GRADE LEVEL: 4

VIVALDI ROCKS

FOR STRING ORCHESTRA

with Optional Rock Rhythm Section

By **ANTONIO VIVALDI**

Arranged by **MARK WOOD**

Instrumentation

1 Full Score
1 Solo Violin
8 Violin I
8 Violin II
5 Viola
5 Cello
5 String Bass
1 Piano Accompaniment

The composer writes: "I am a firm believer in putting a fresh coat of paint on classical music. Solo or with my band, the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, I enjoy melding great classical music traditions with a big dose of rock and roll. My favorite style of music is virtuoso playing on top of high-energy rock! I also love the way Vivaldi composes for the violin; his music is filled with life and verve!"

There is no doubt that *Vivaldi Rocks* for solo violin and orchestra demonstrates Mark Wood's love for both classical traditions and the best of rock and roll. He captures the essence of Antonio Vivaldi's style, using quotes from the composer's works. Mark Wood has recorded *Vivaldi Rocks* on his *These Are a Few of My Favorite Things* CD.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Vivaldi Rocks is very fast. The composer suggests practicing to a drum loop, slowly at first and then gradually increasing the tempo. This can work with the orchestra as well as the soloist. The key of F minor is an unusual one for strings. Practice melodic minor scales to help with intonation and finger placement. Suggested fingerings are provided in the solo part, particularly for passages with double- and triple-stops.

Mark Wood originally recorded *Vivaldi Rocks* on his seven-string Viper electric violin, but the solo part can be performed on the traditional acoustic four-stringed instrument. The composer prefers the sound of the electric instrument, so consider at least using a microphone with a standard instrument for amplification.

ABOUT THE ROCK RHYTHM SECTION

Although *Vivaldi Rocks* can be played by strings alone, an optional standard rock rhythm section can be used consisting of guitar, electric bass, piano, and drums. Only the piano part is included, but other rhythm section parts (guitar, electric bass, and drums) can be improvised and added. Another option is to use the rhythm section play-along track that is available as a free download.

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MARK WOOD

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Vivaldi Rocks

FULL SCORE
Duration - 2:30

By Antonio Vivaldi
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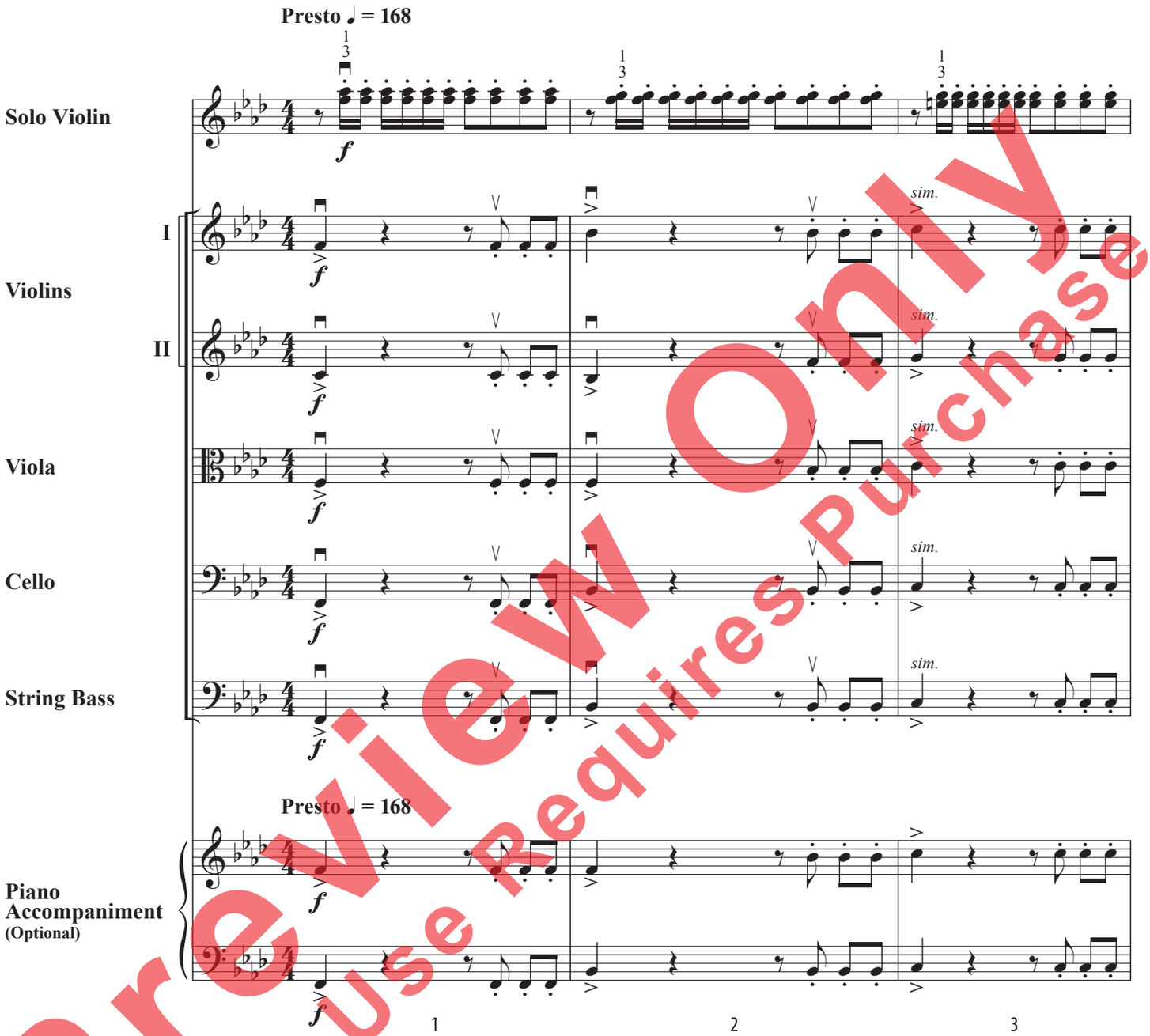

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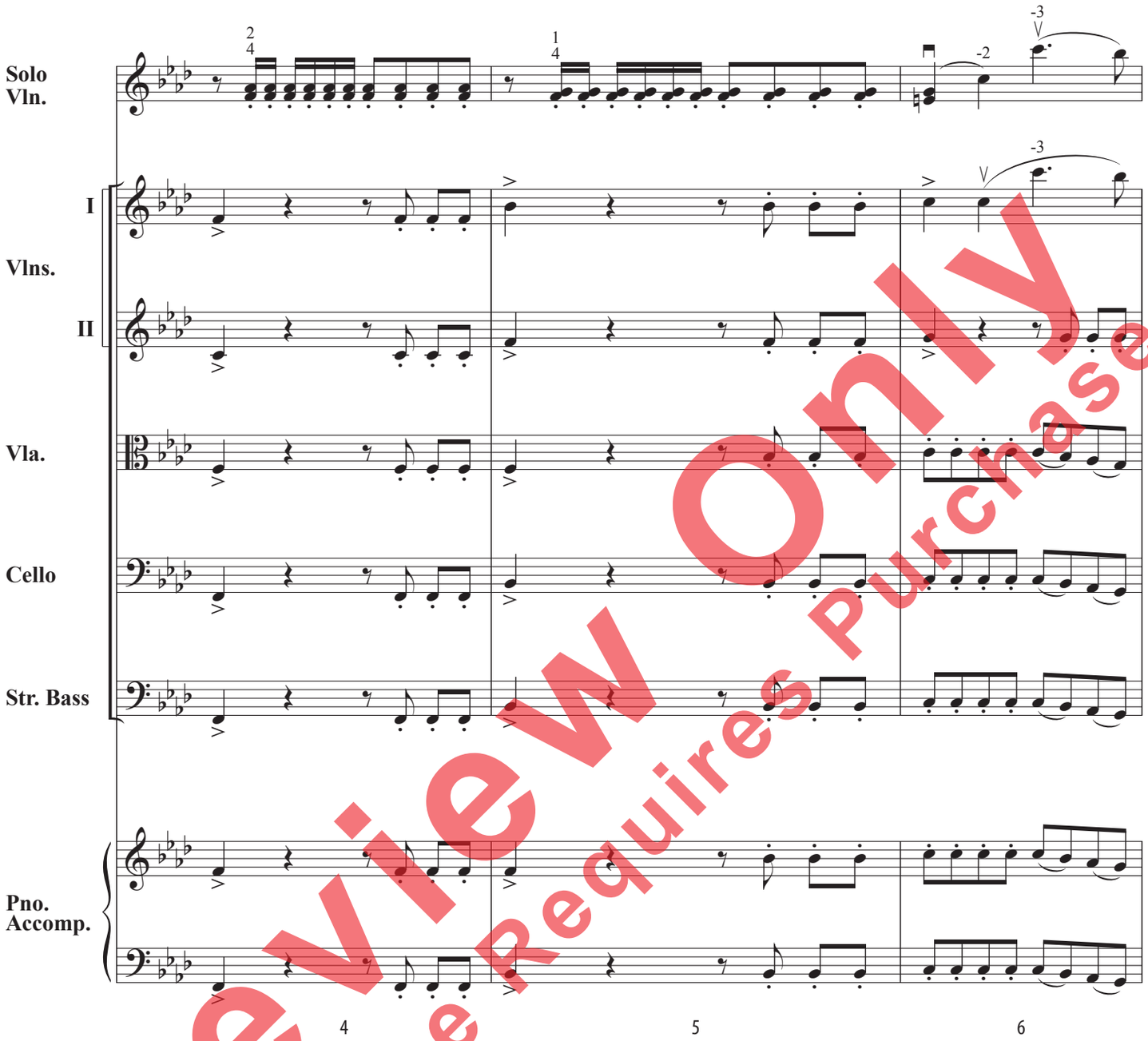

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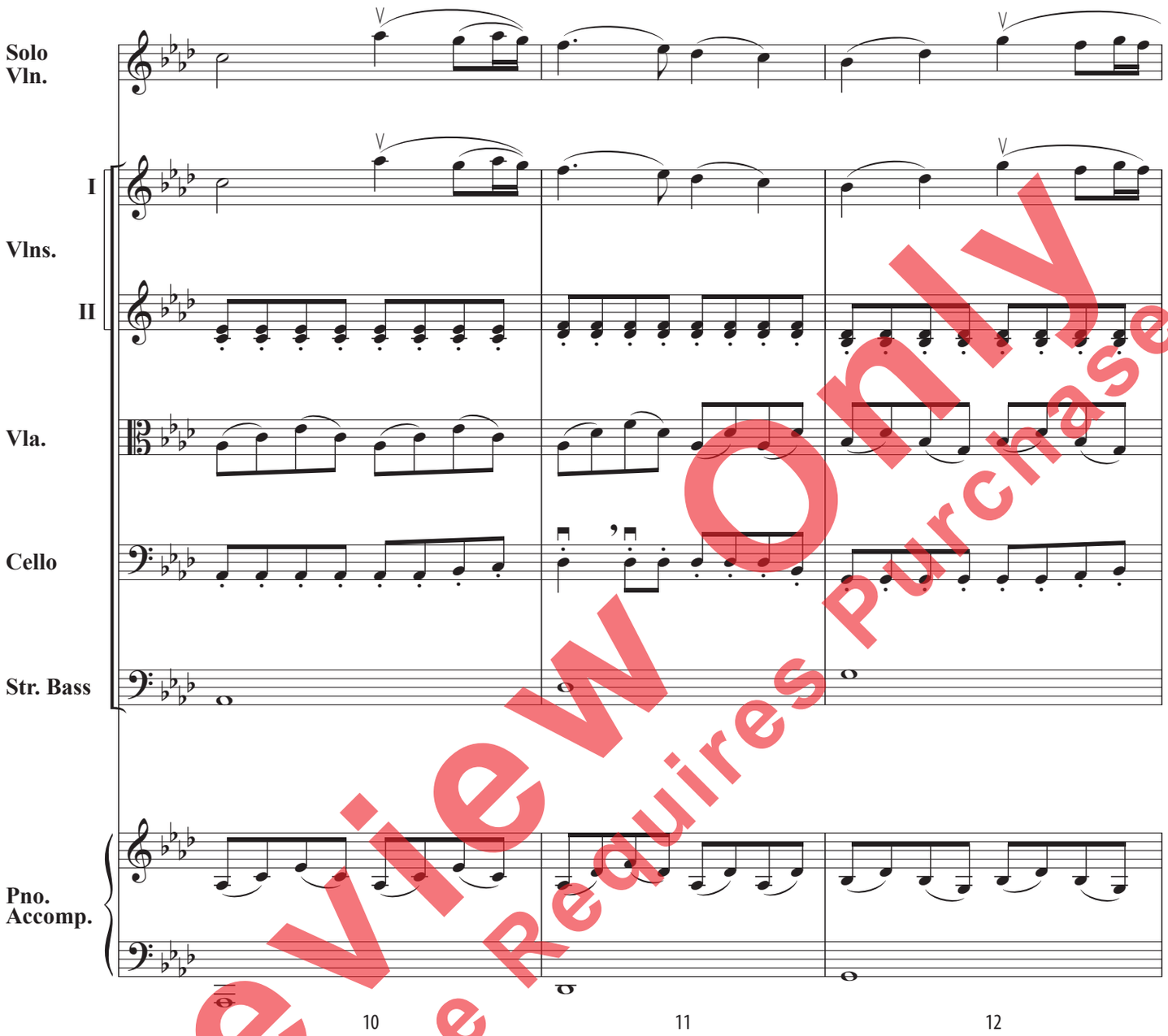

