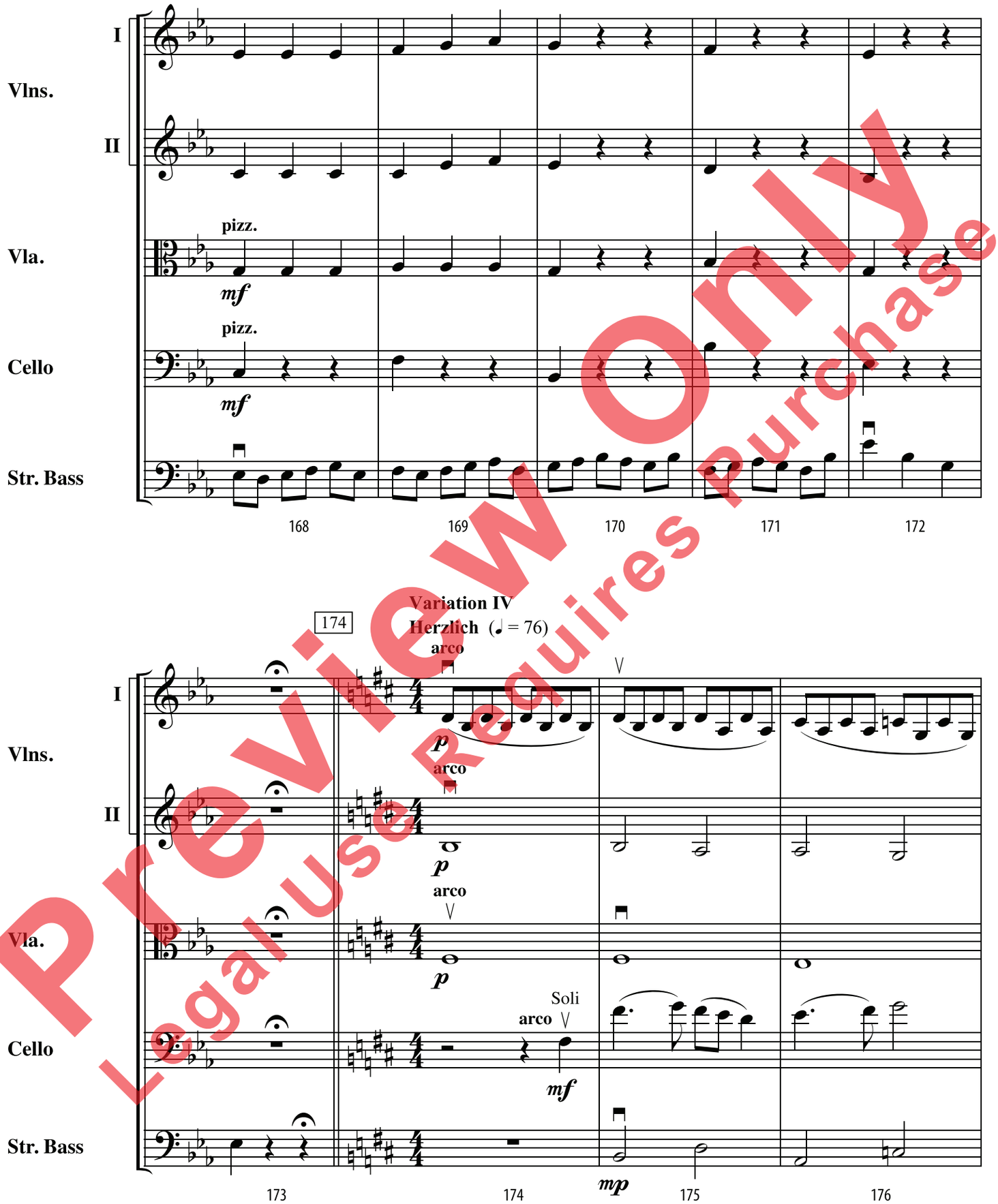

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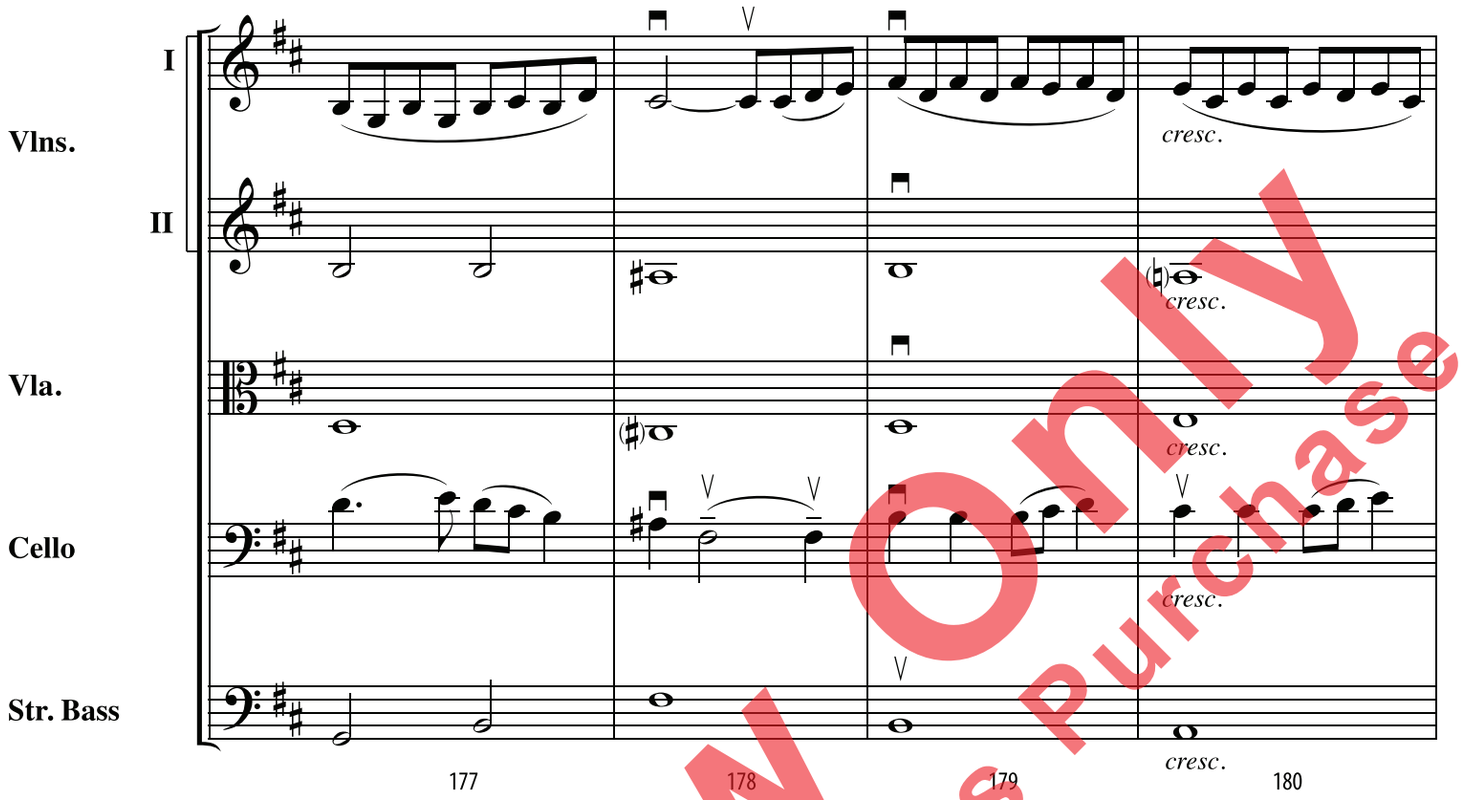

