Hiawatha's Wedding Feast

Scene I *from* The Song of Hiawatha

By Samuel Coleridge-Taylor
Arranged by Deborah Baker Monday

INSTRUMENTATION

1 Conductor
8 1st Violin
8 2nd Violin
5 Viola
5 Cello
5 String Bass

PROGRAM NOTES

There is much to learn about music and history from *Hiawatha's Wedding Feast* by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor. It is based on Longfellow's epic poem "The Song of Hiawatha," and the music was very successful at the time it was composed. You have probably never heard of Coleridge-Taylor even though he lived at the same time as many other famous composers from Europe like Brahms, Dvorak, and Mahler to name a few. One reason could be that he only lived a short 37 years but also that he was of mixed race, the son of an English woman and a prominent administrator from Sierra Leone, Africa. He achieved success in Europe and America making three tours to explore his father's heritage as a descendant of African-American slaves.

Coleridge-Taylor did not make it into the music history books or as a household name but his reputation earned him the nickname "African Mahler."

— Deborah Baker Monday

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FULL SCORE
Duration - 4:00

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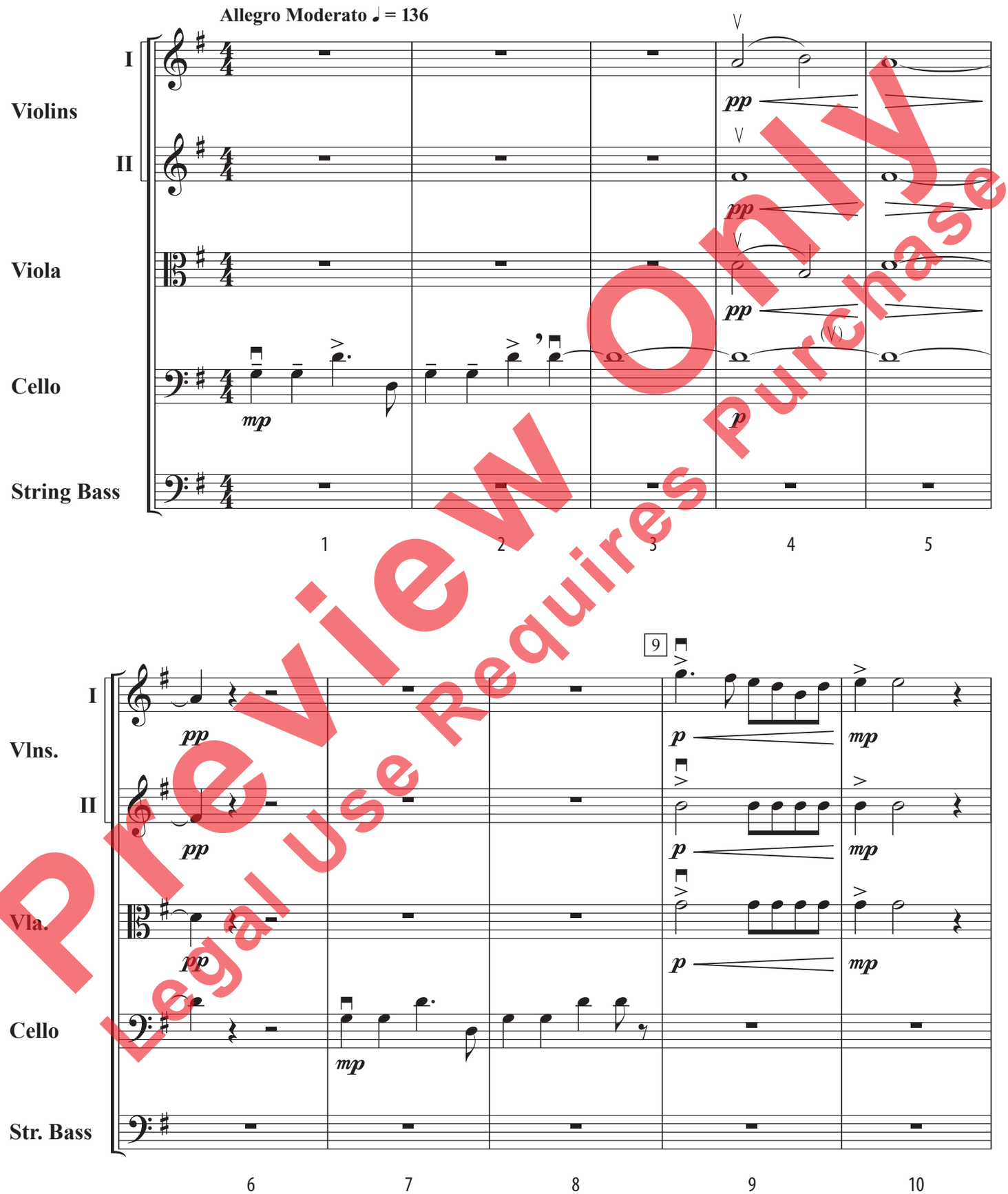

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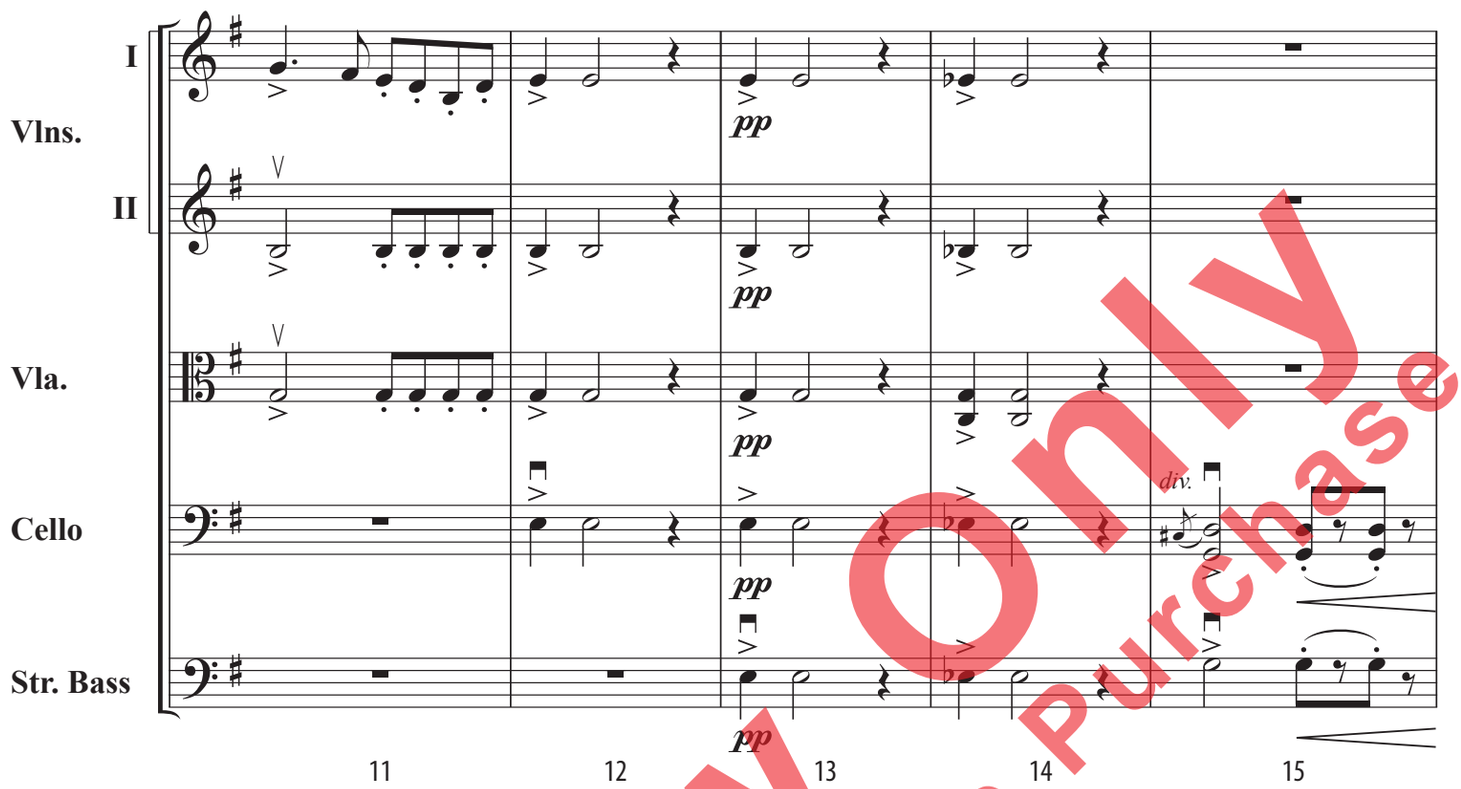