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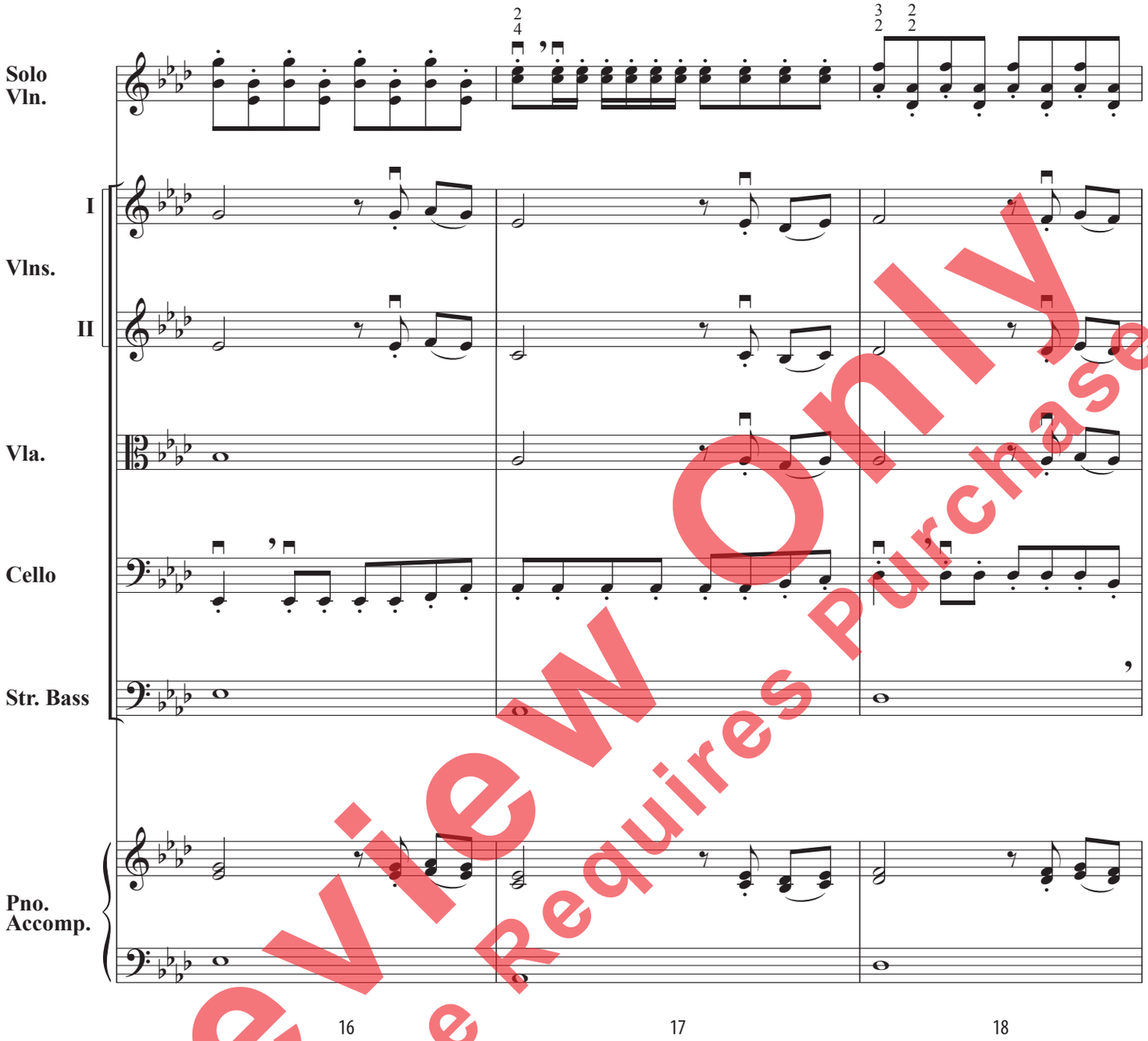

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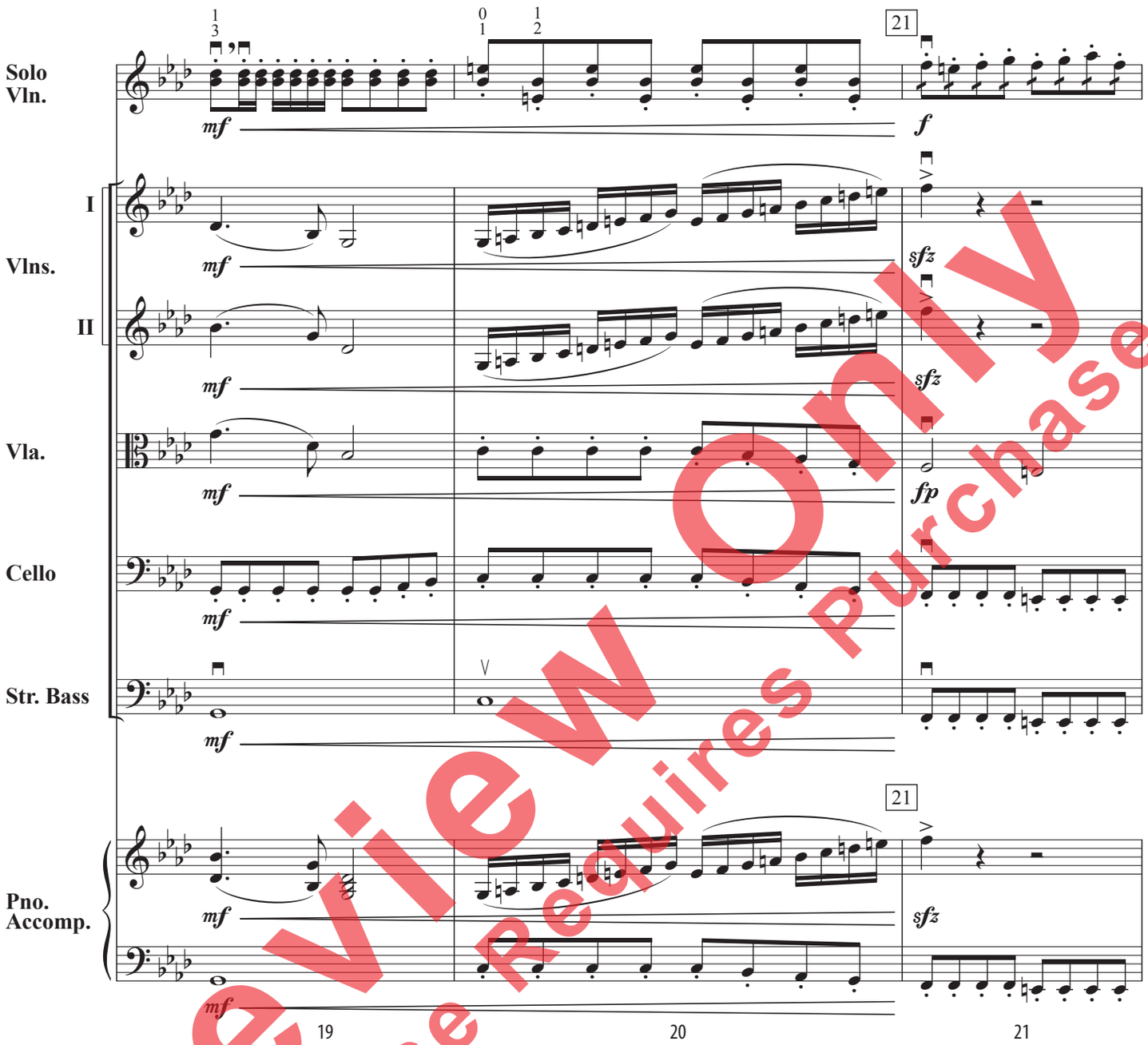

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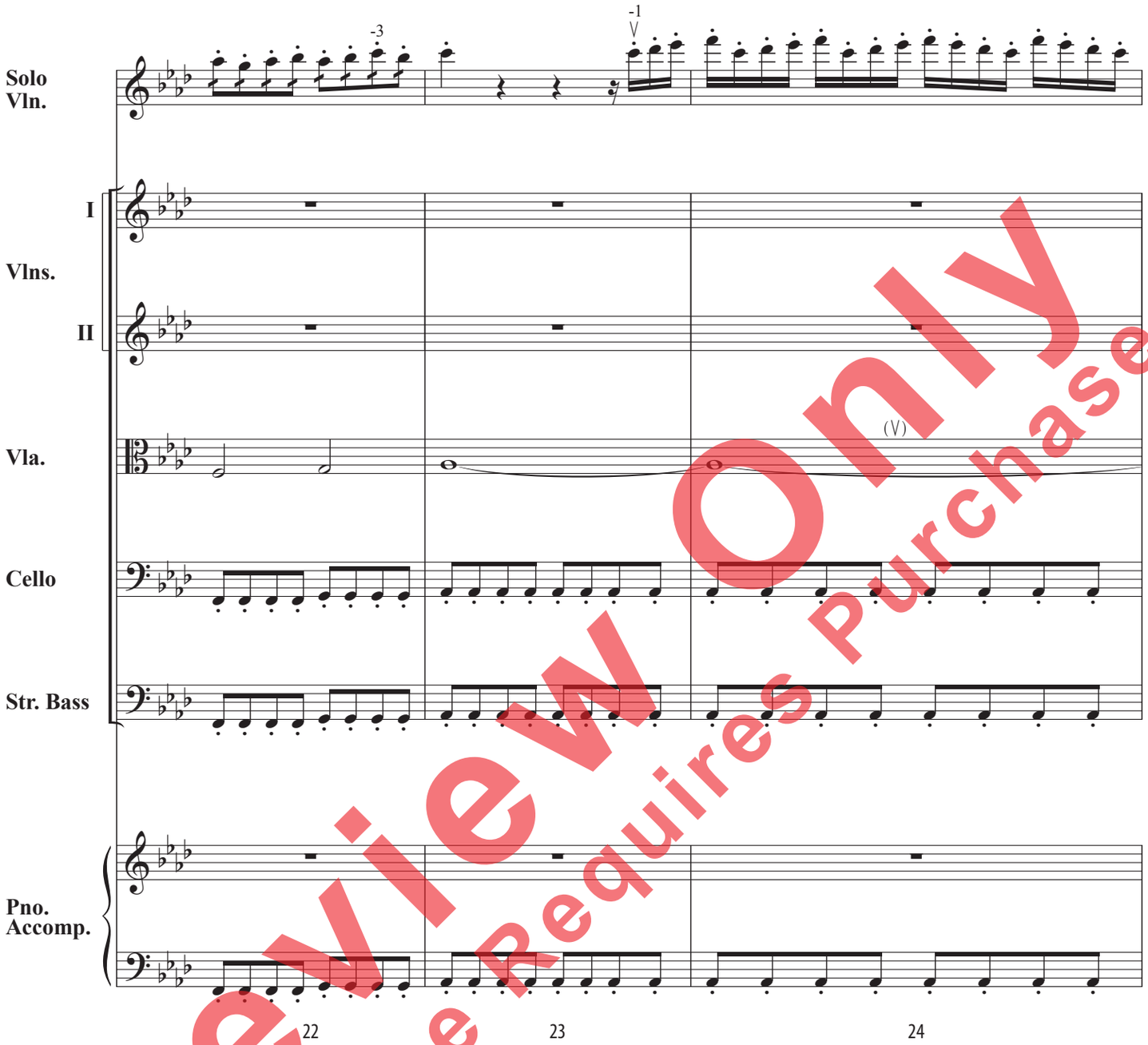

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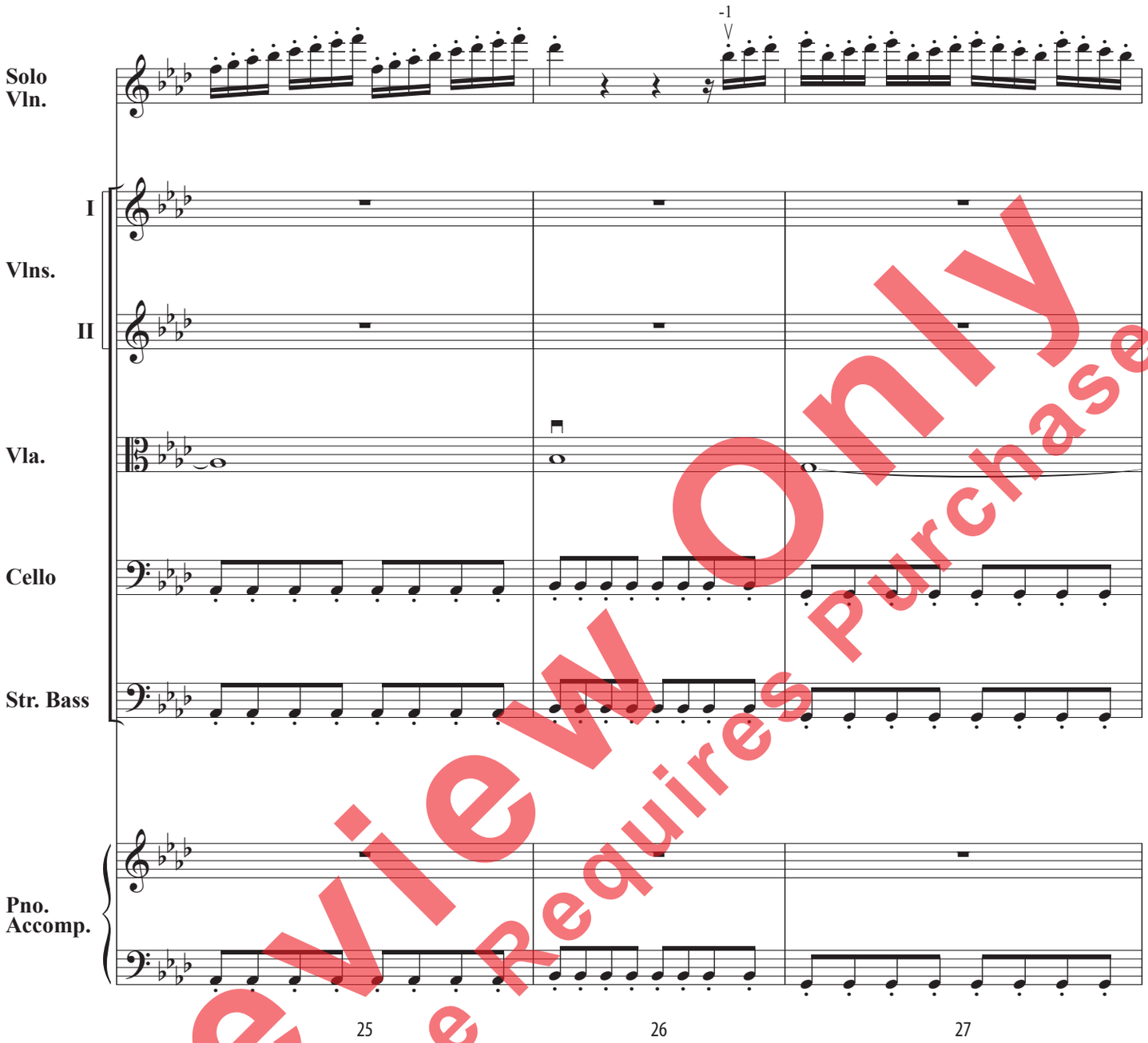