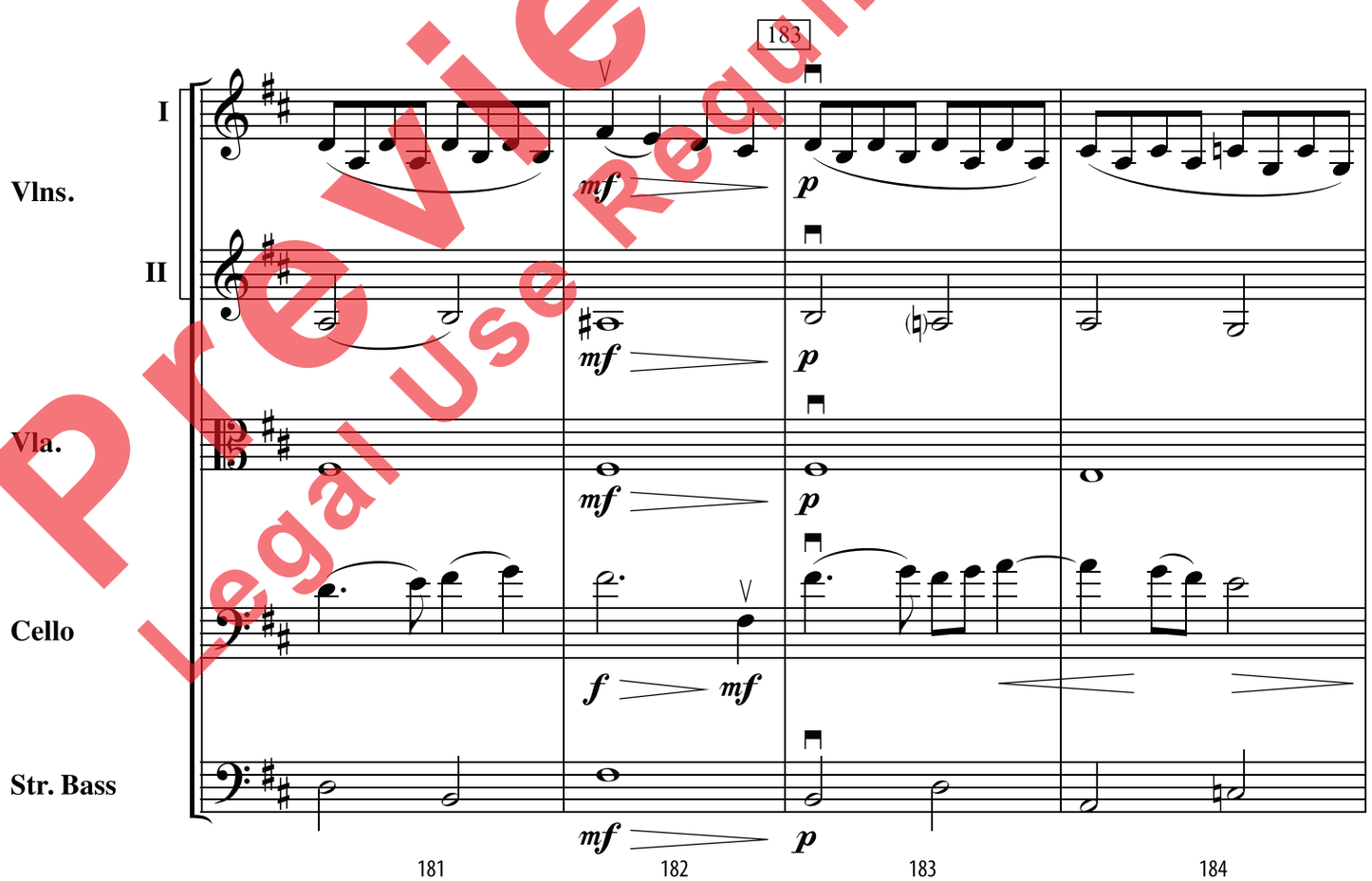

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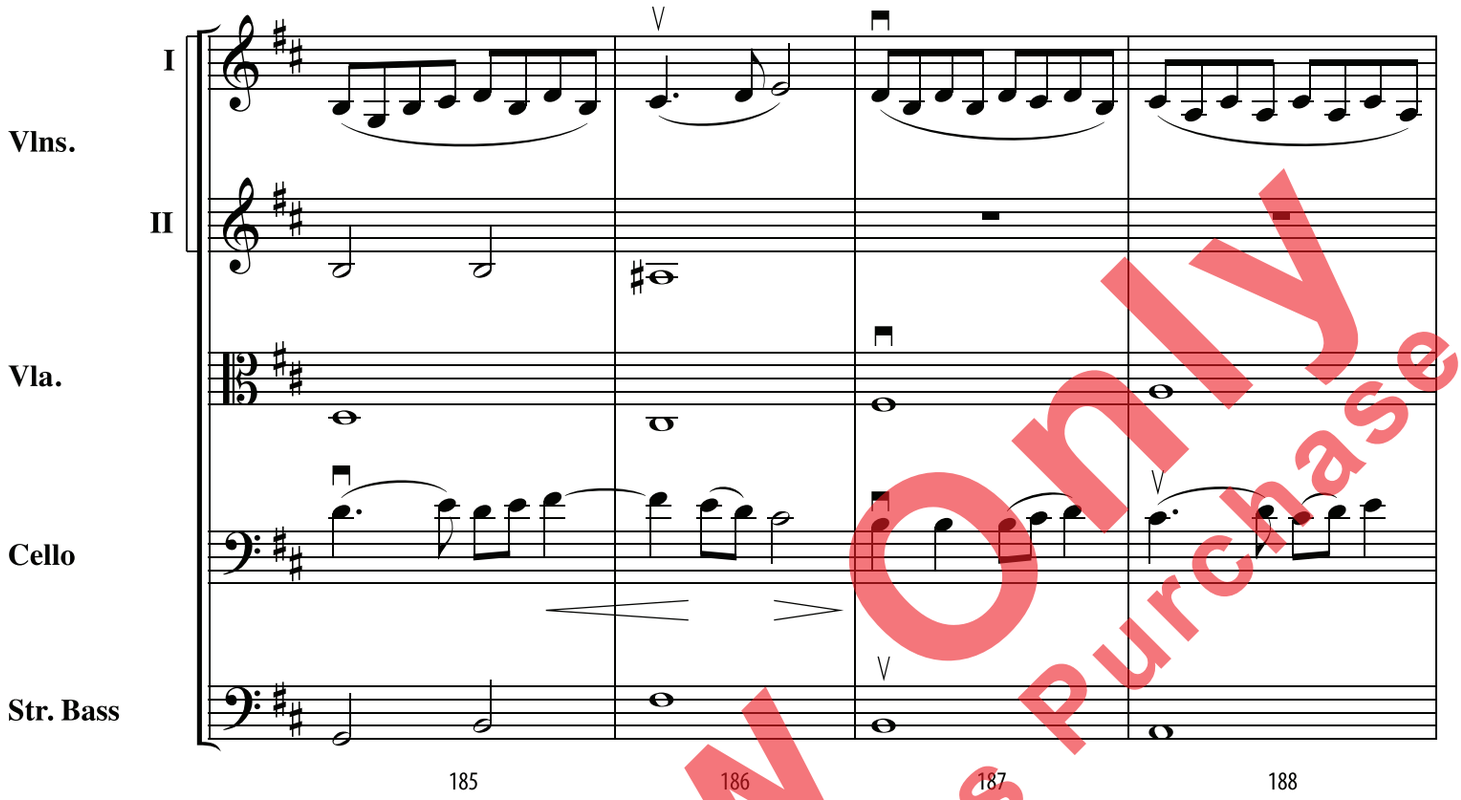