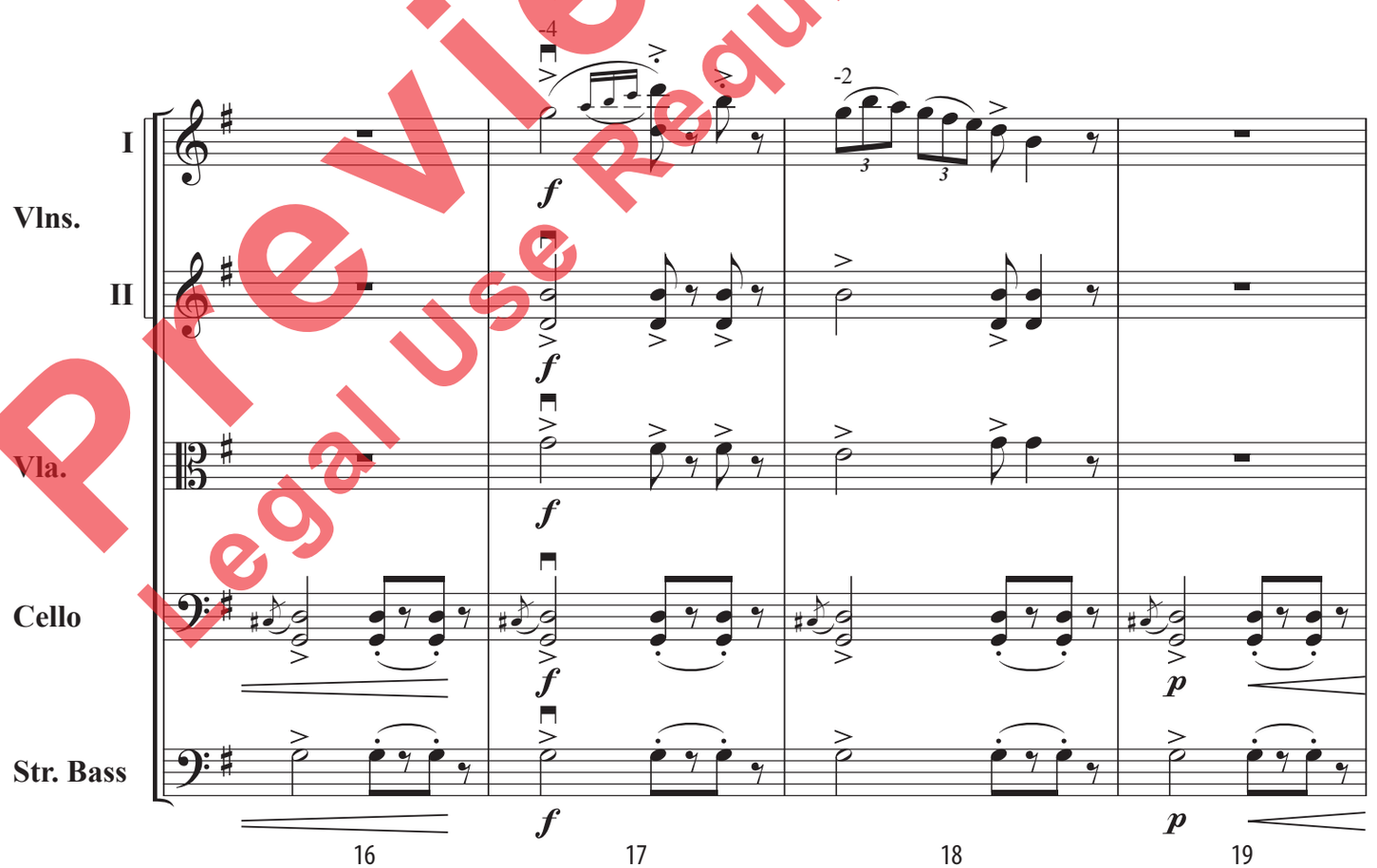

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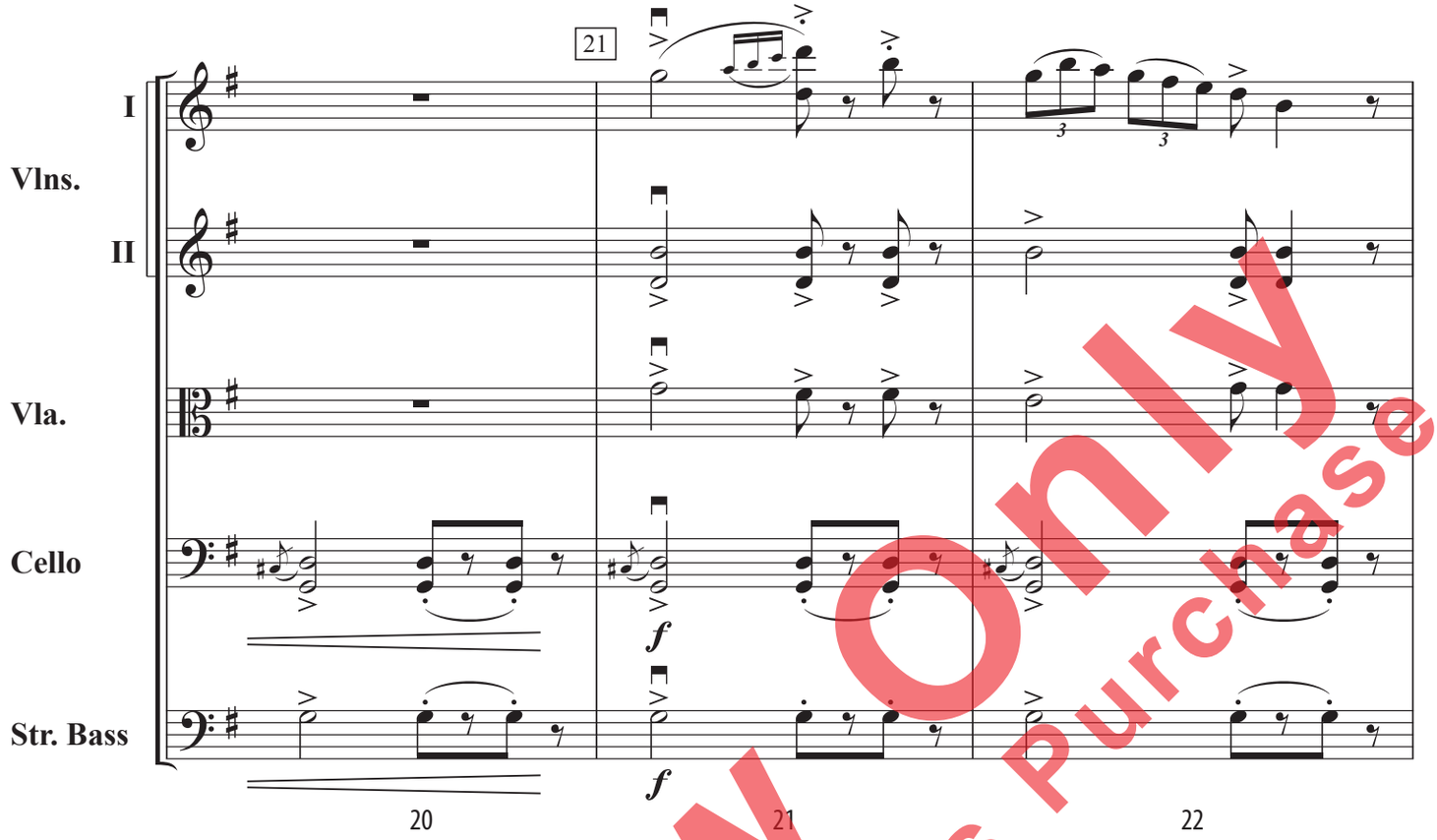