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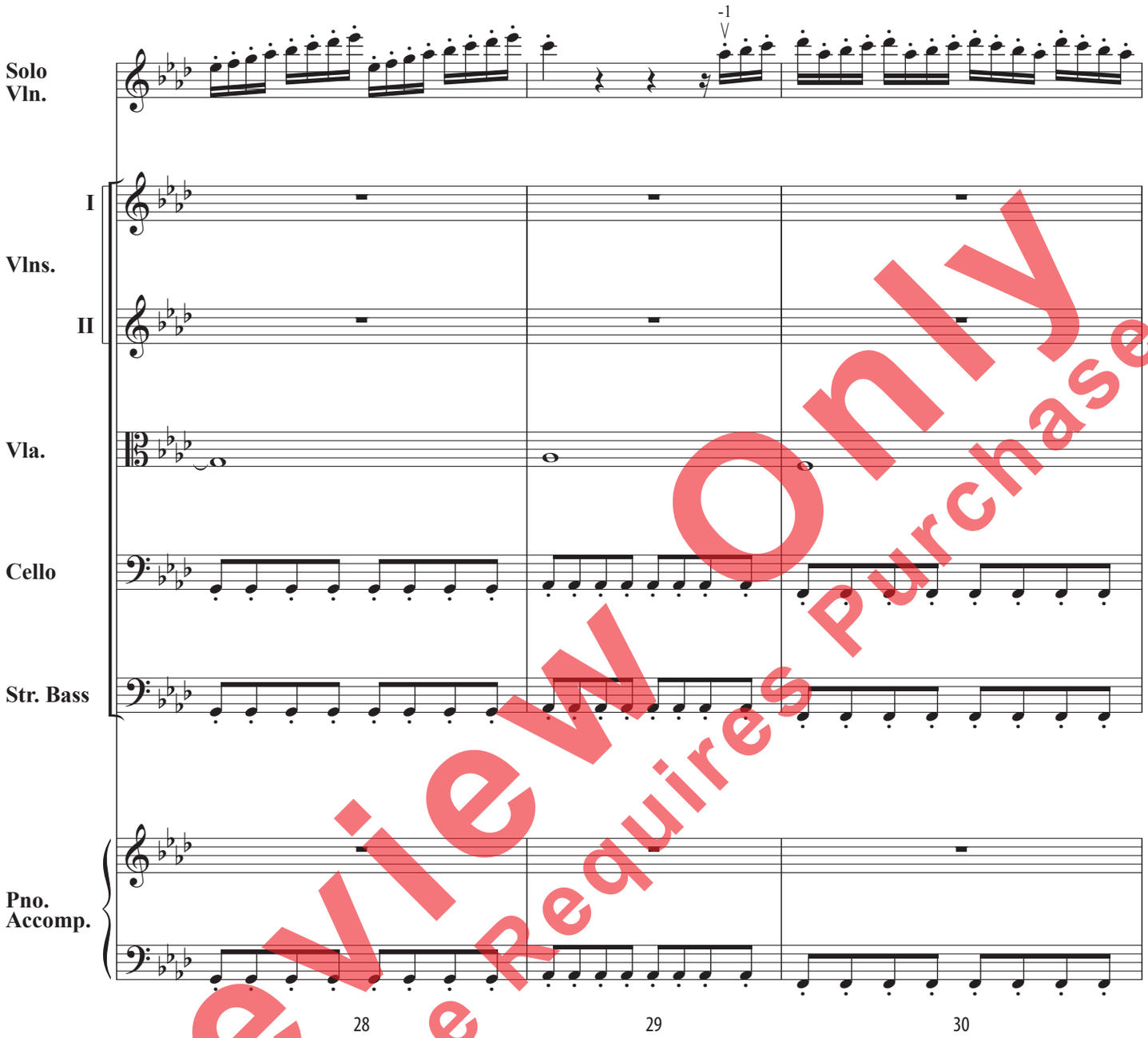

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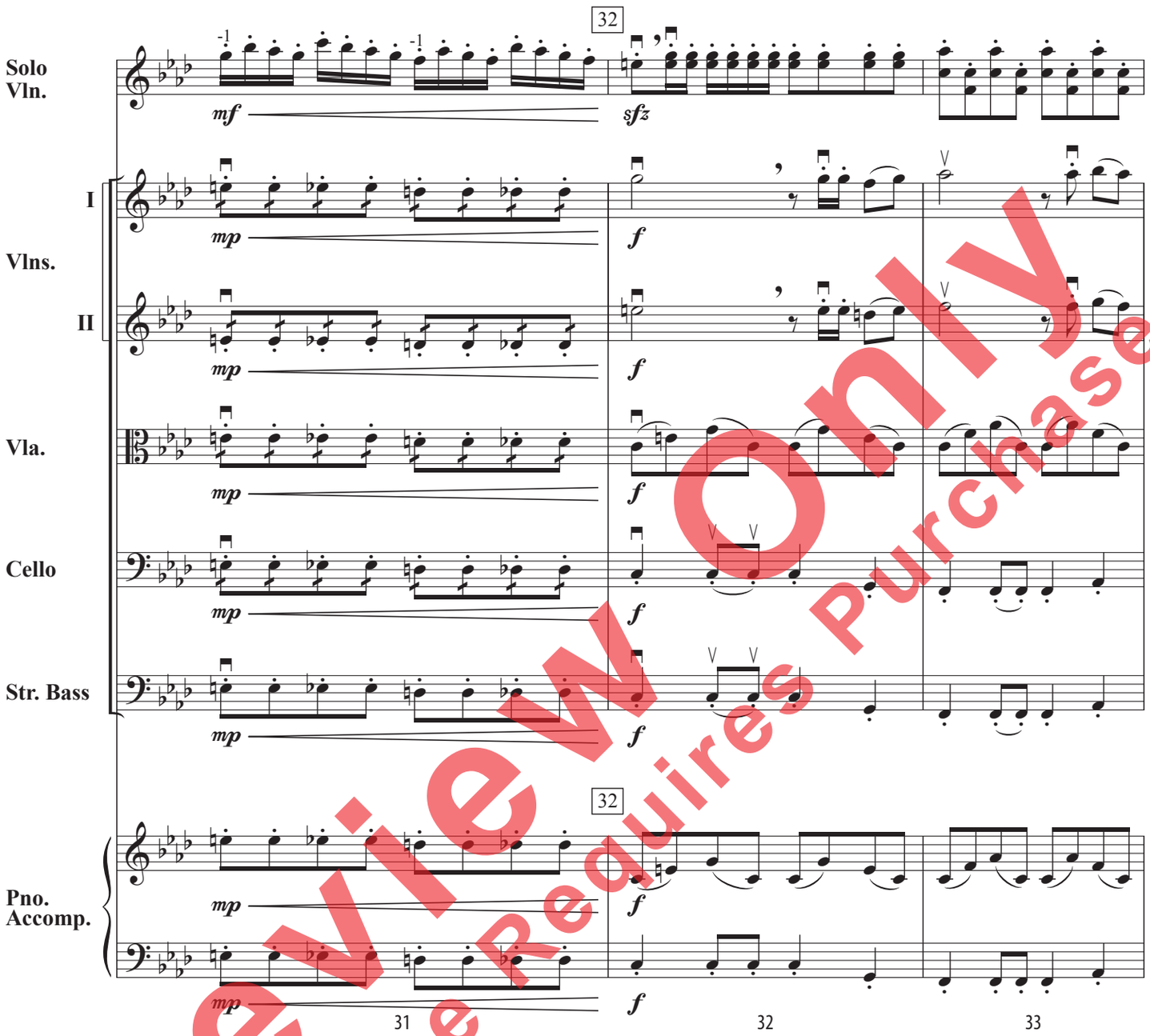

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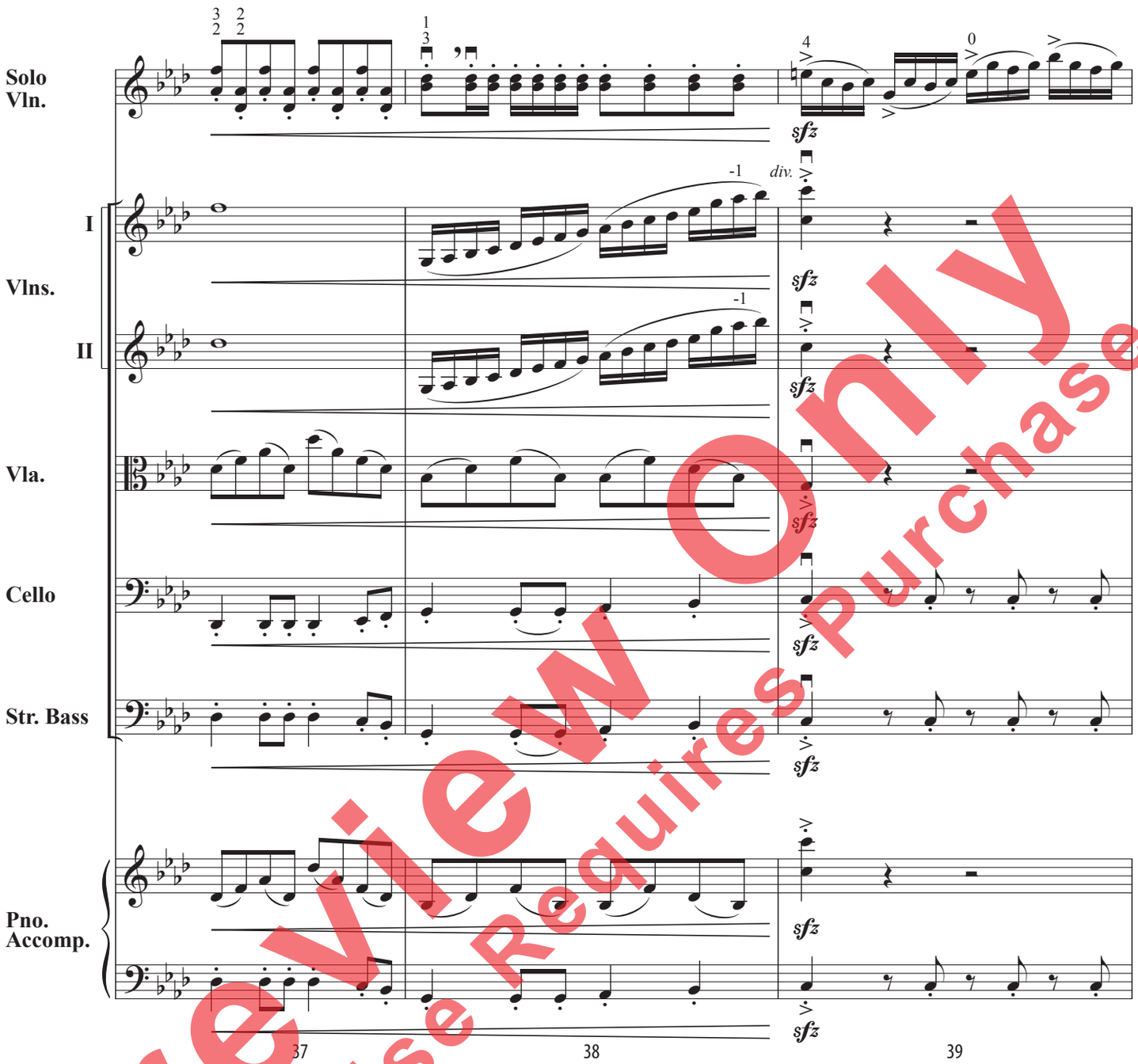

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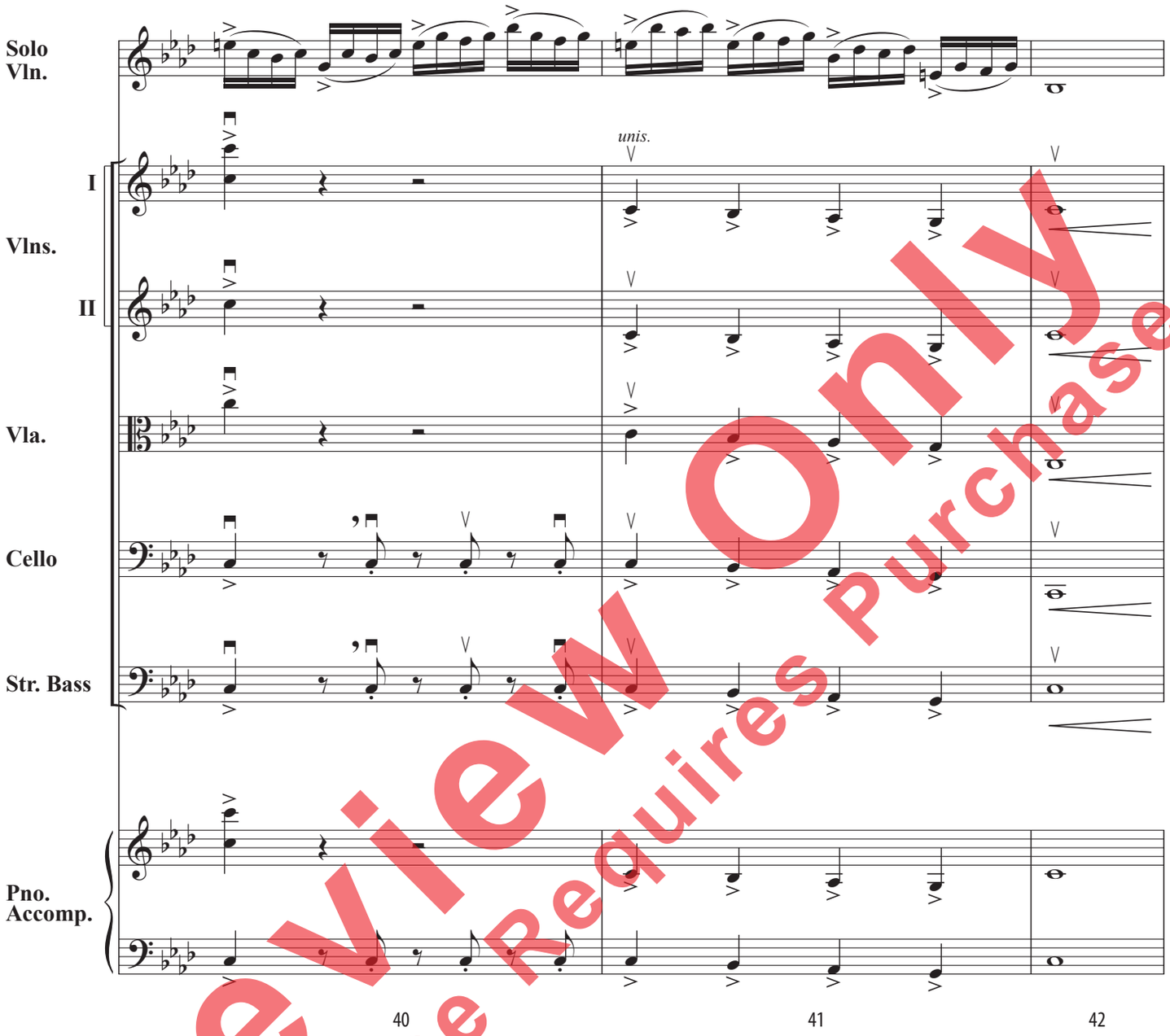