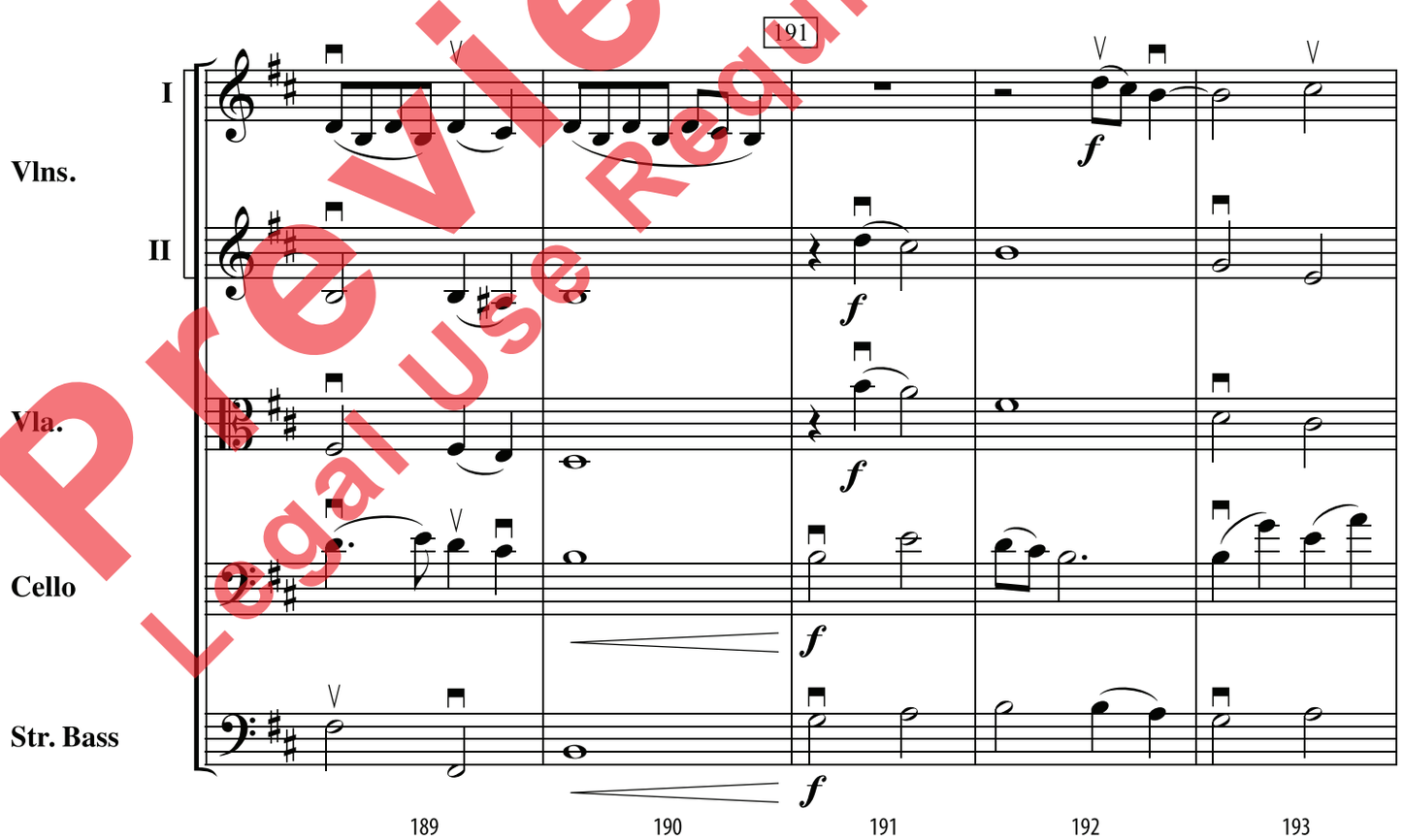

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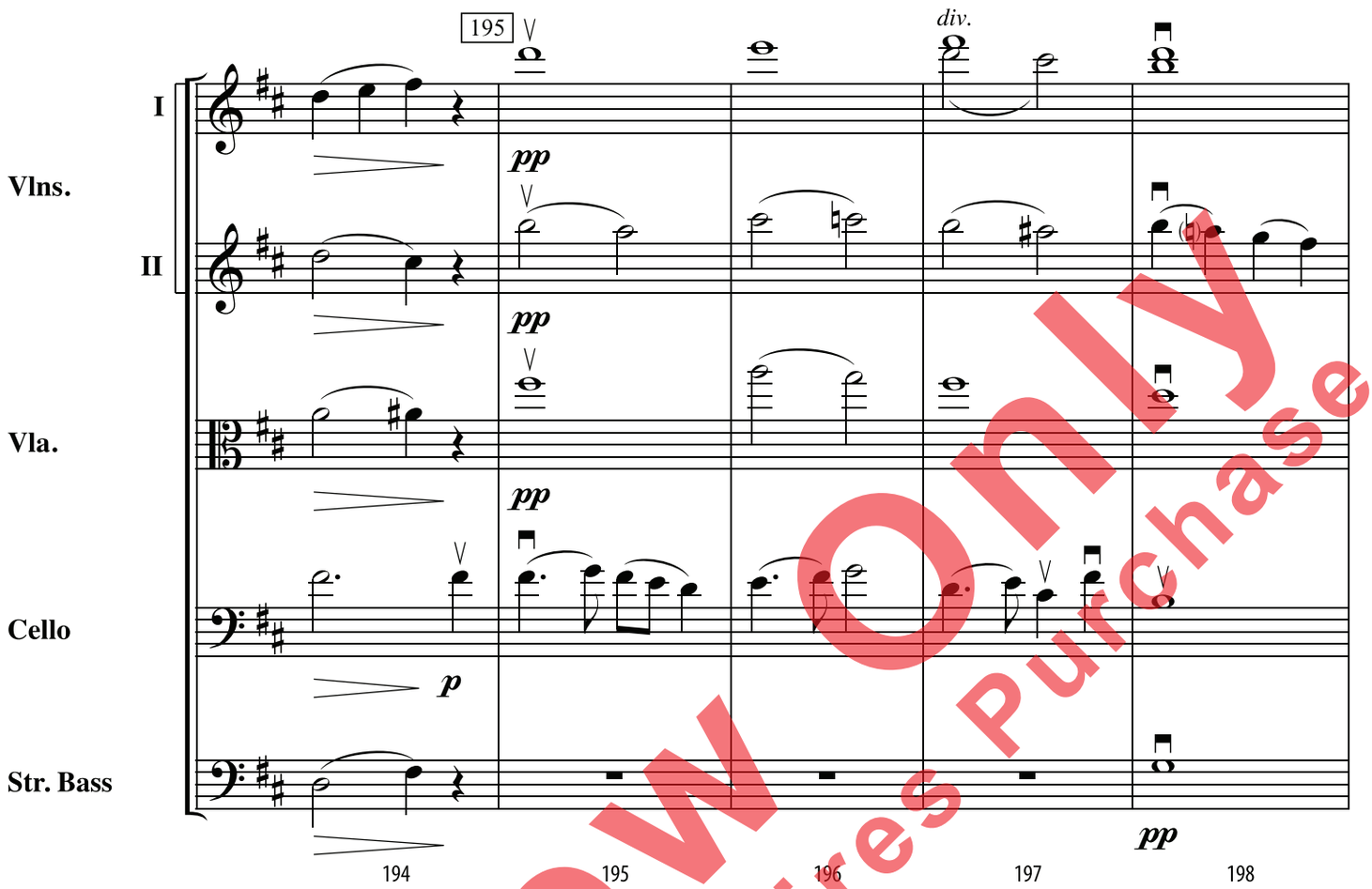