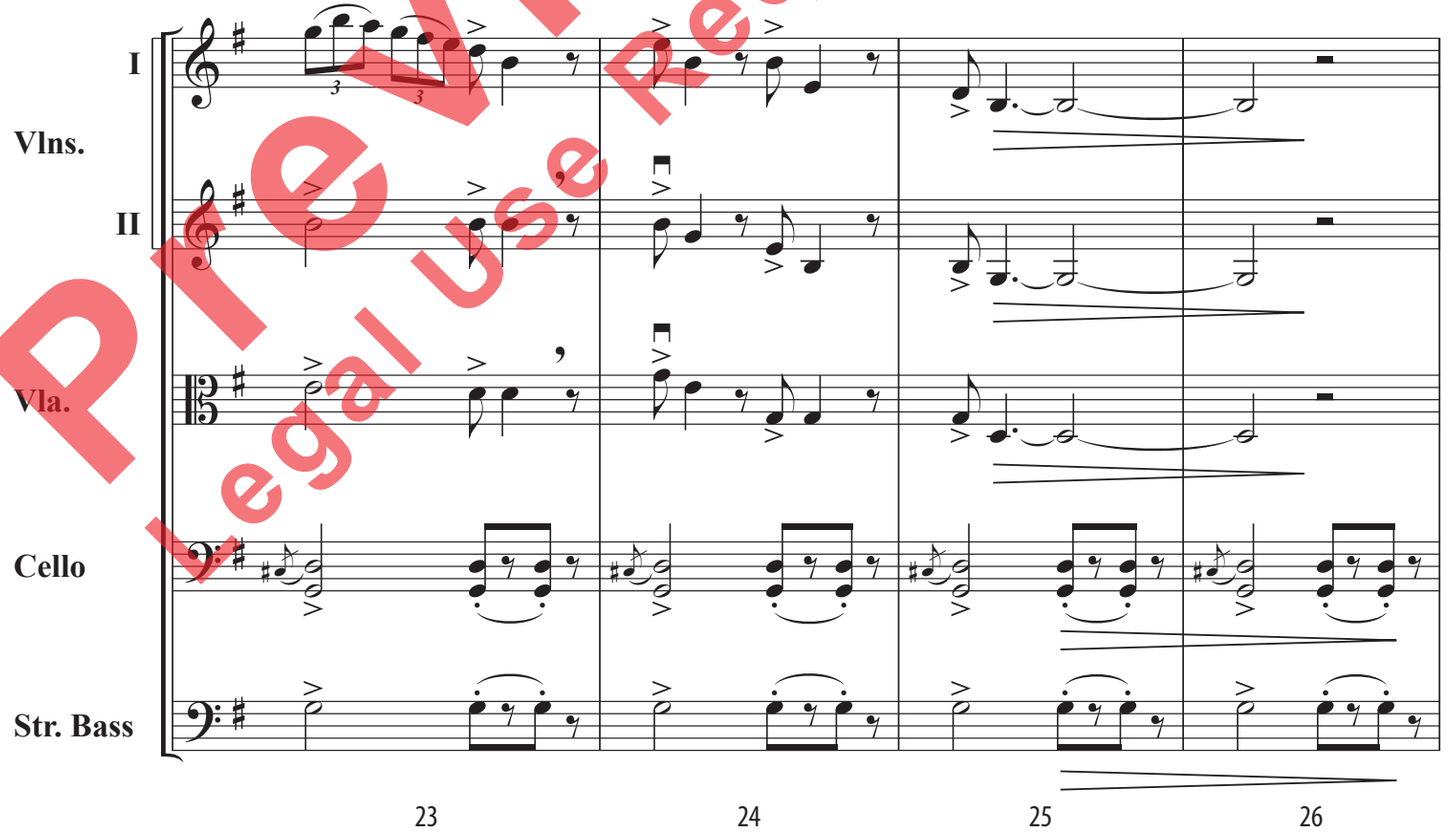

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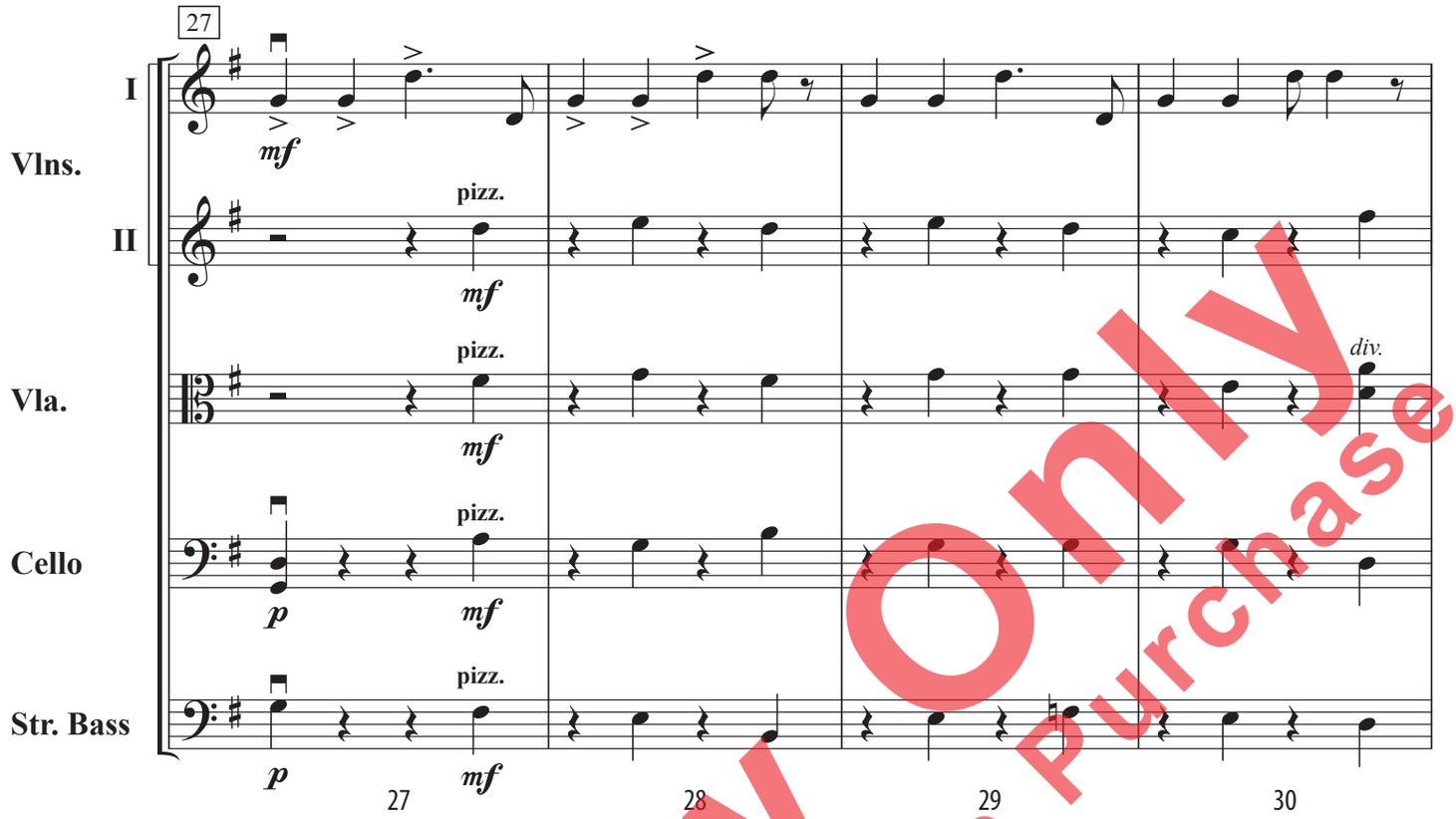