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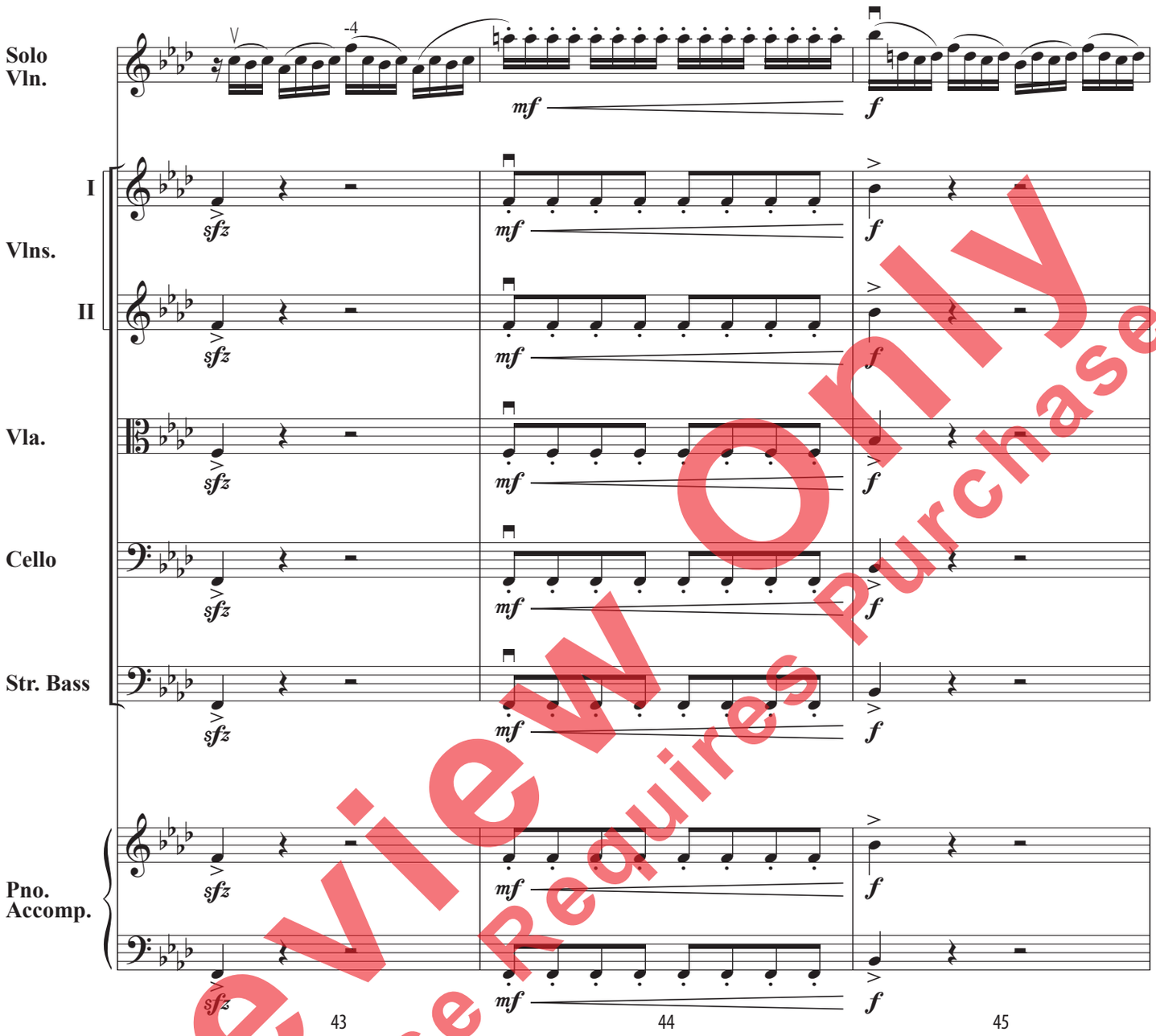

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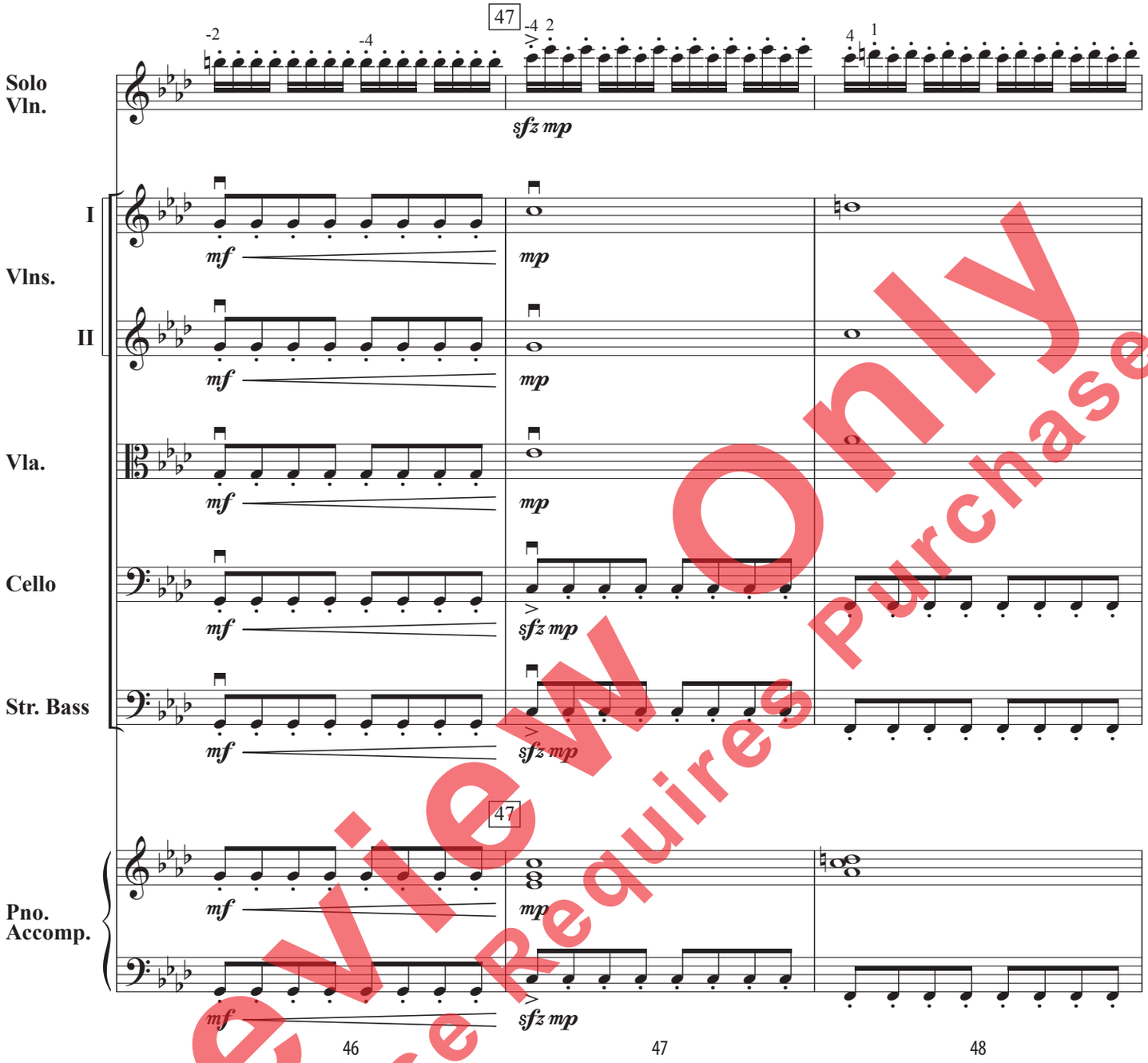

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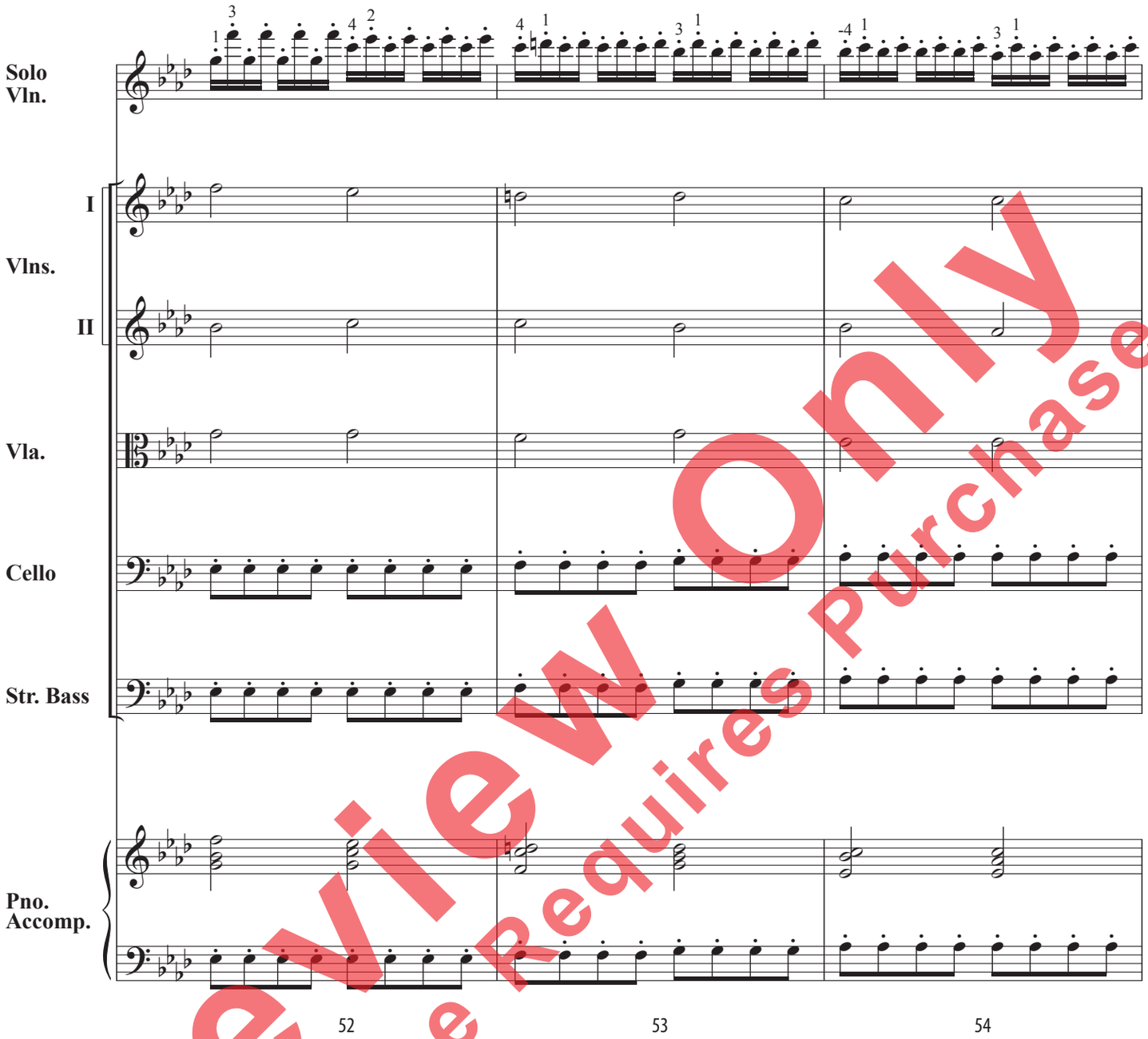