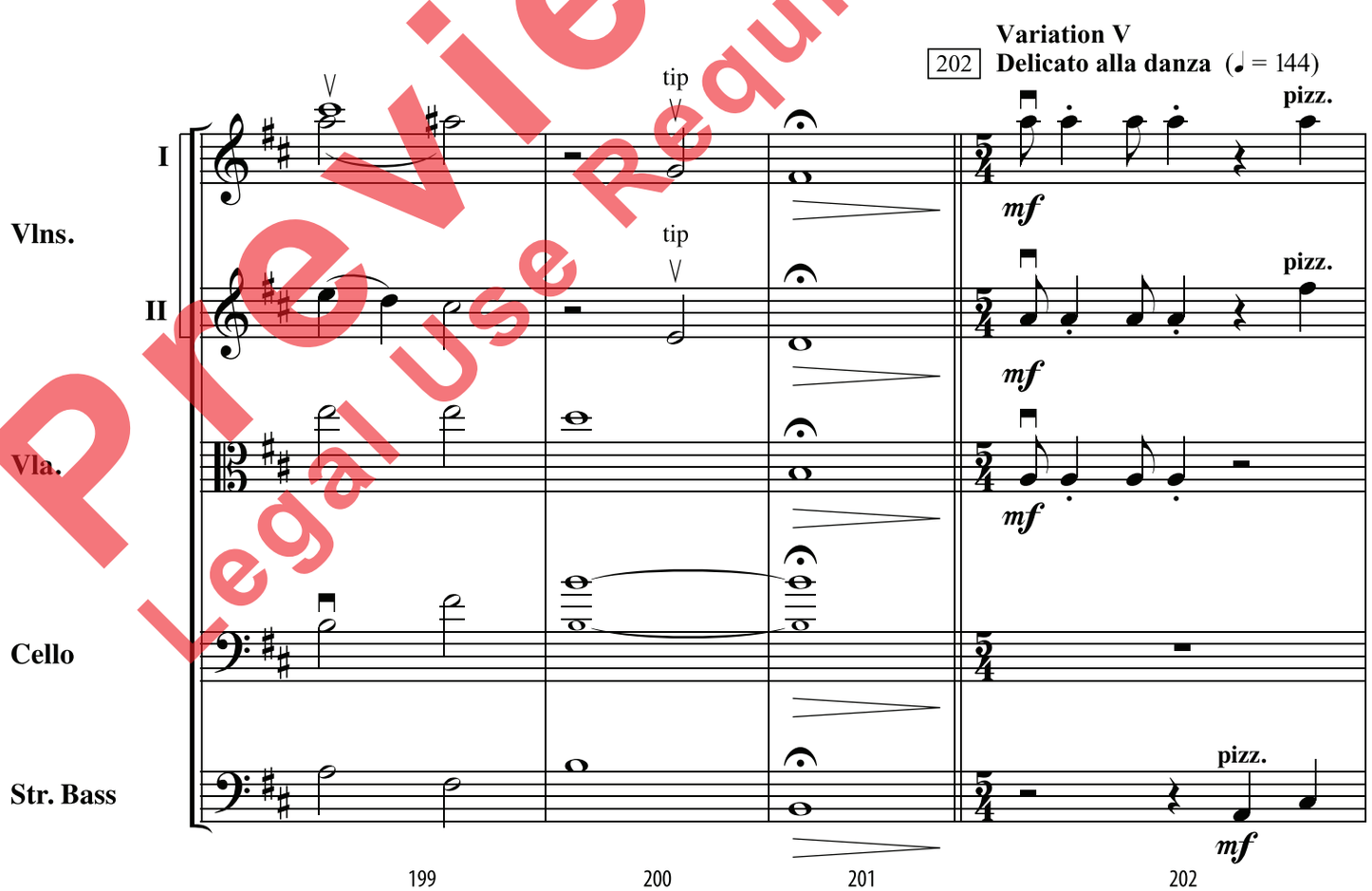

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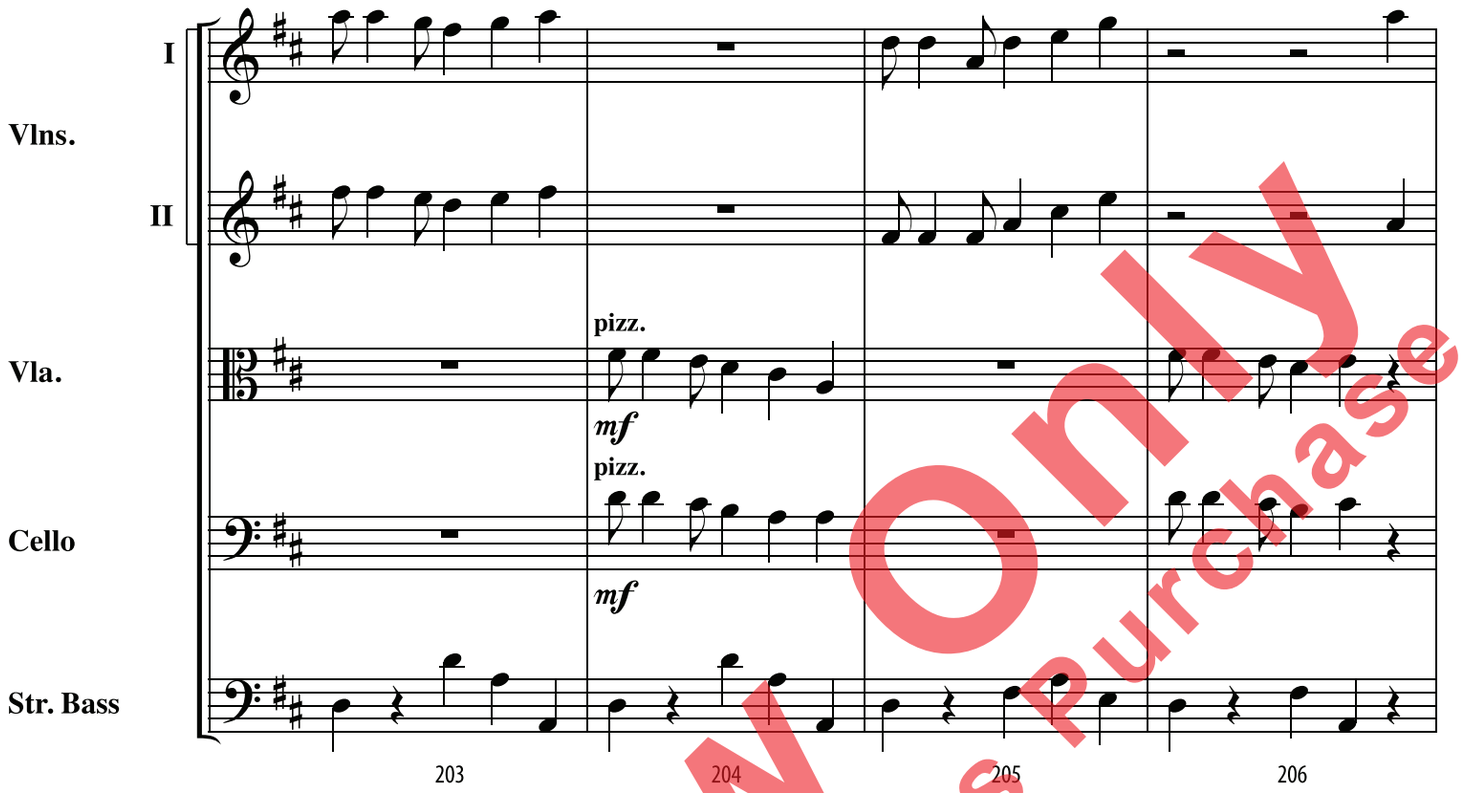

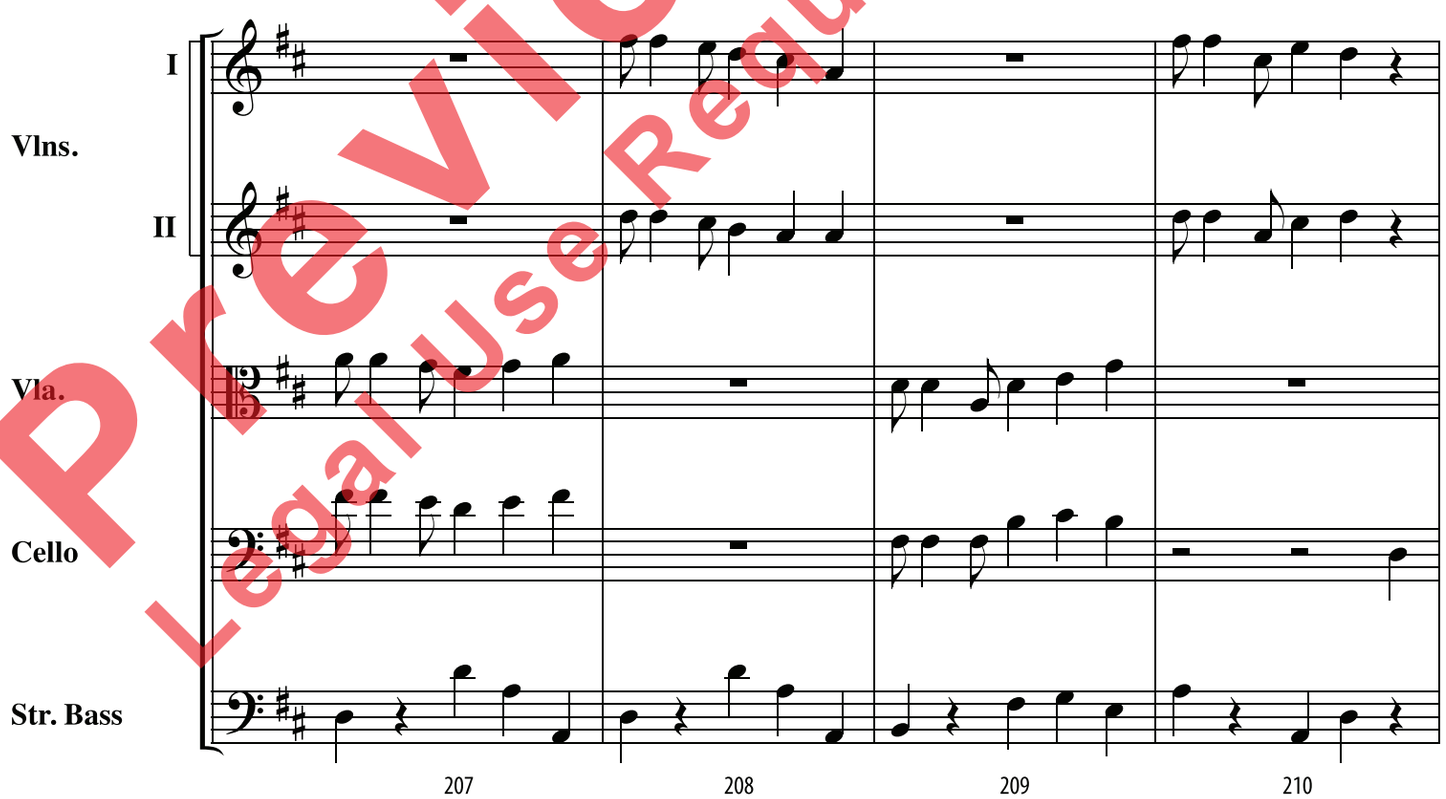

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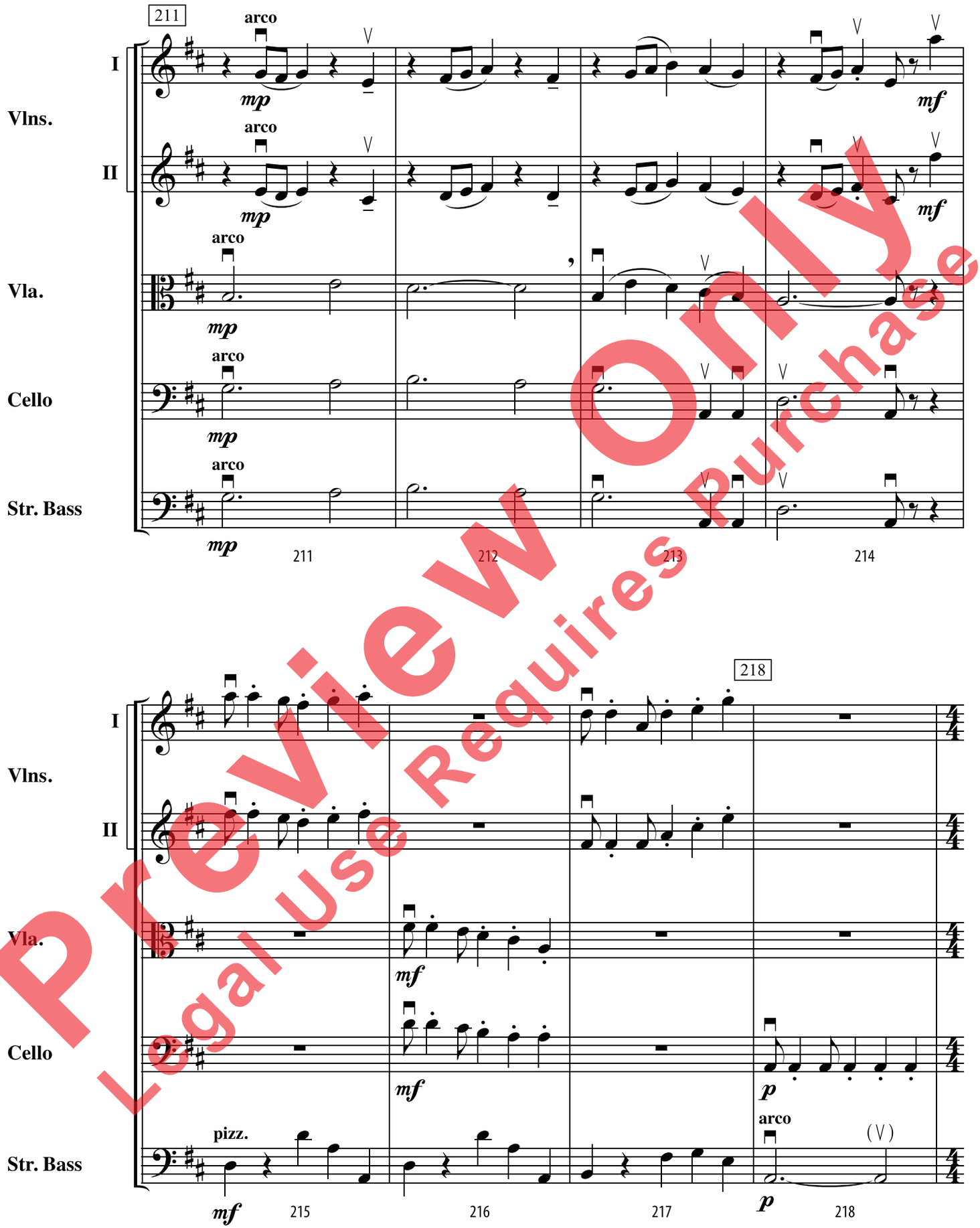