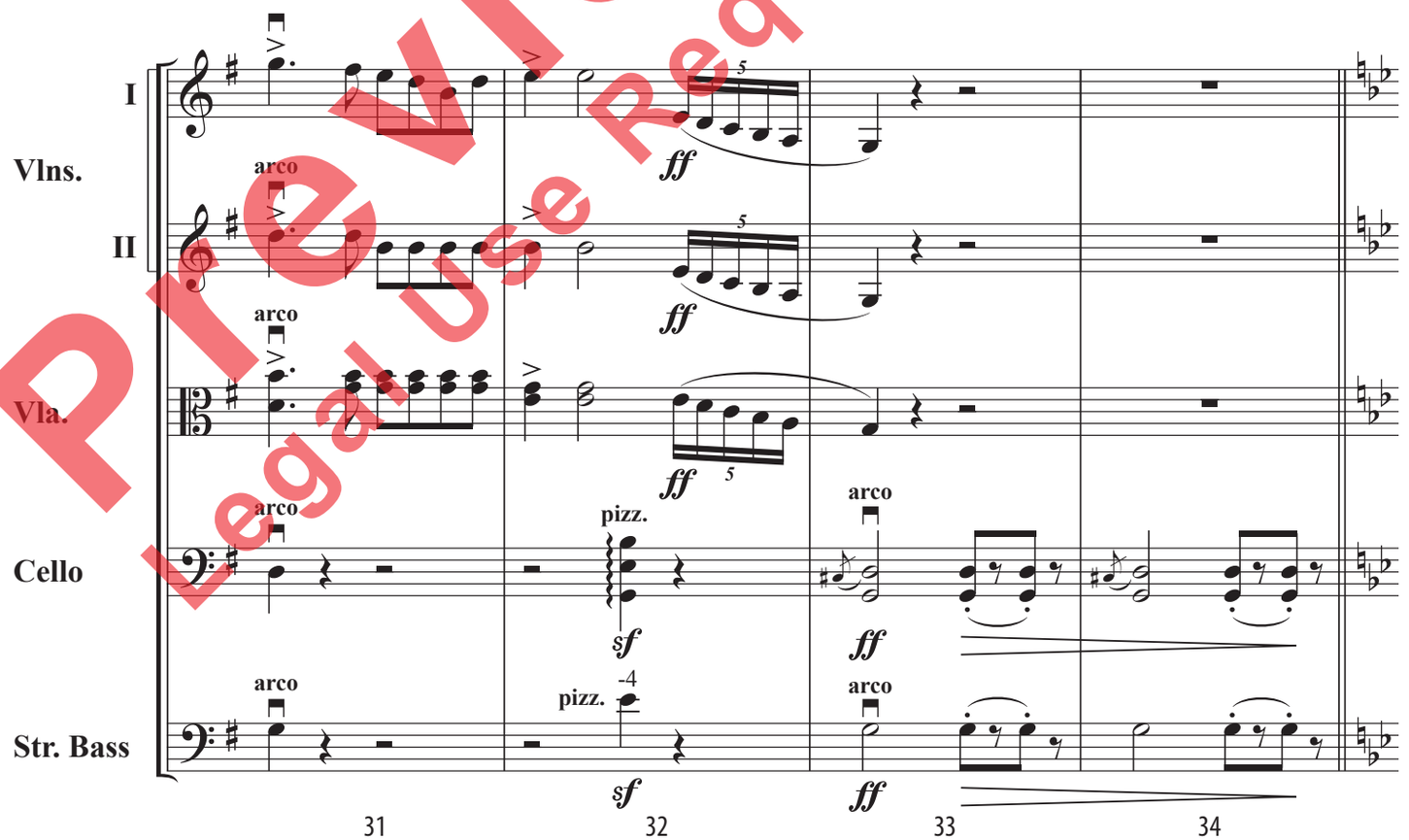

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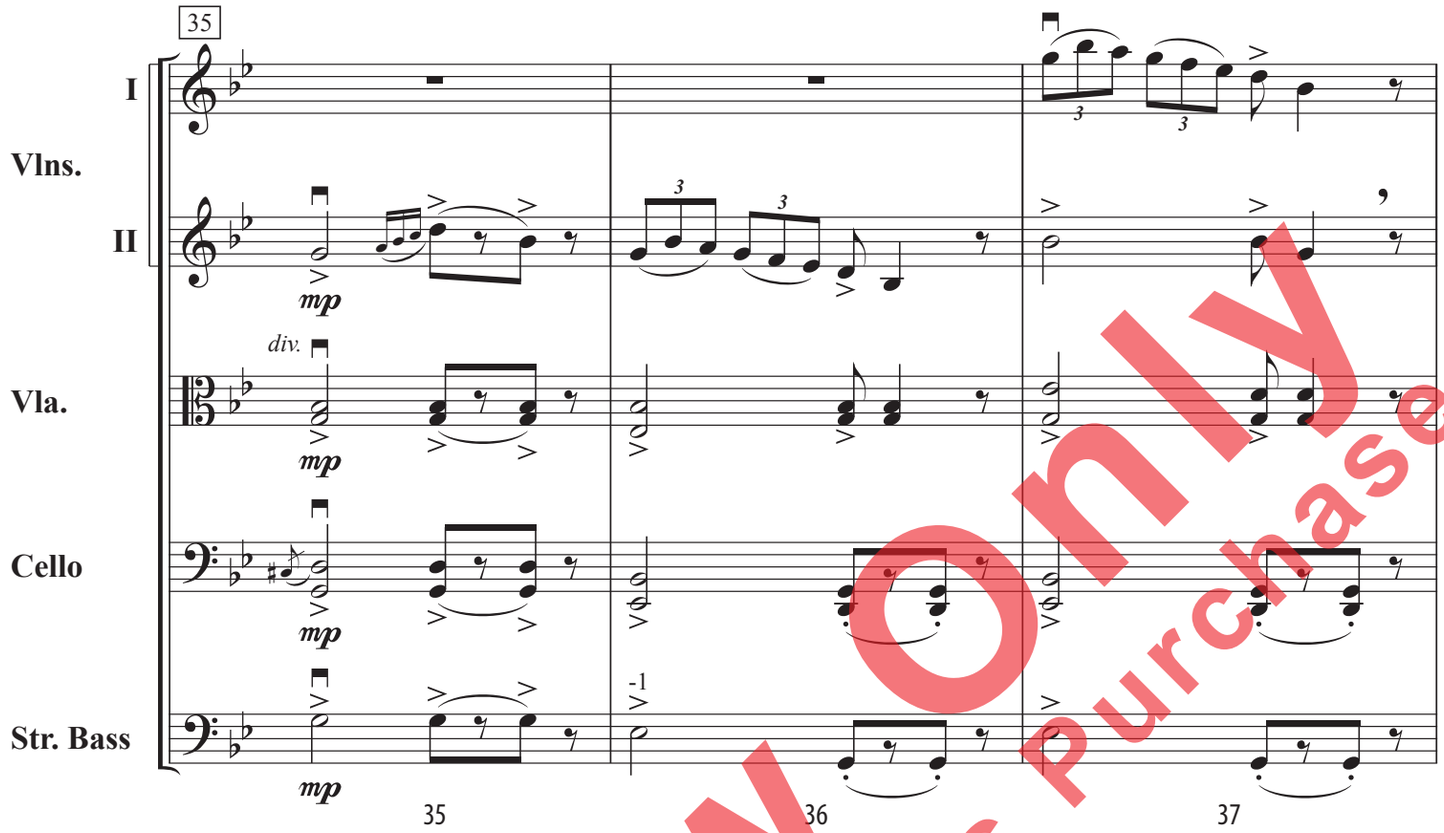