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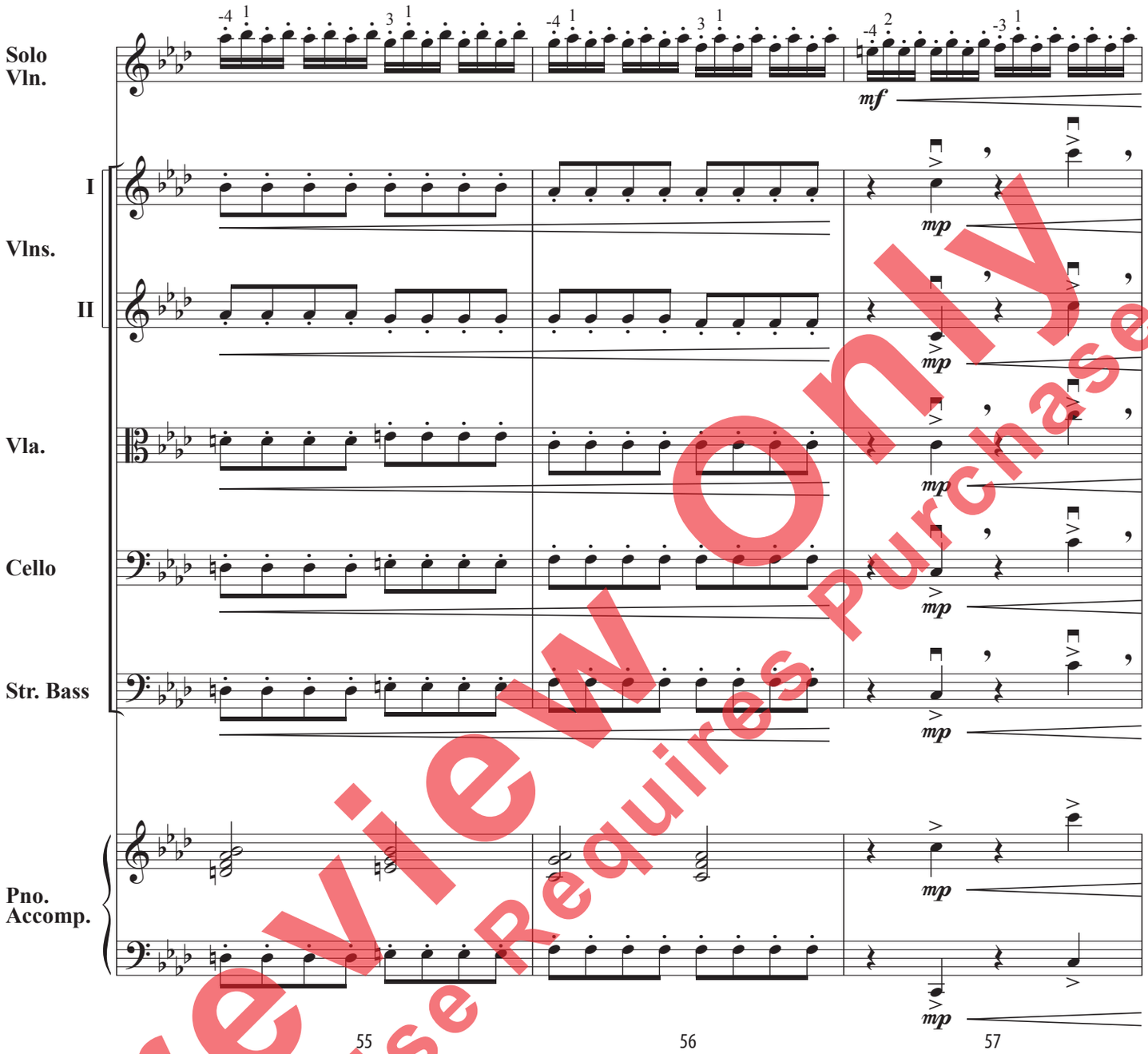

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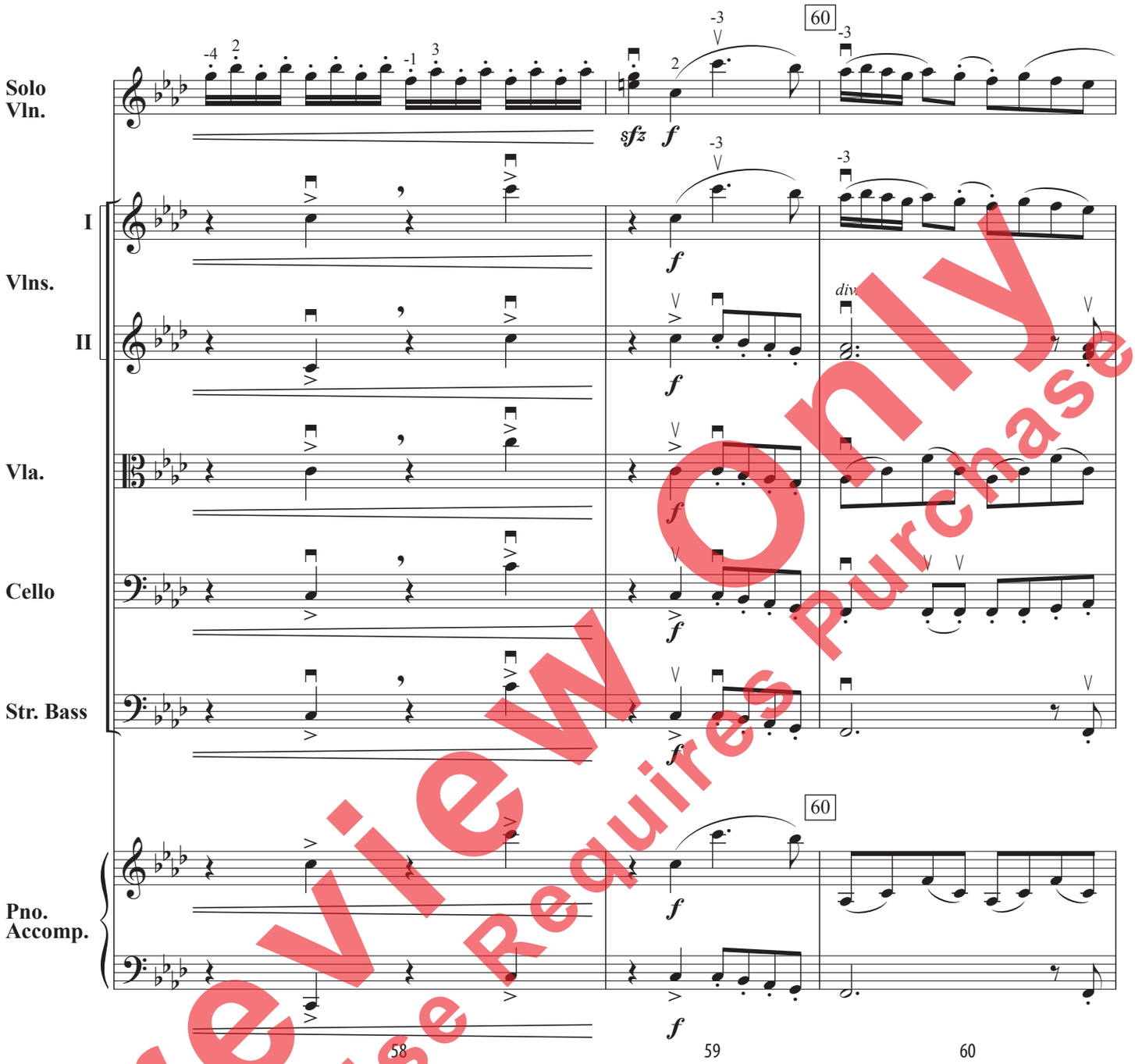

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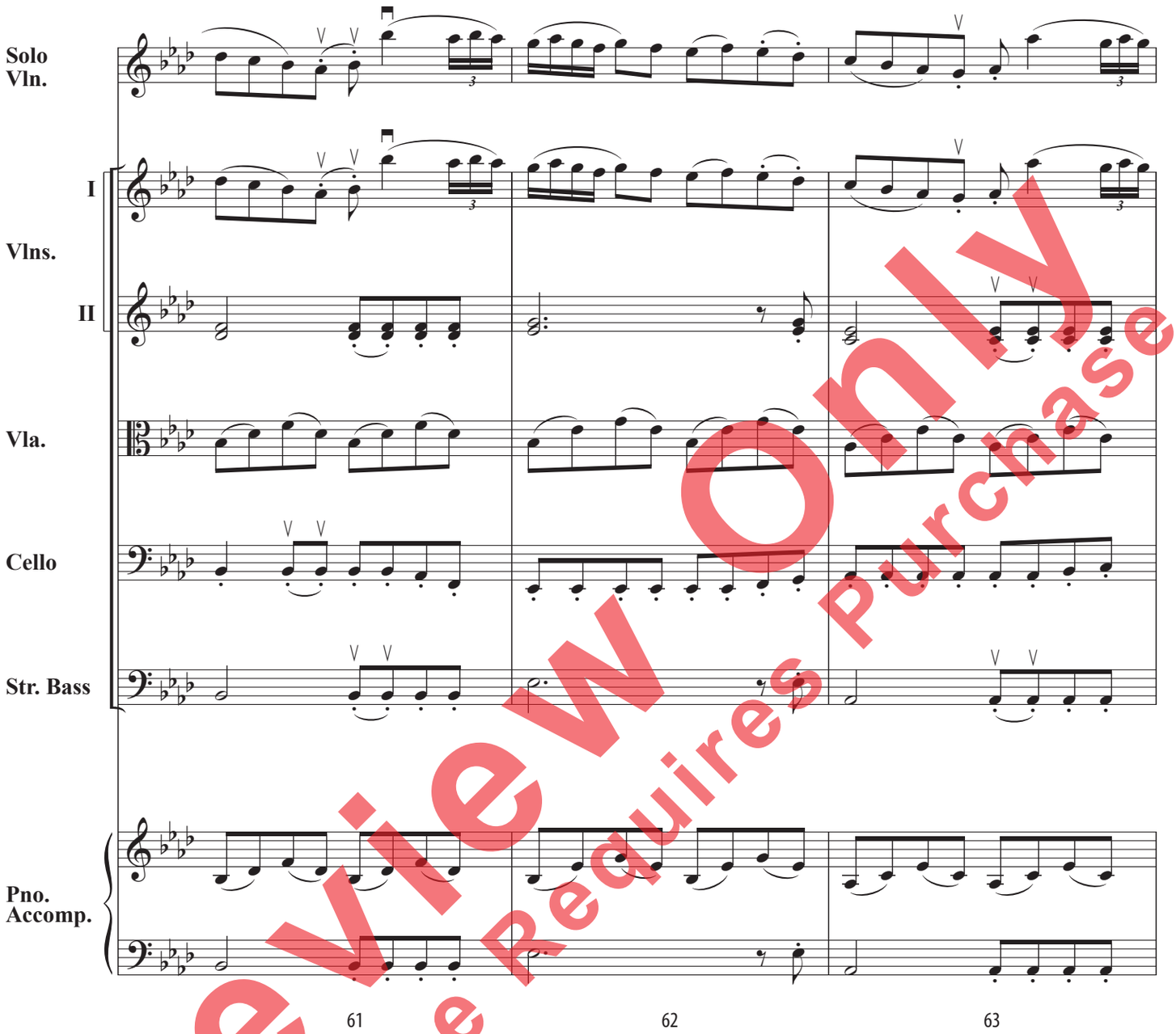

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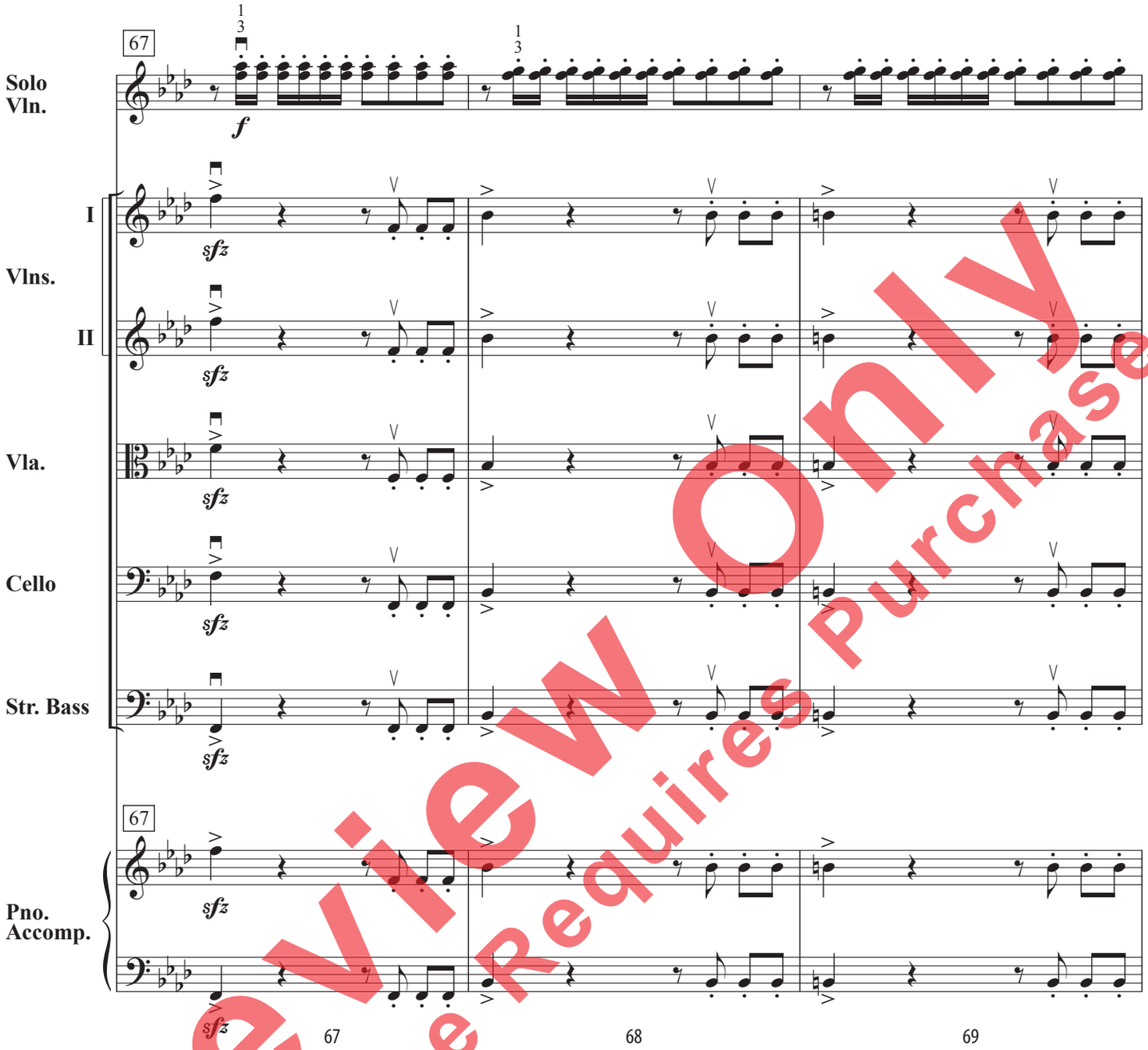