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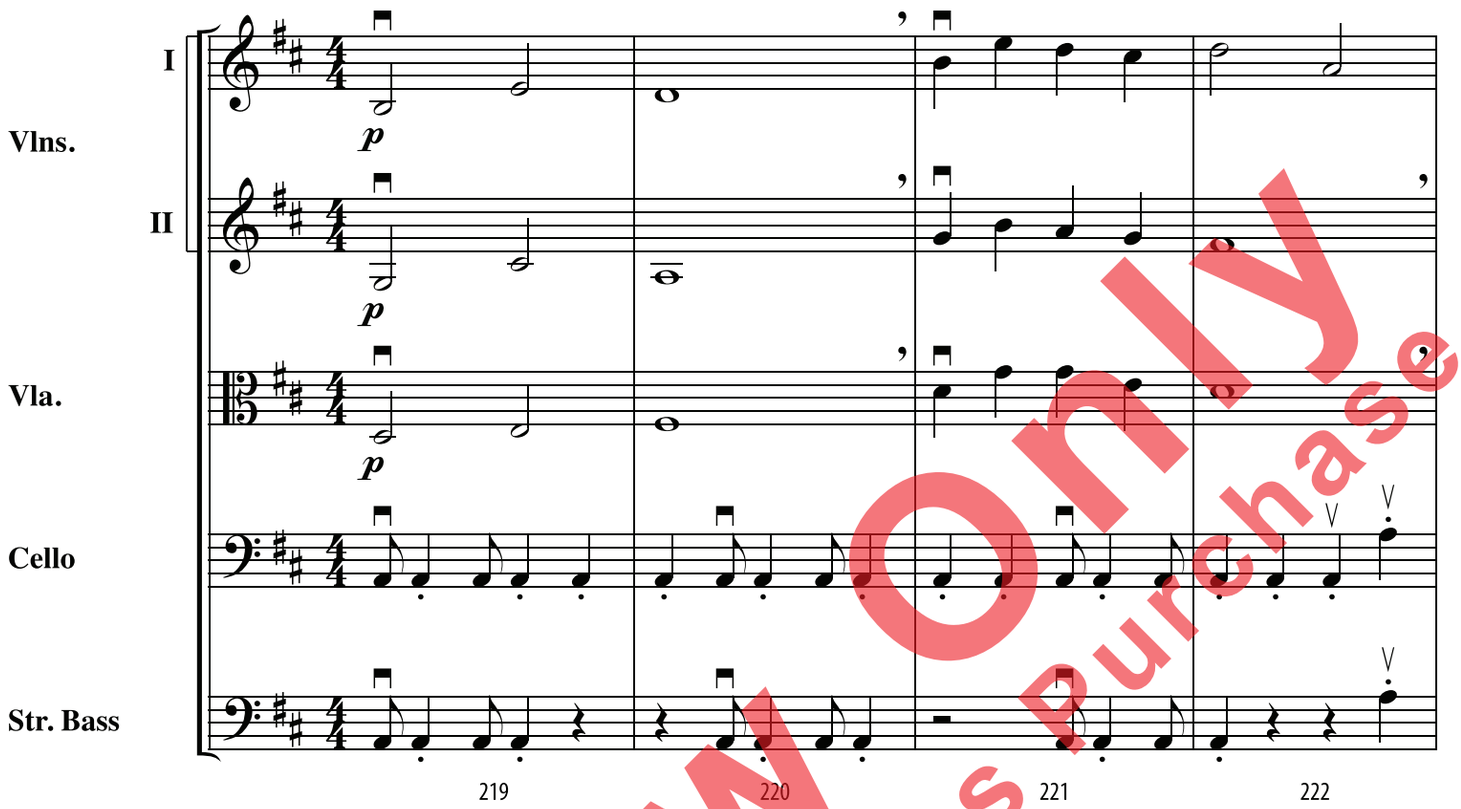