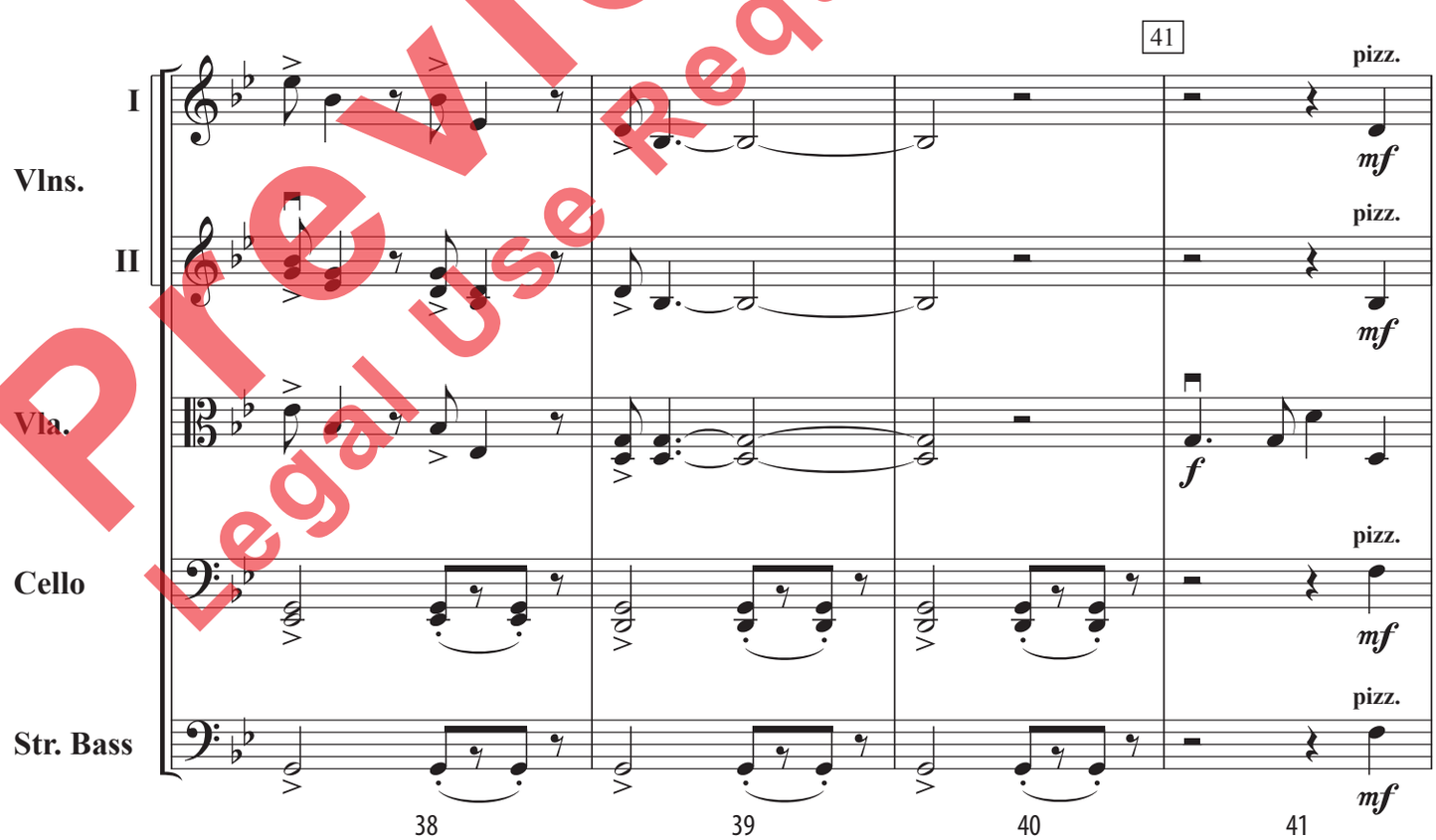

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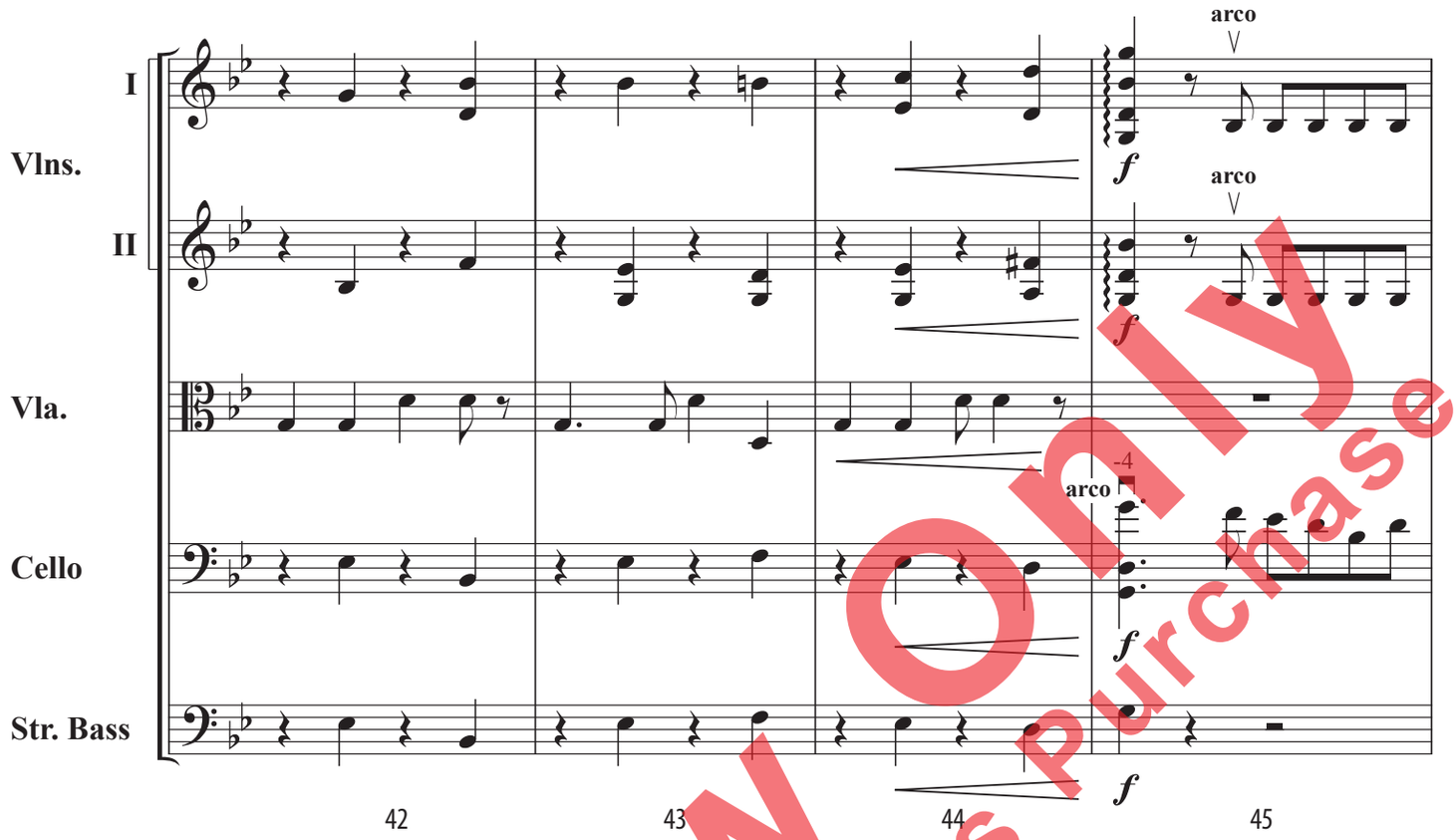