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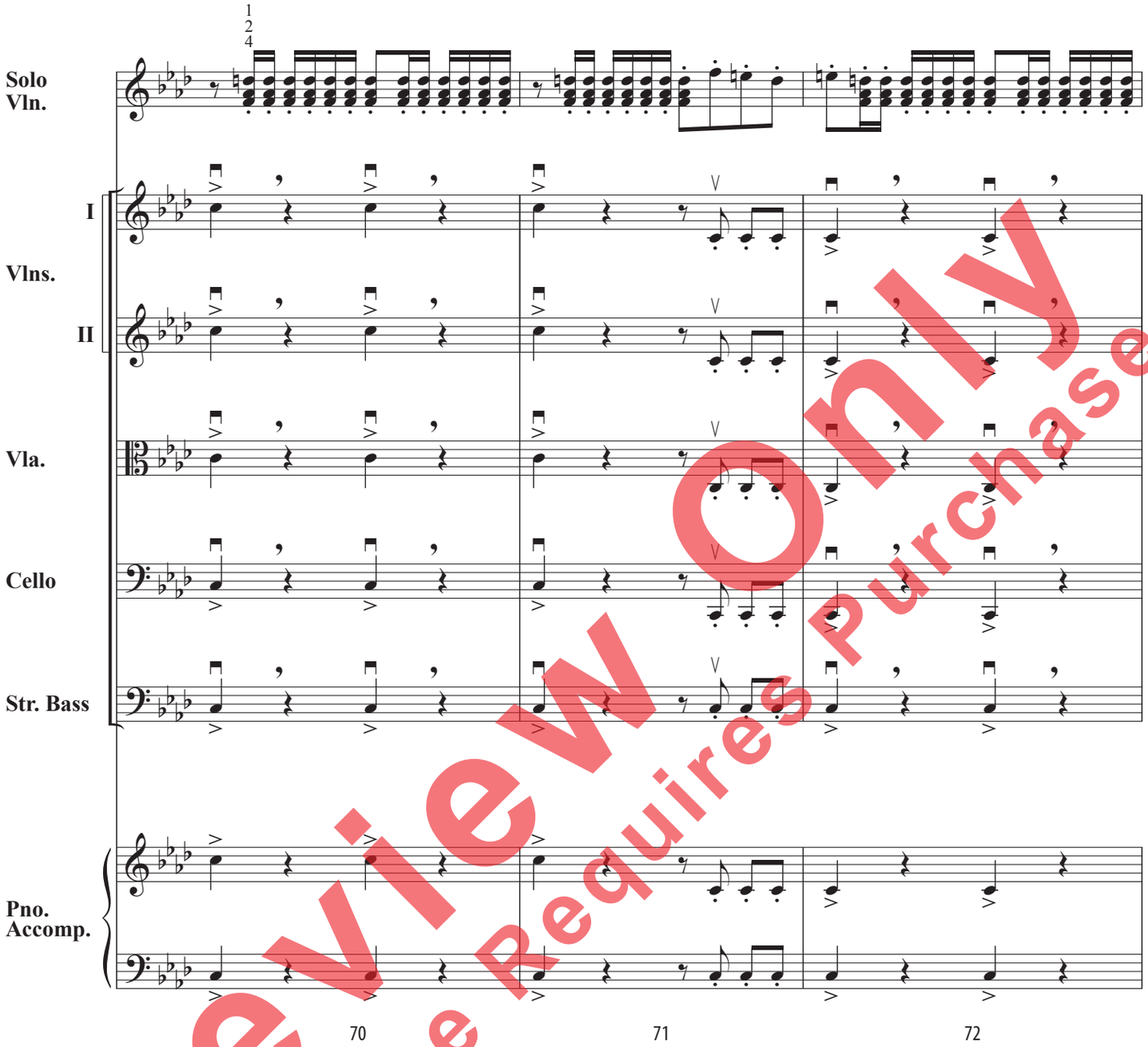

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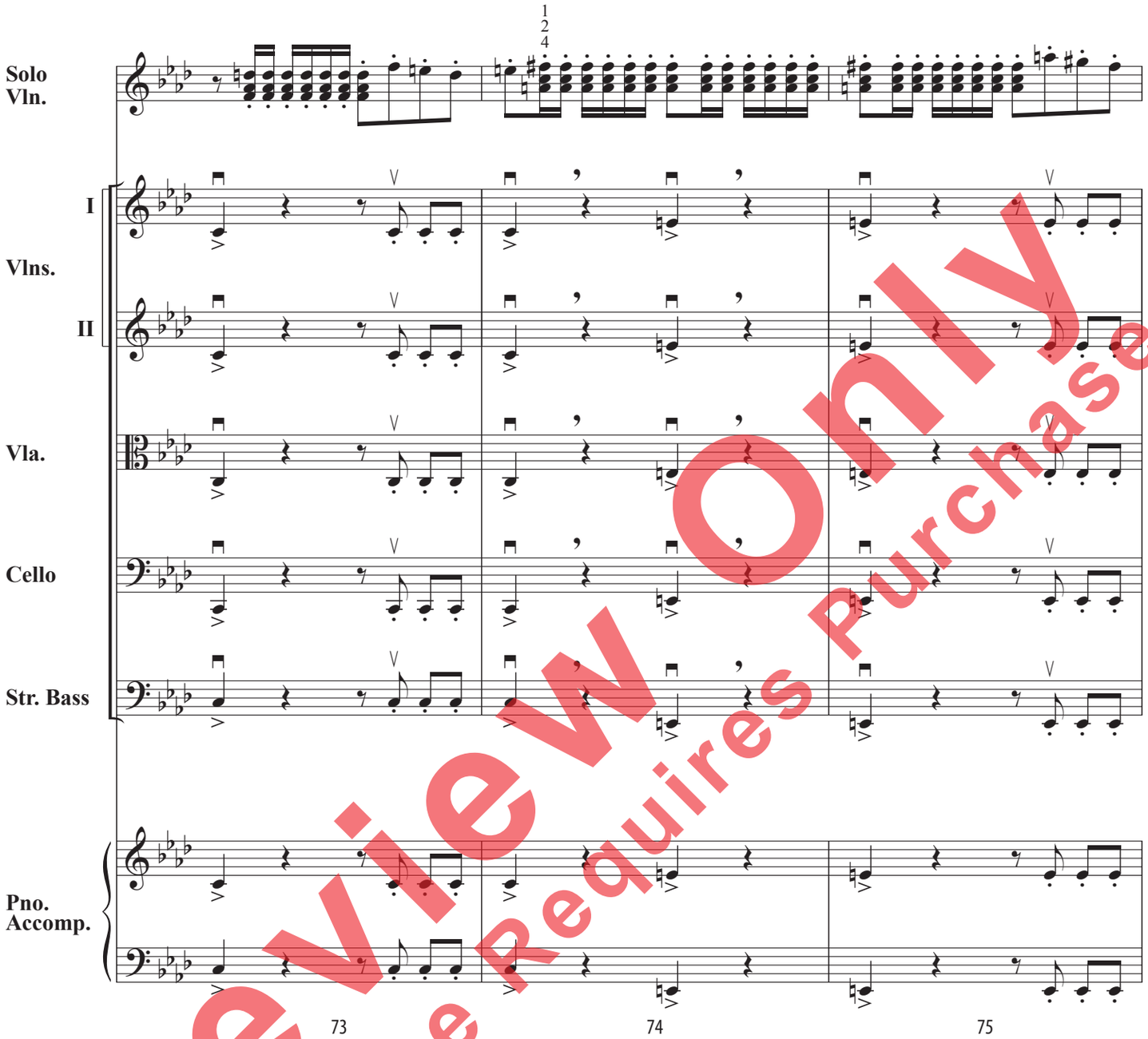

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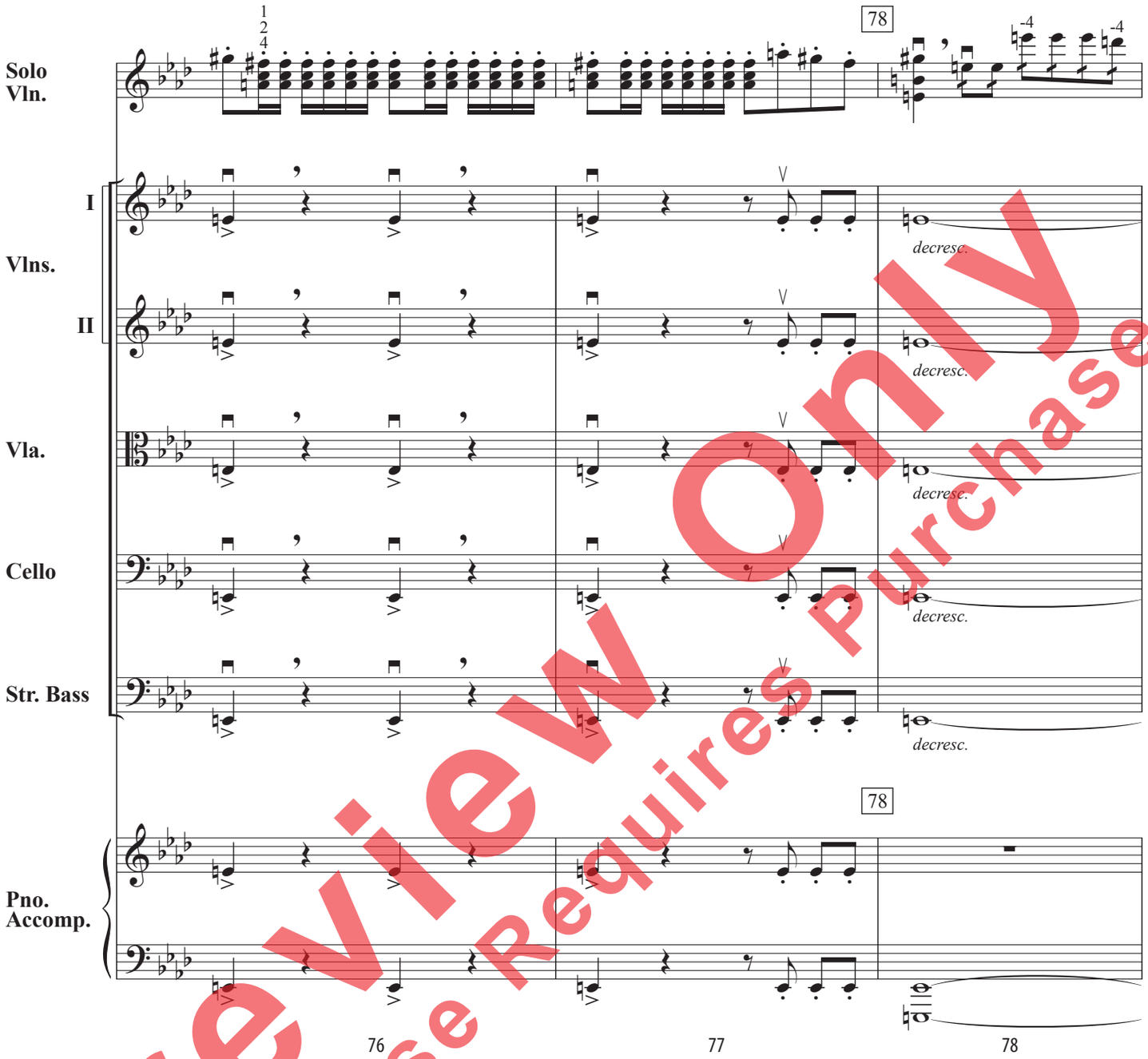

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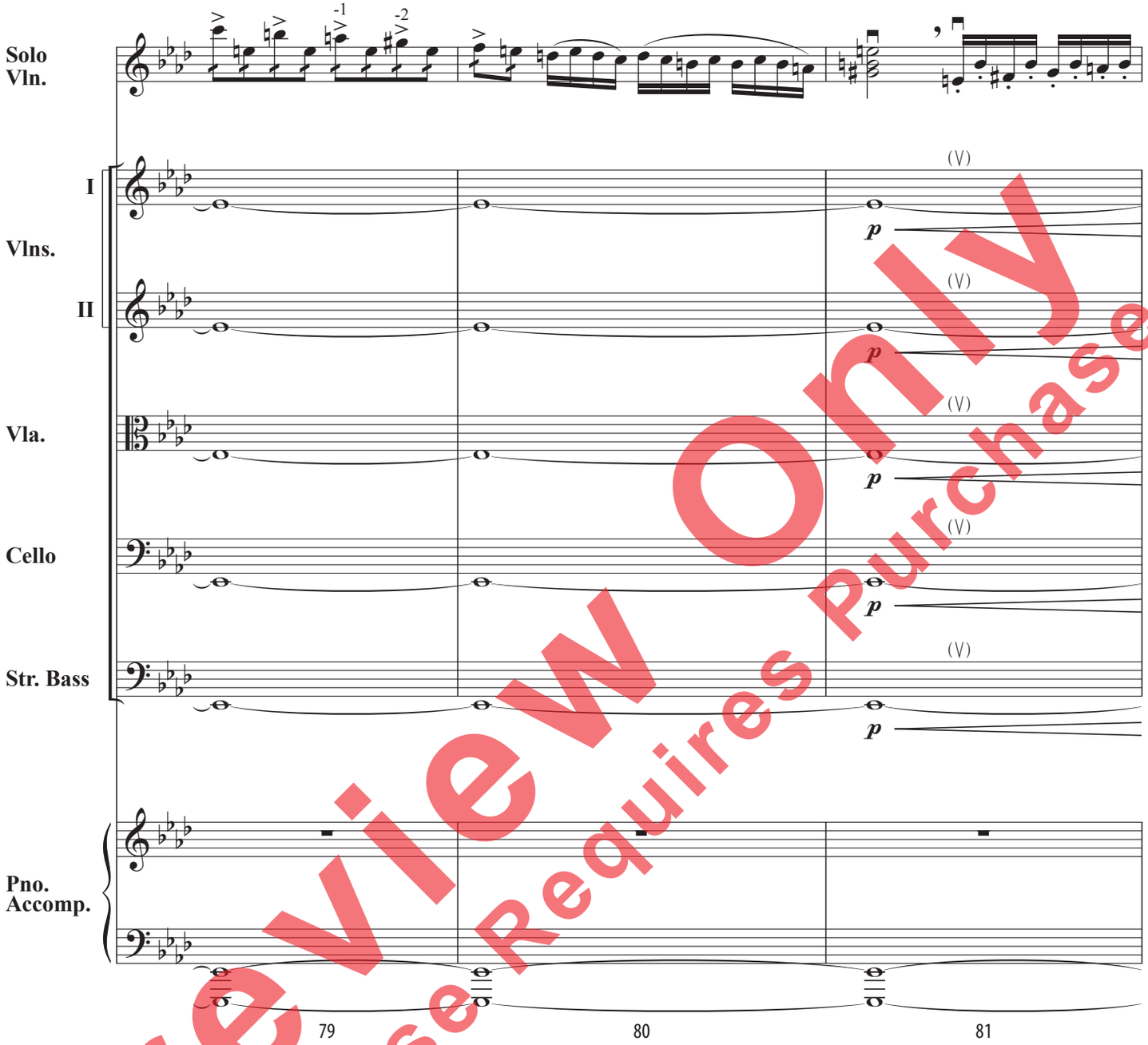