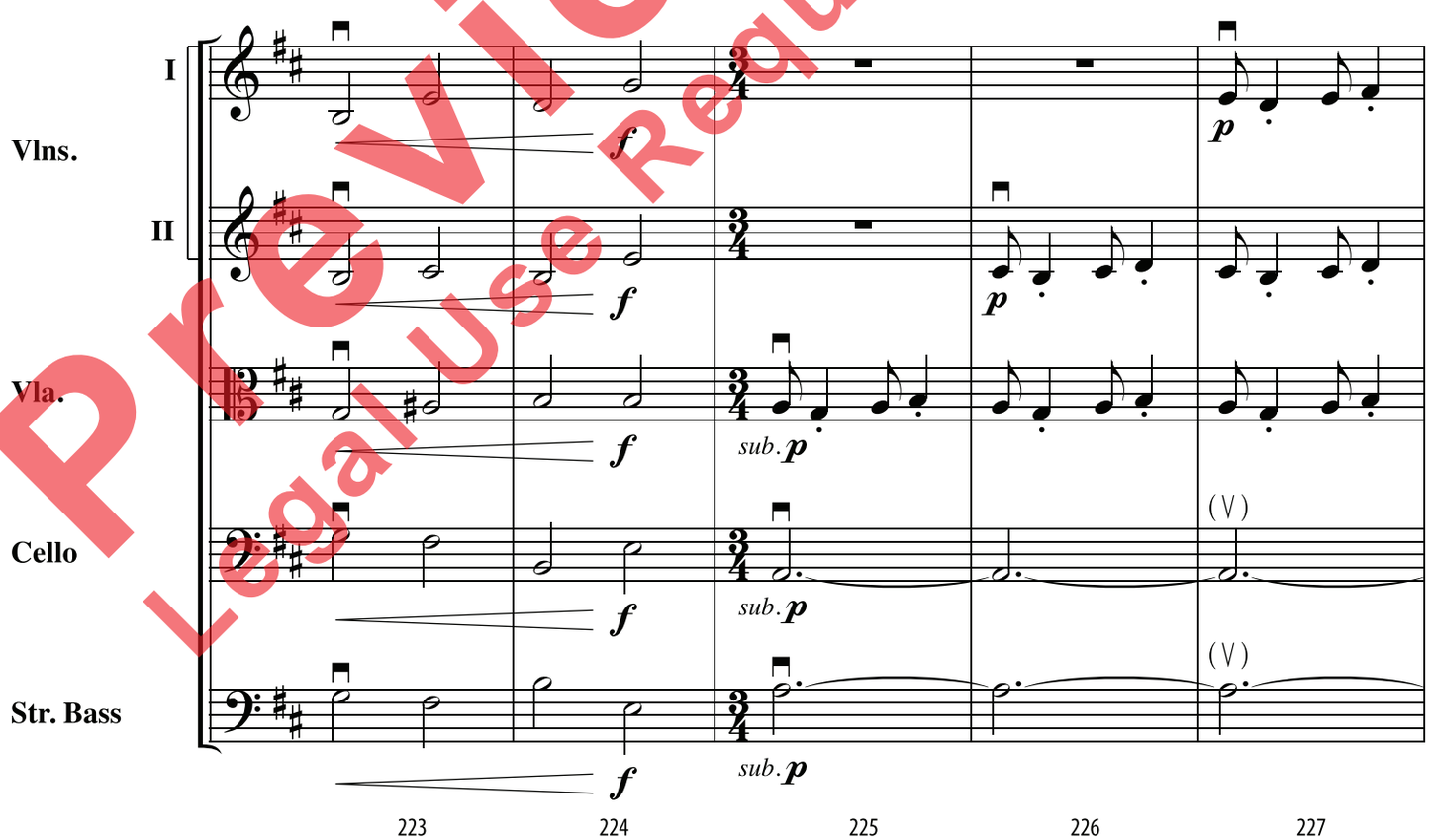

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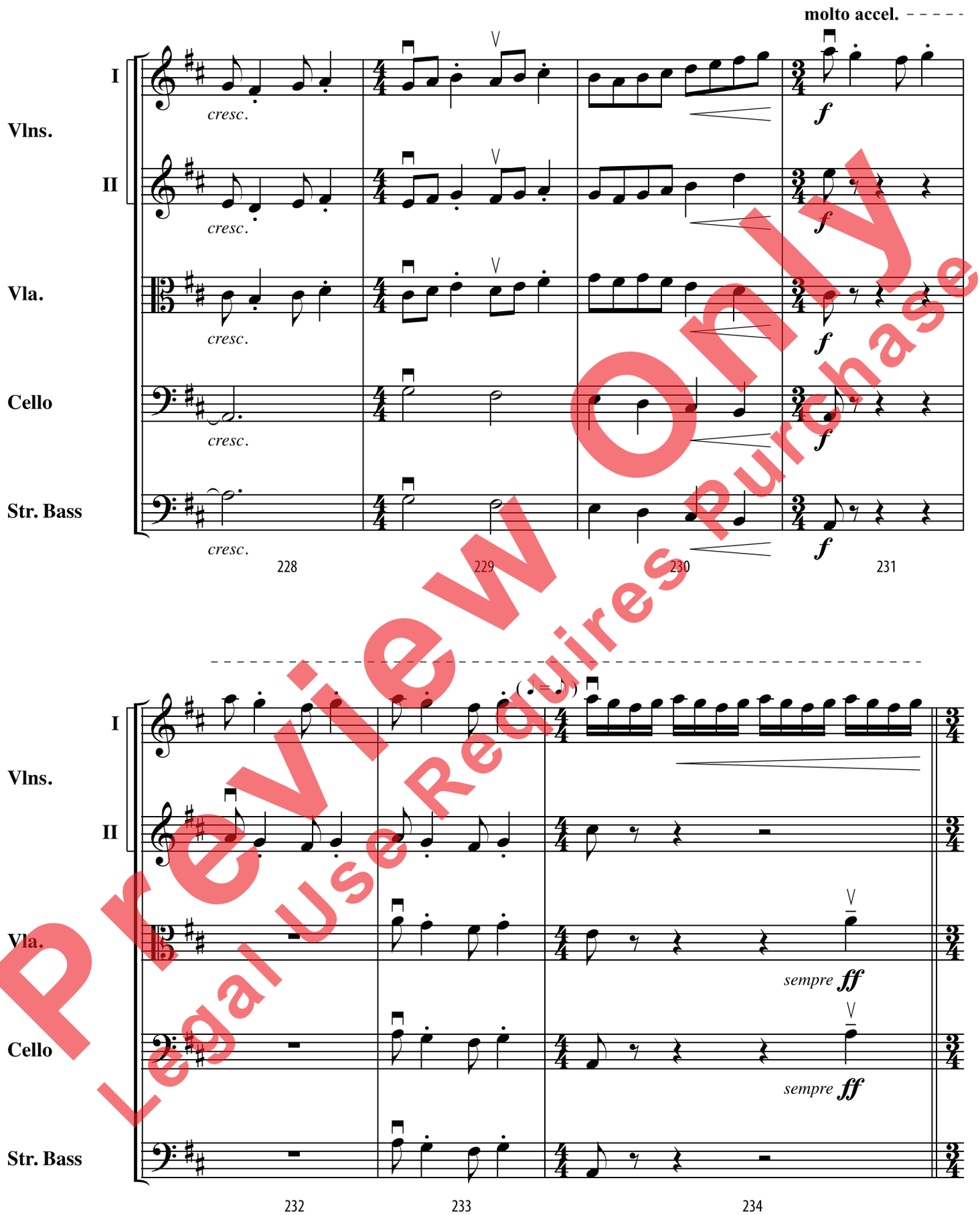

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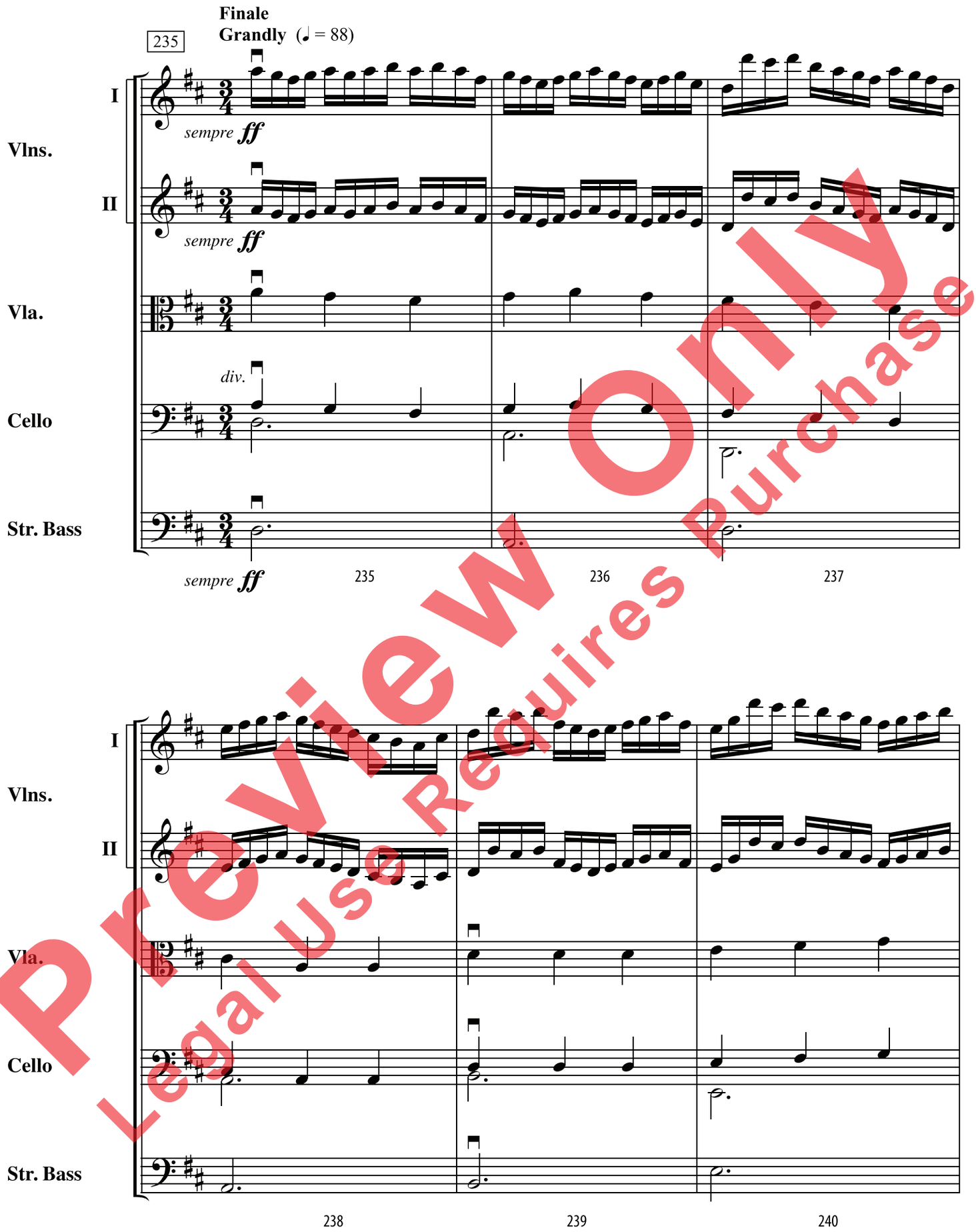

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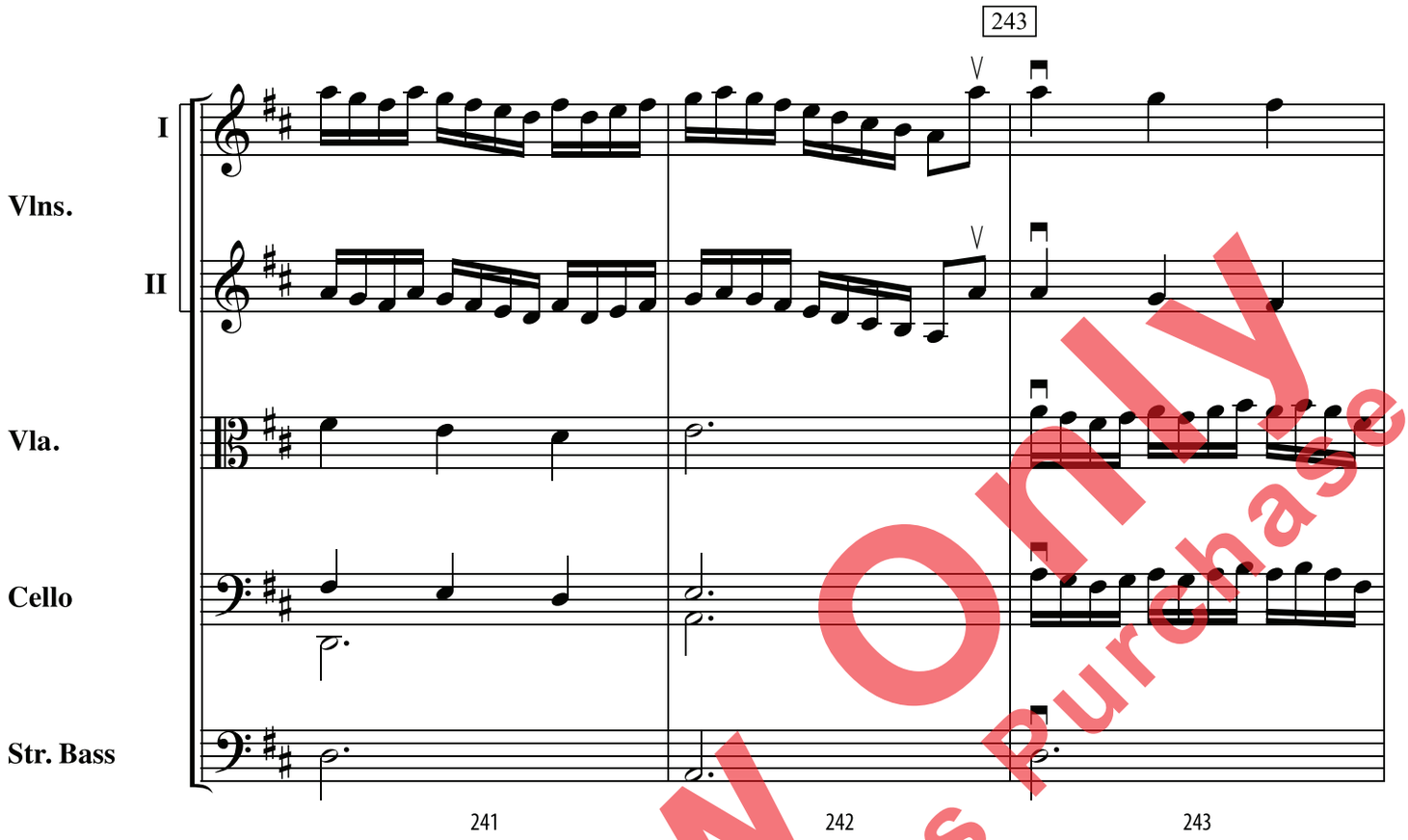