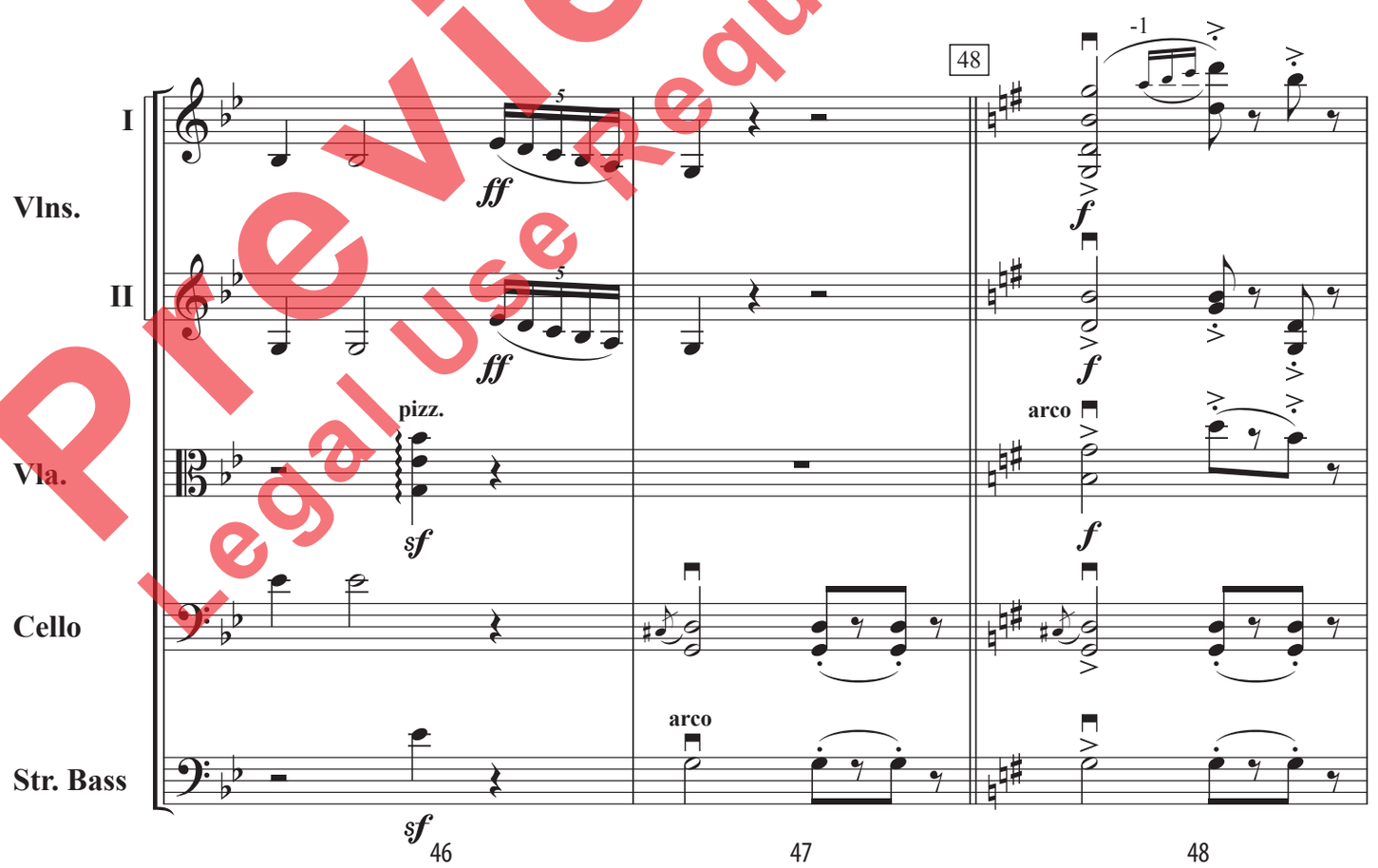

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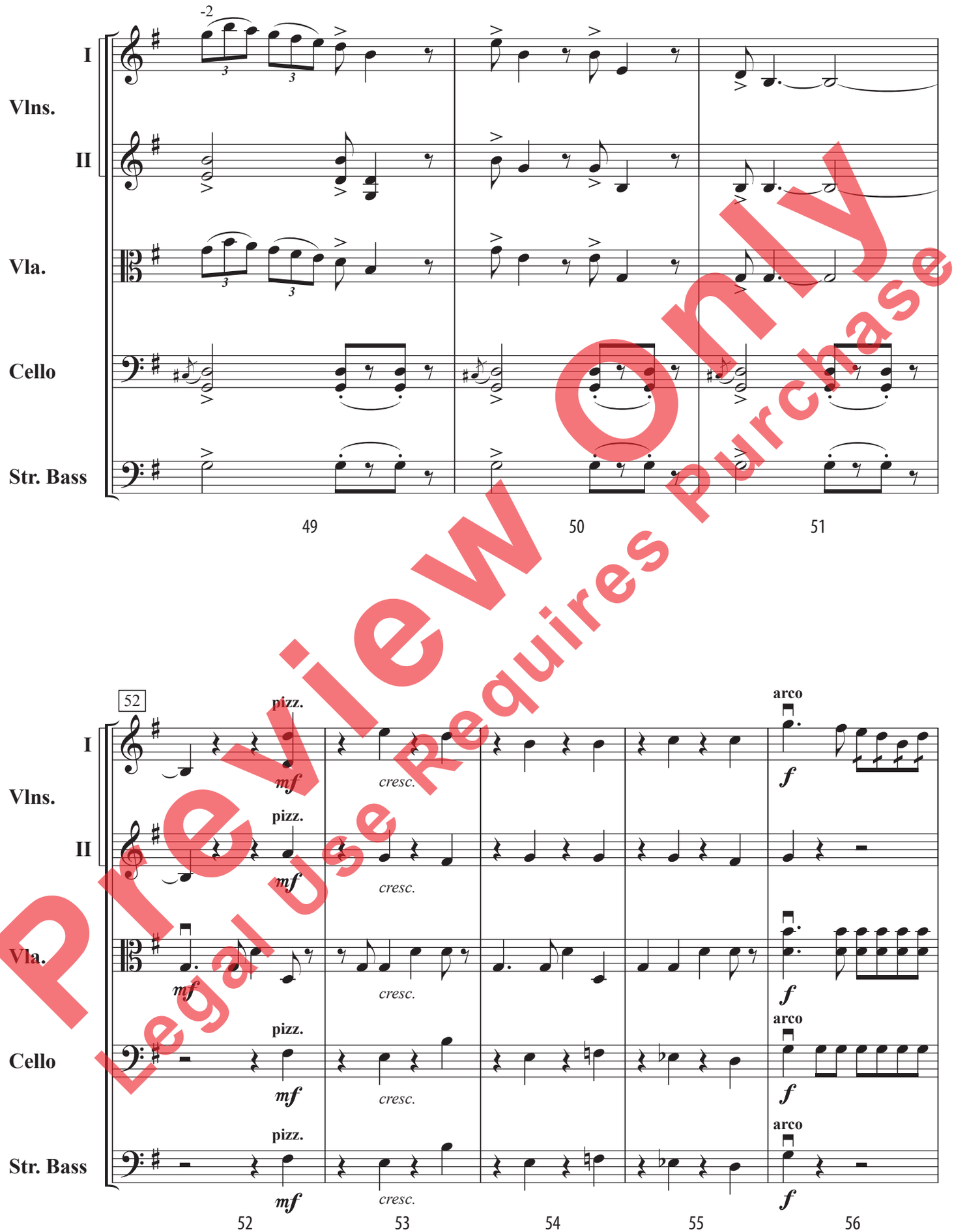