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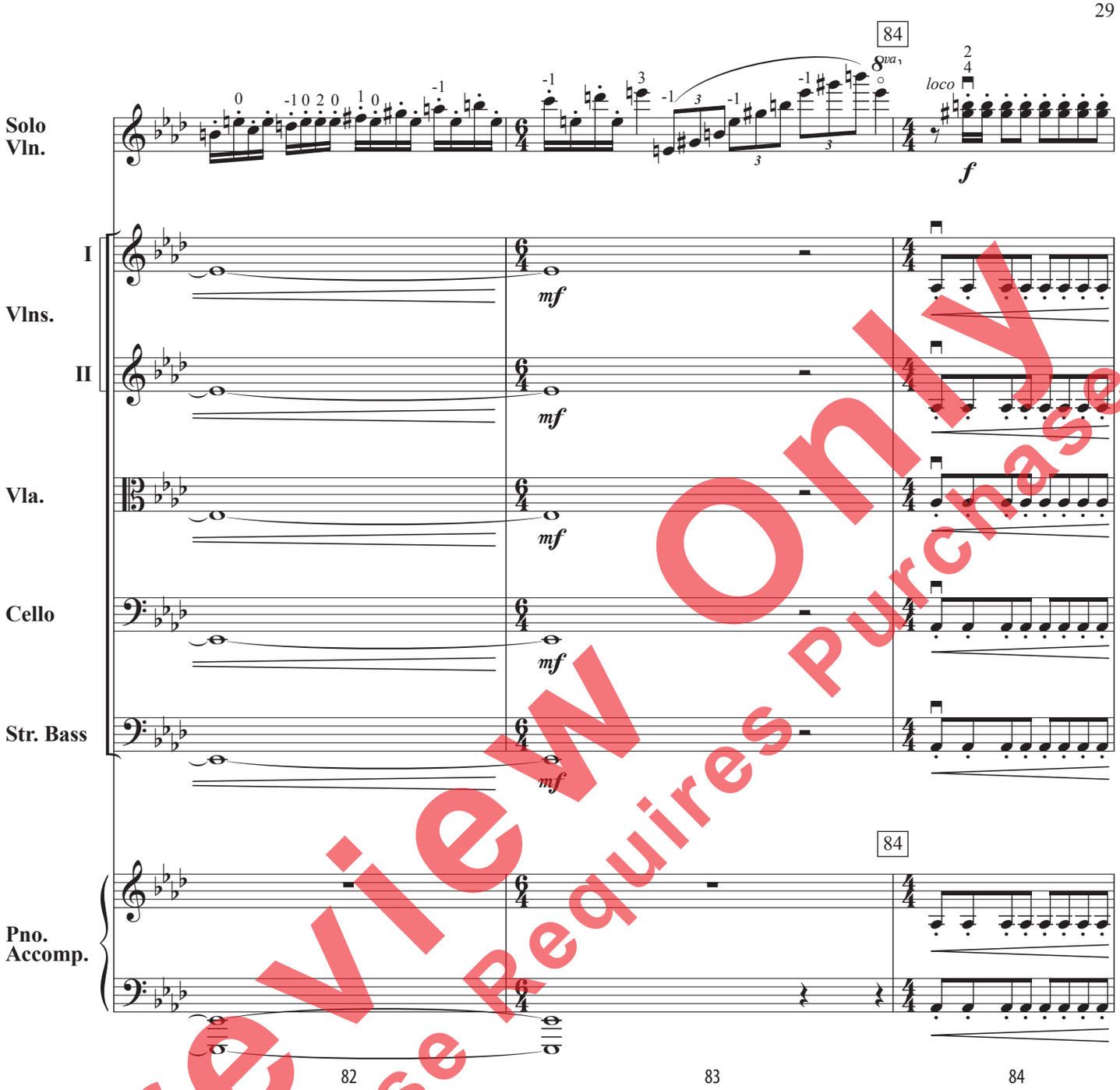

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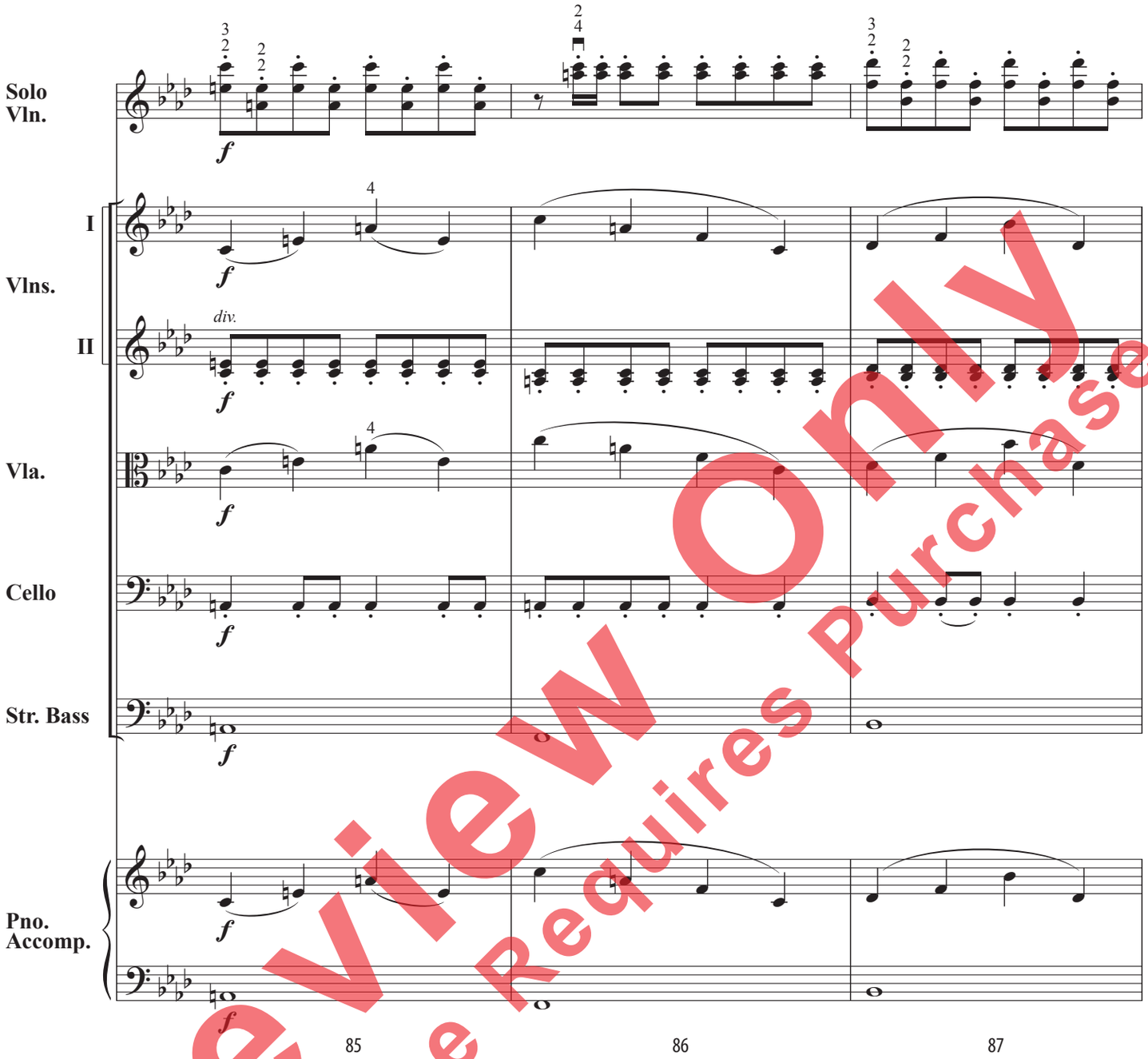

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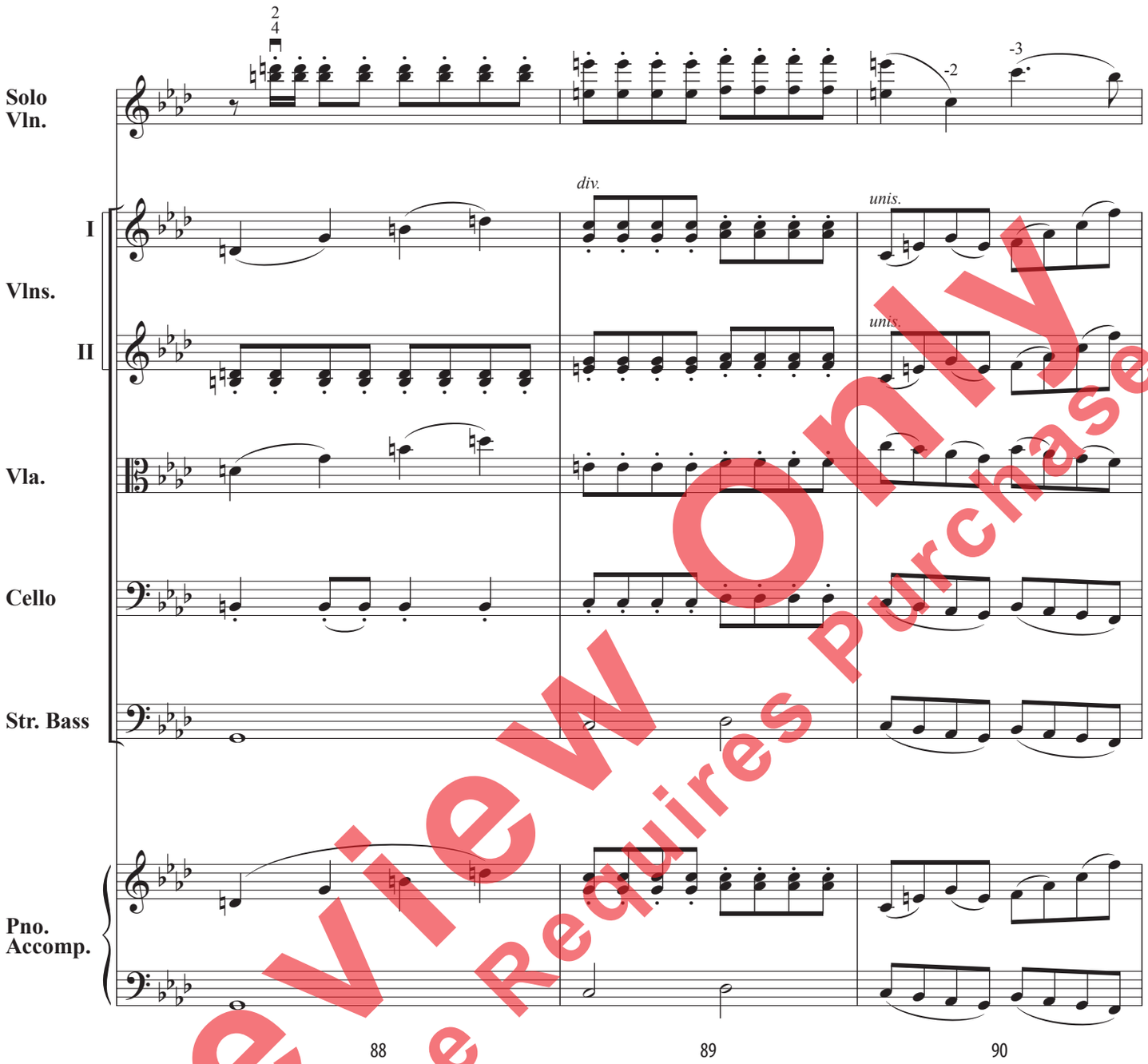