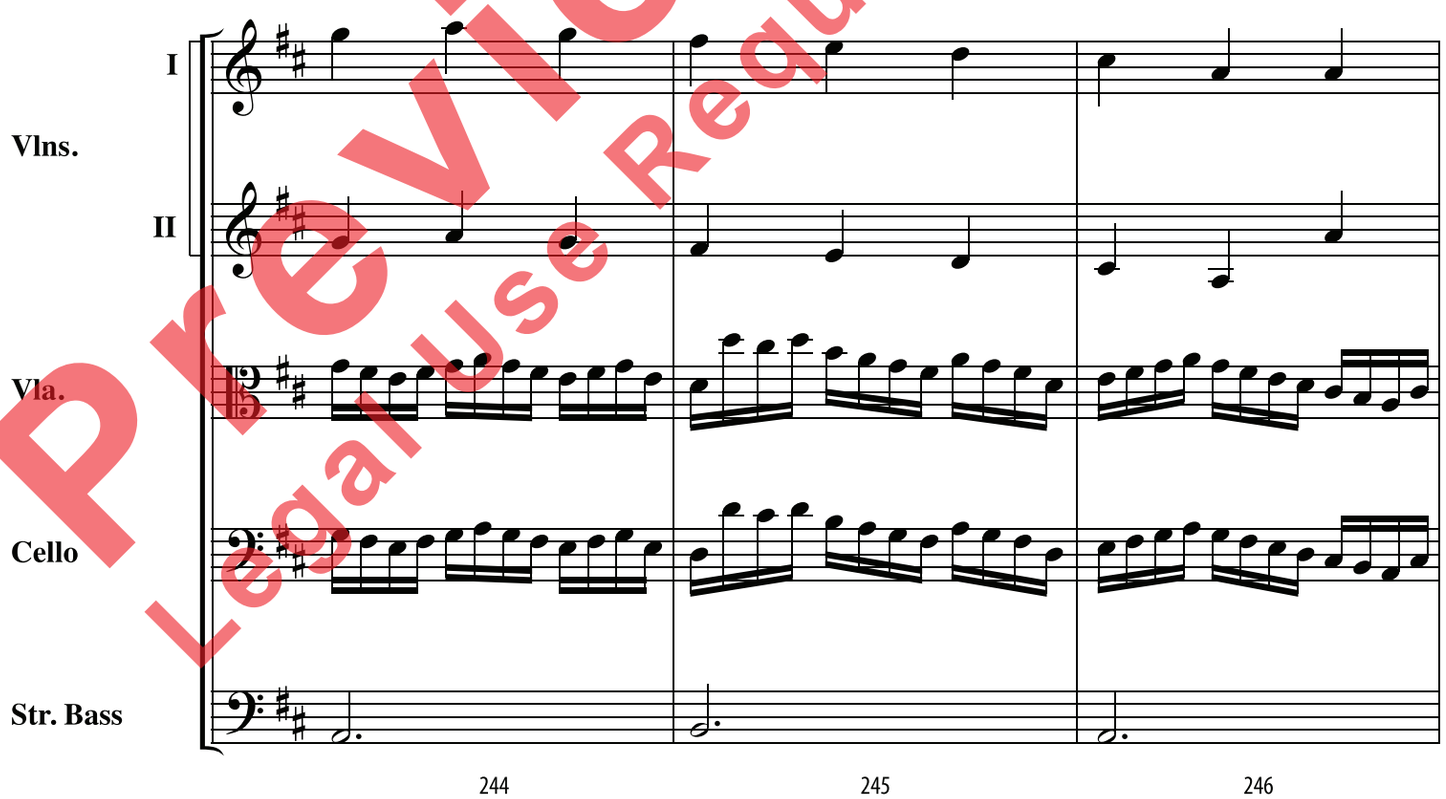

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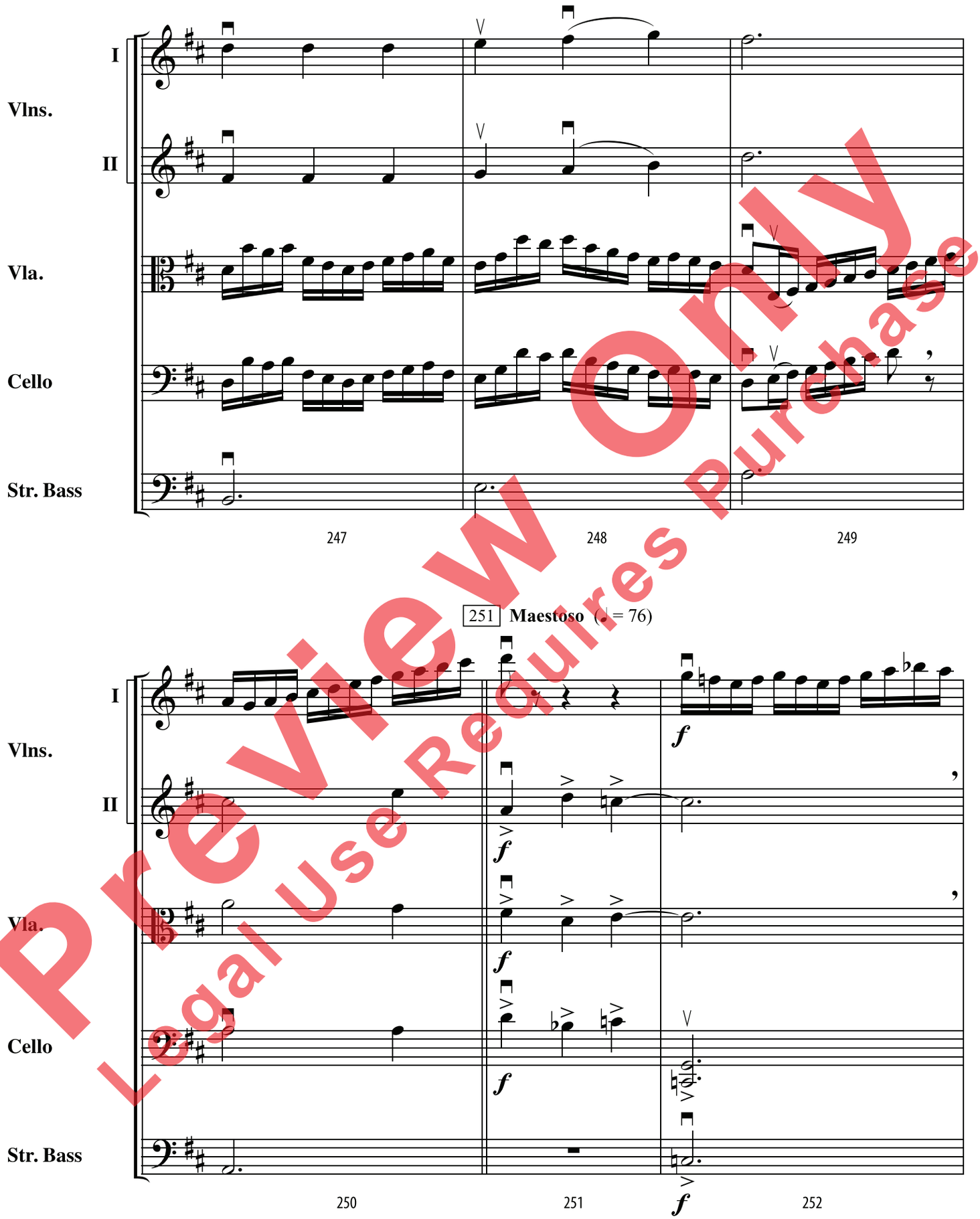

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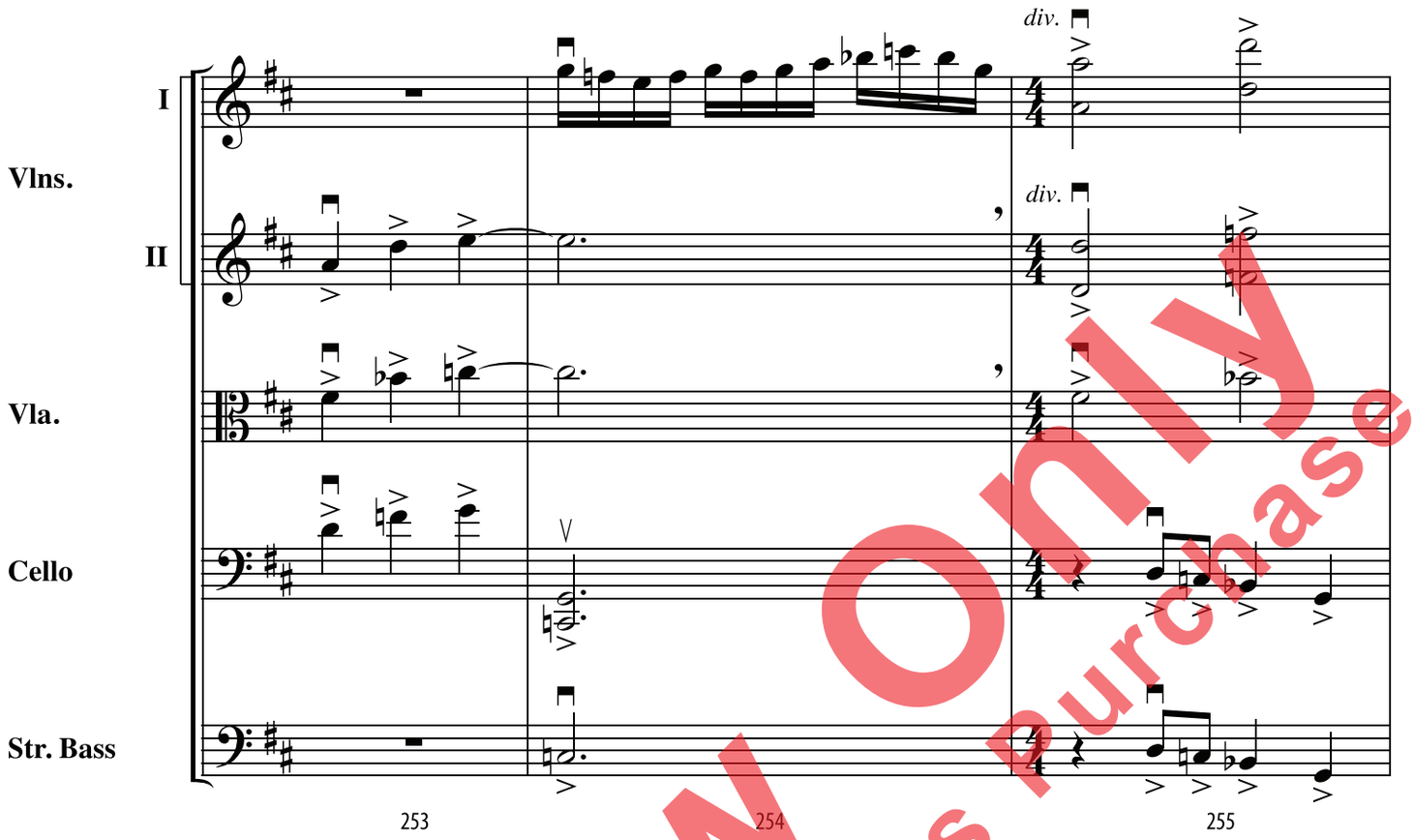