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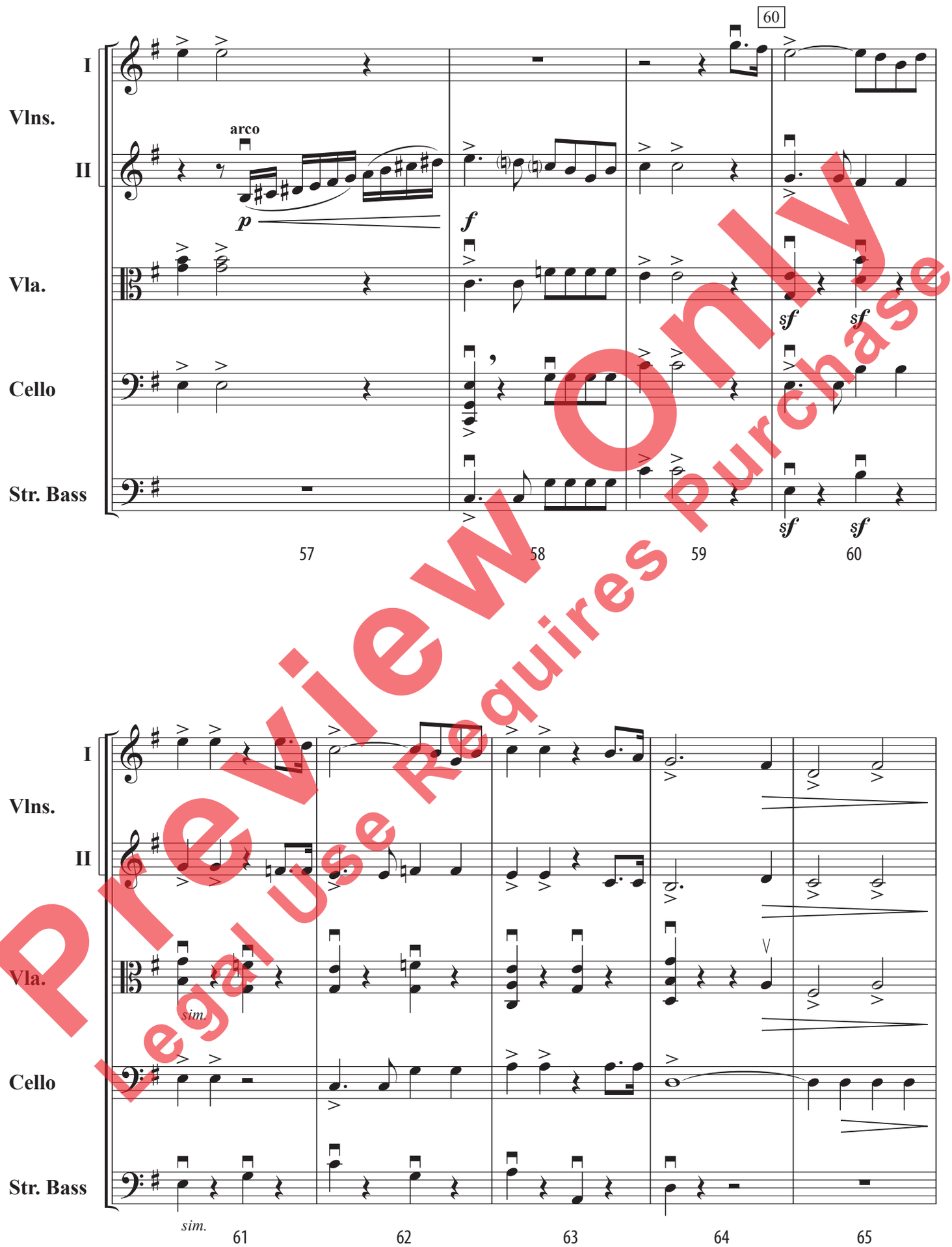