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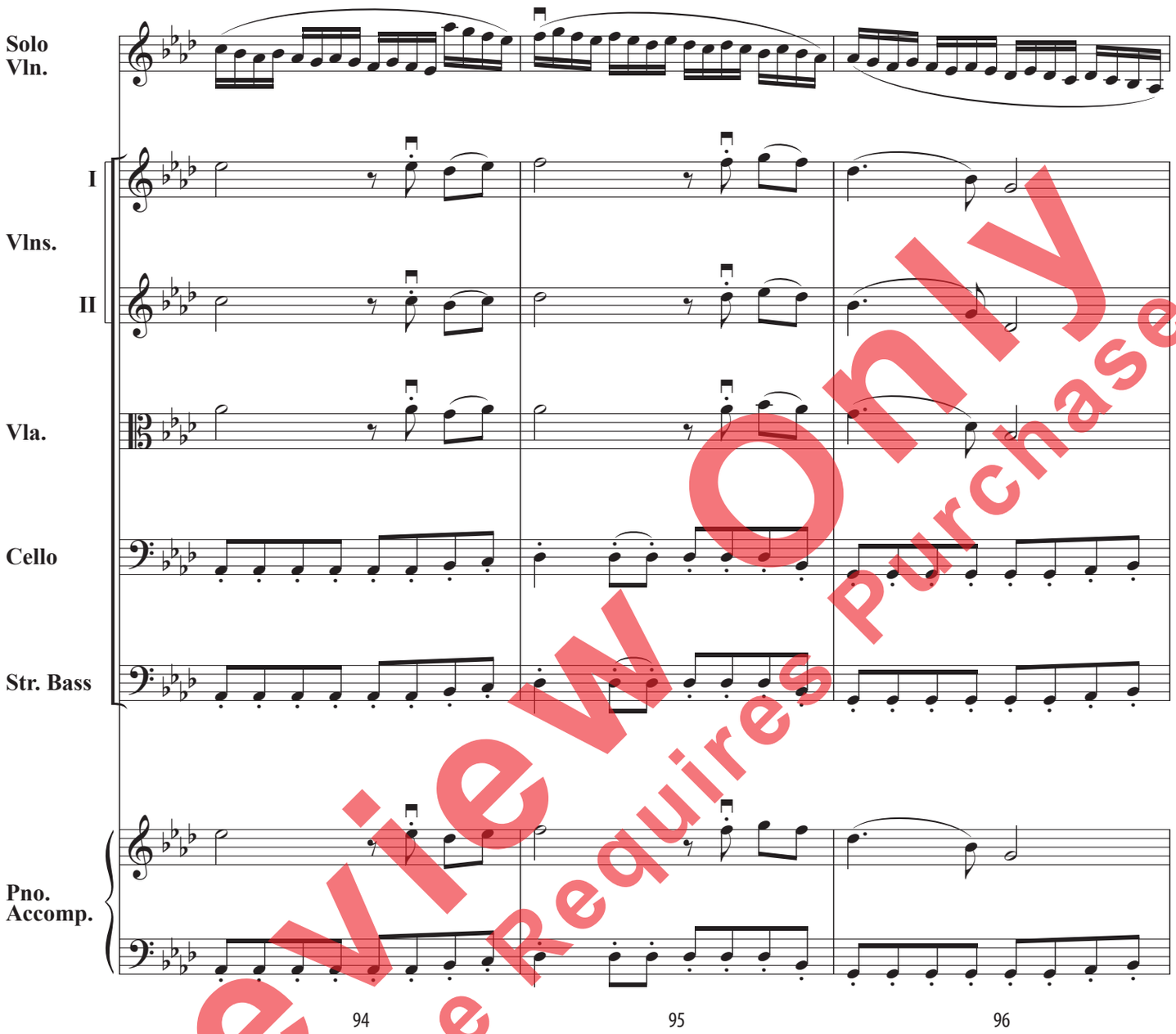

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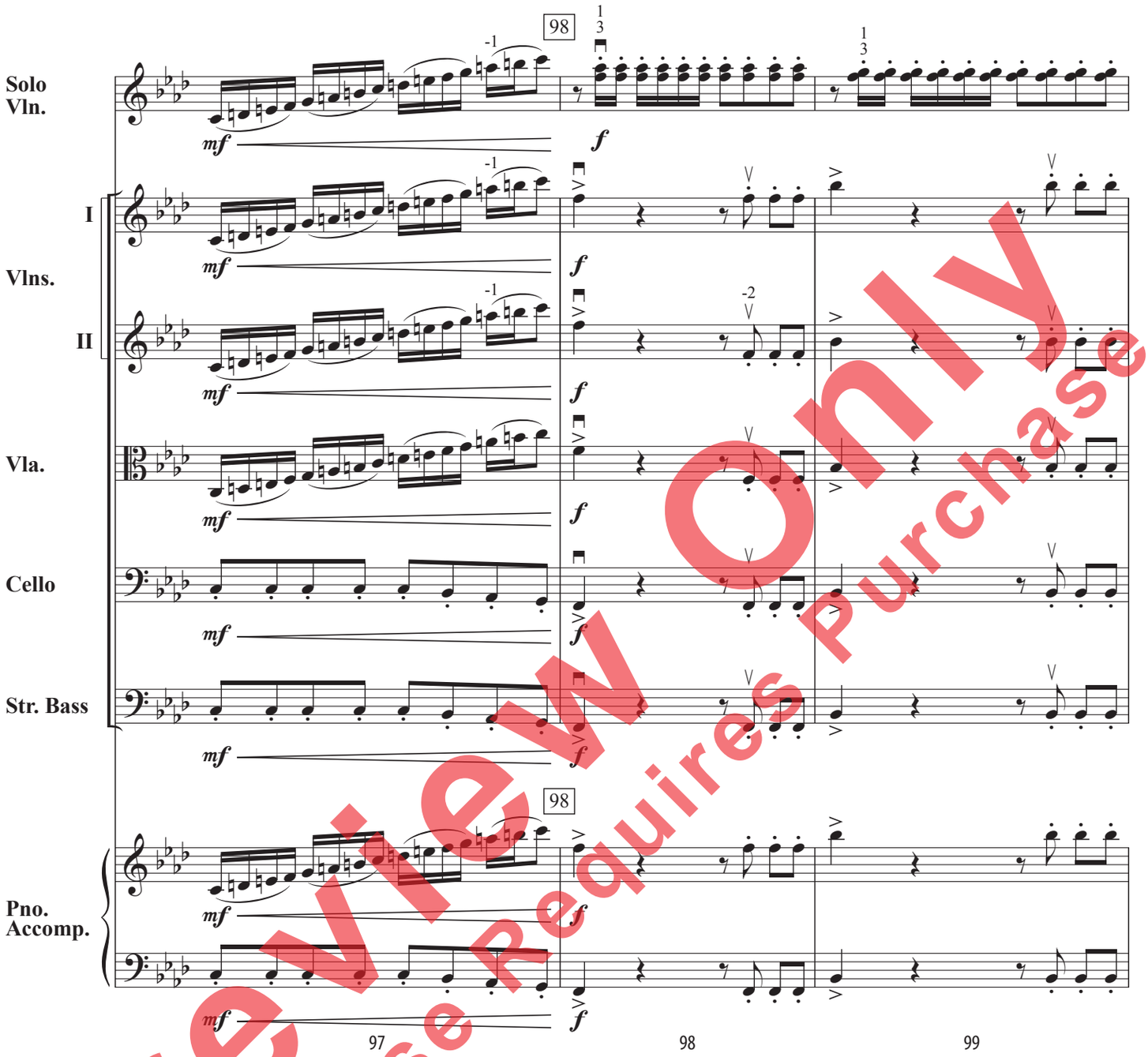

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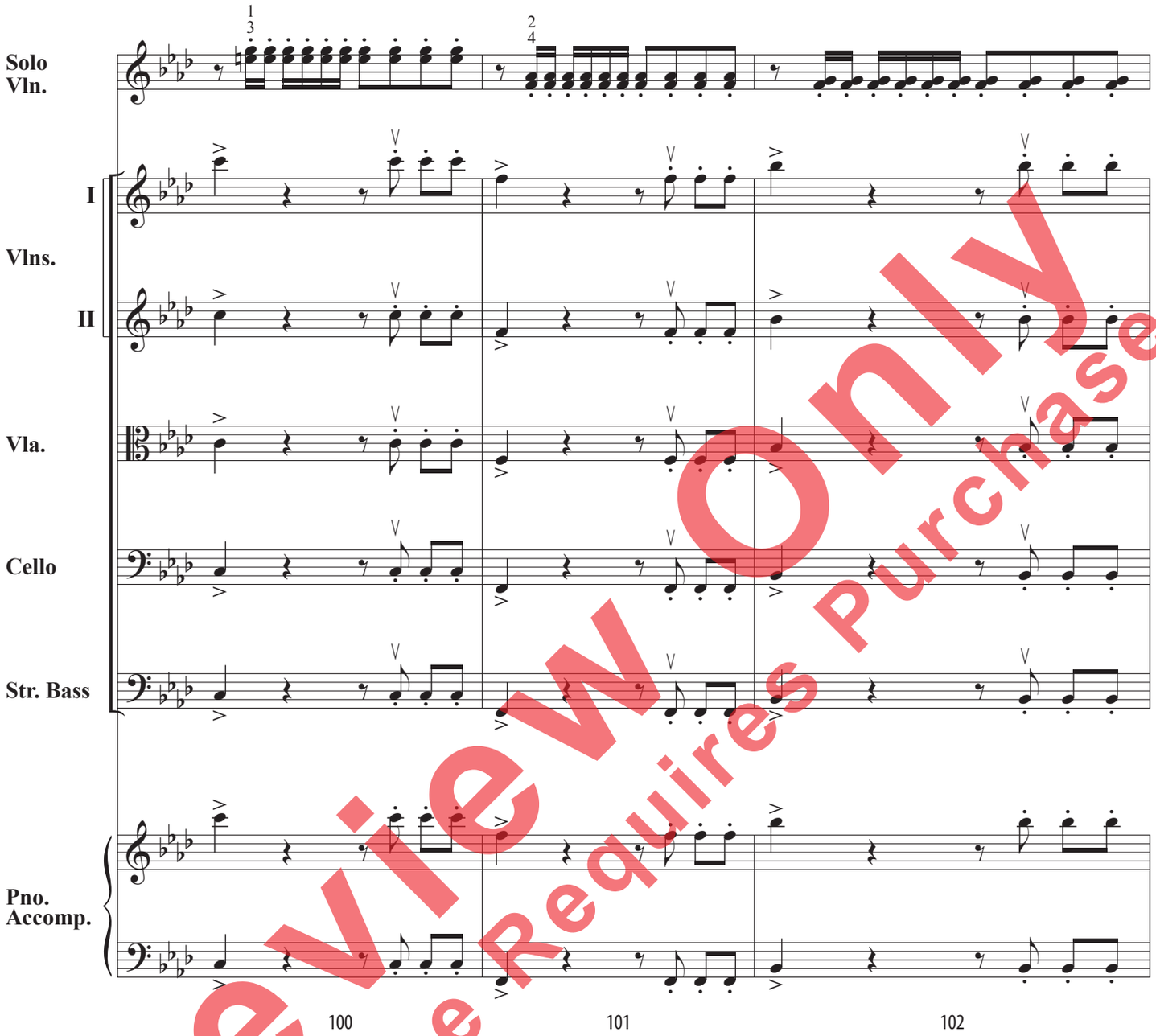

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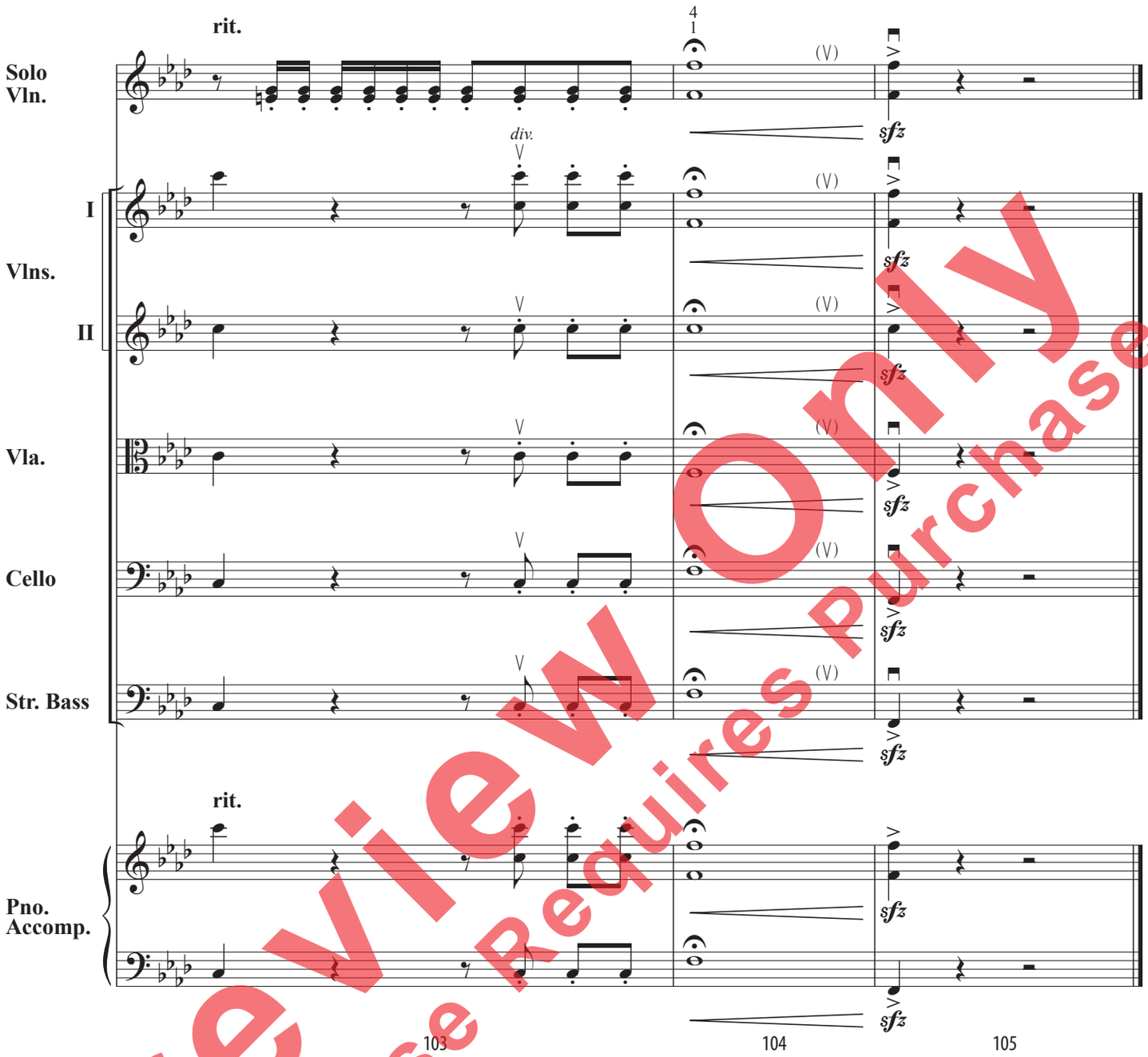

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