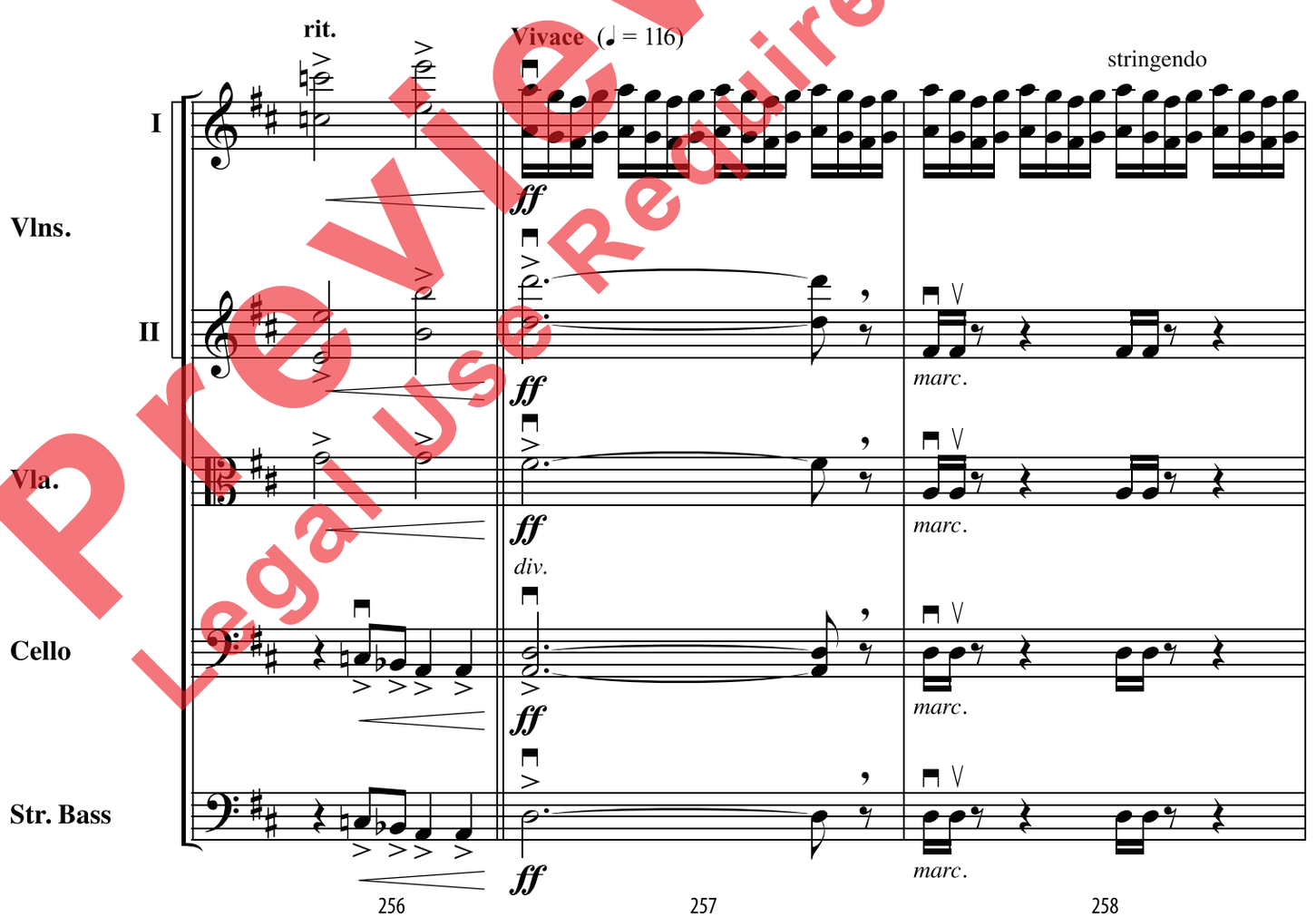

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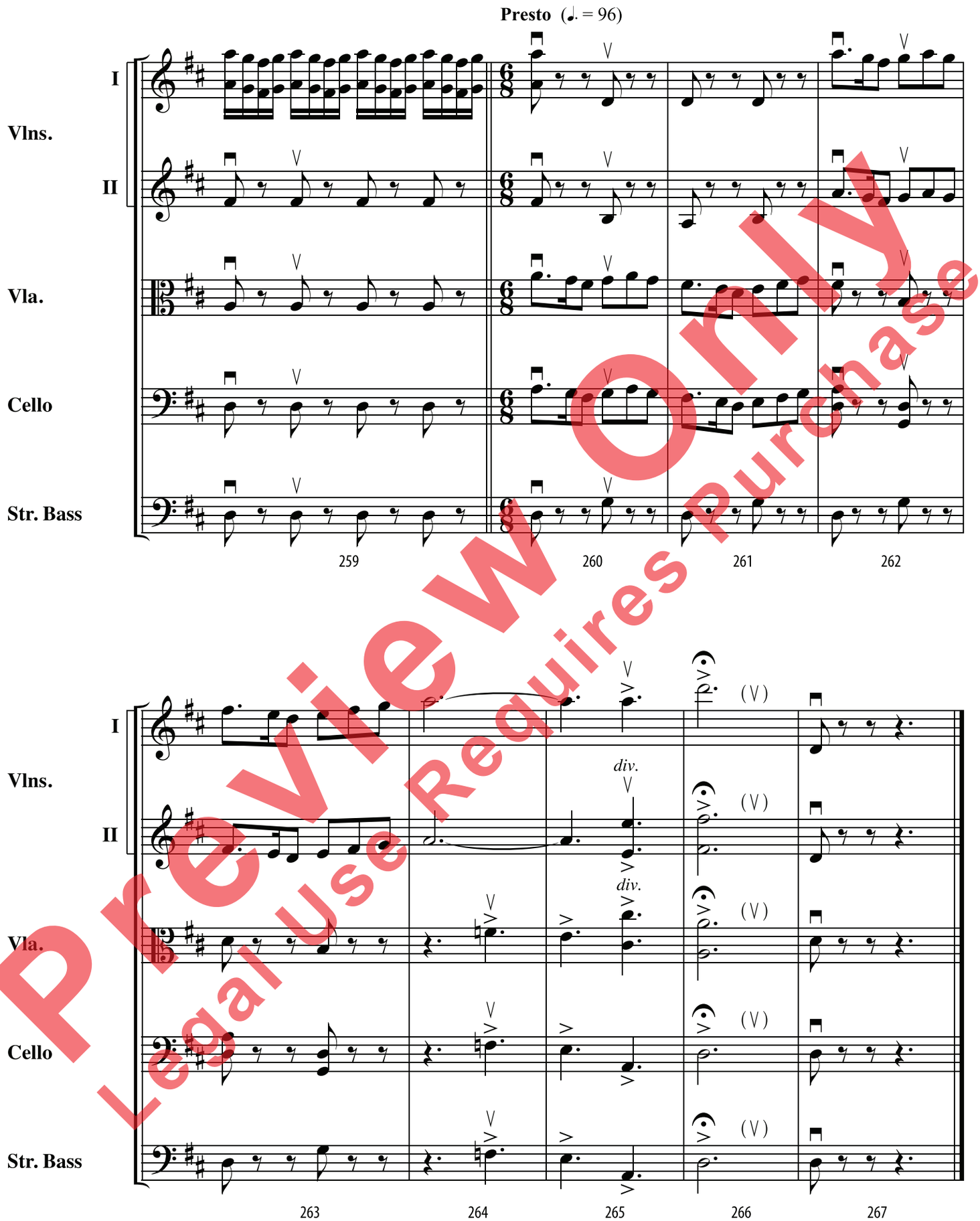

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