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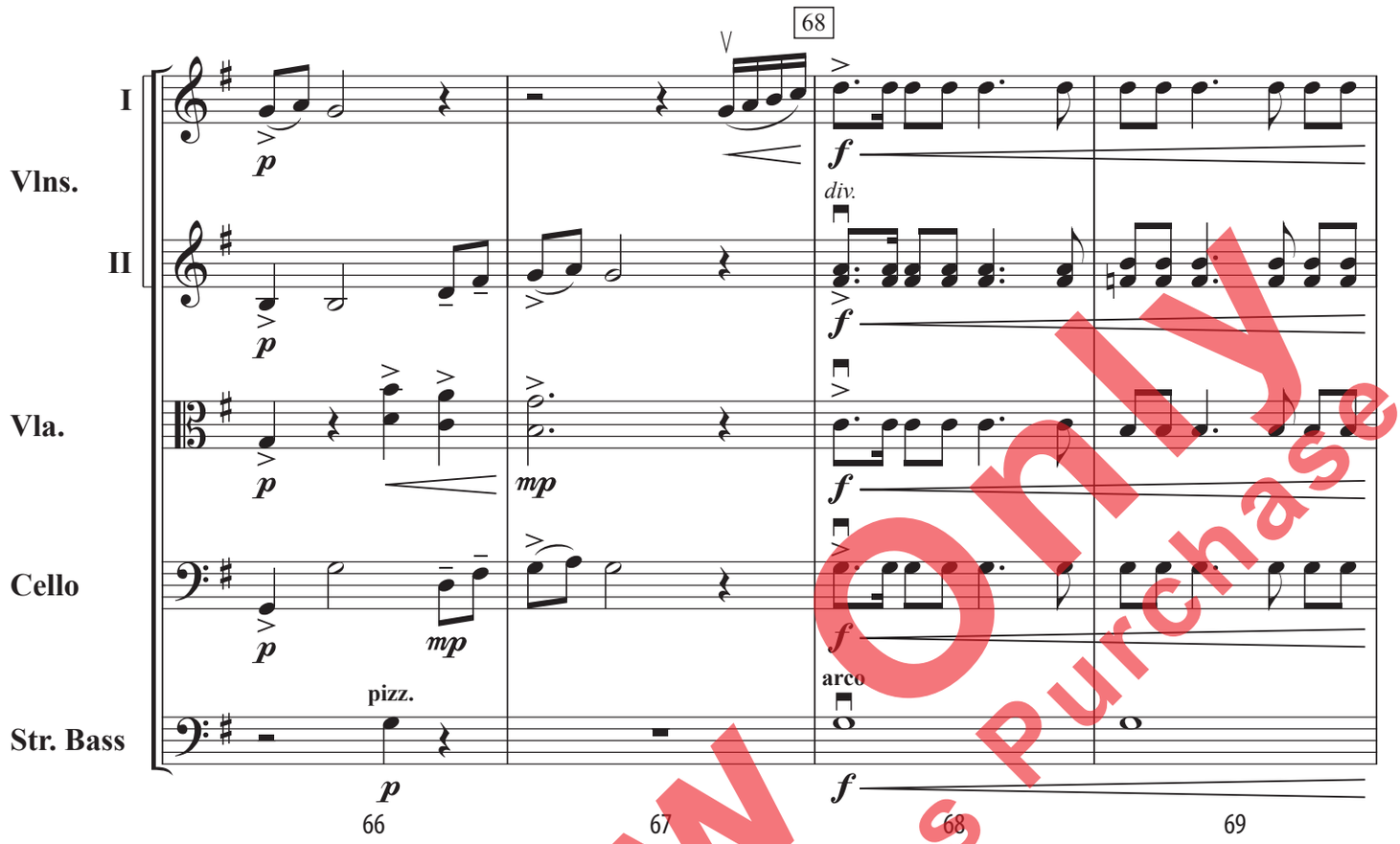

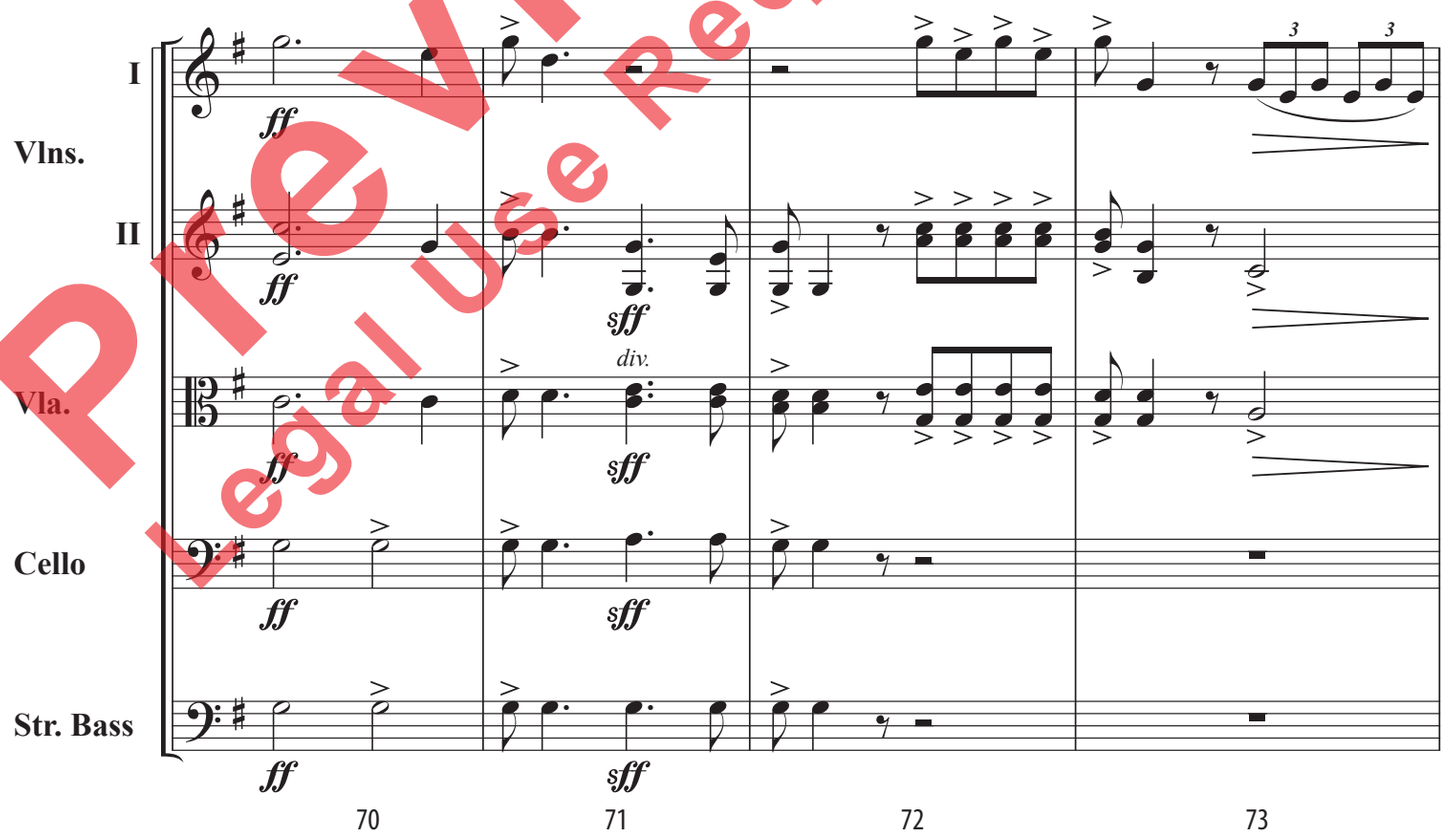

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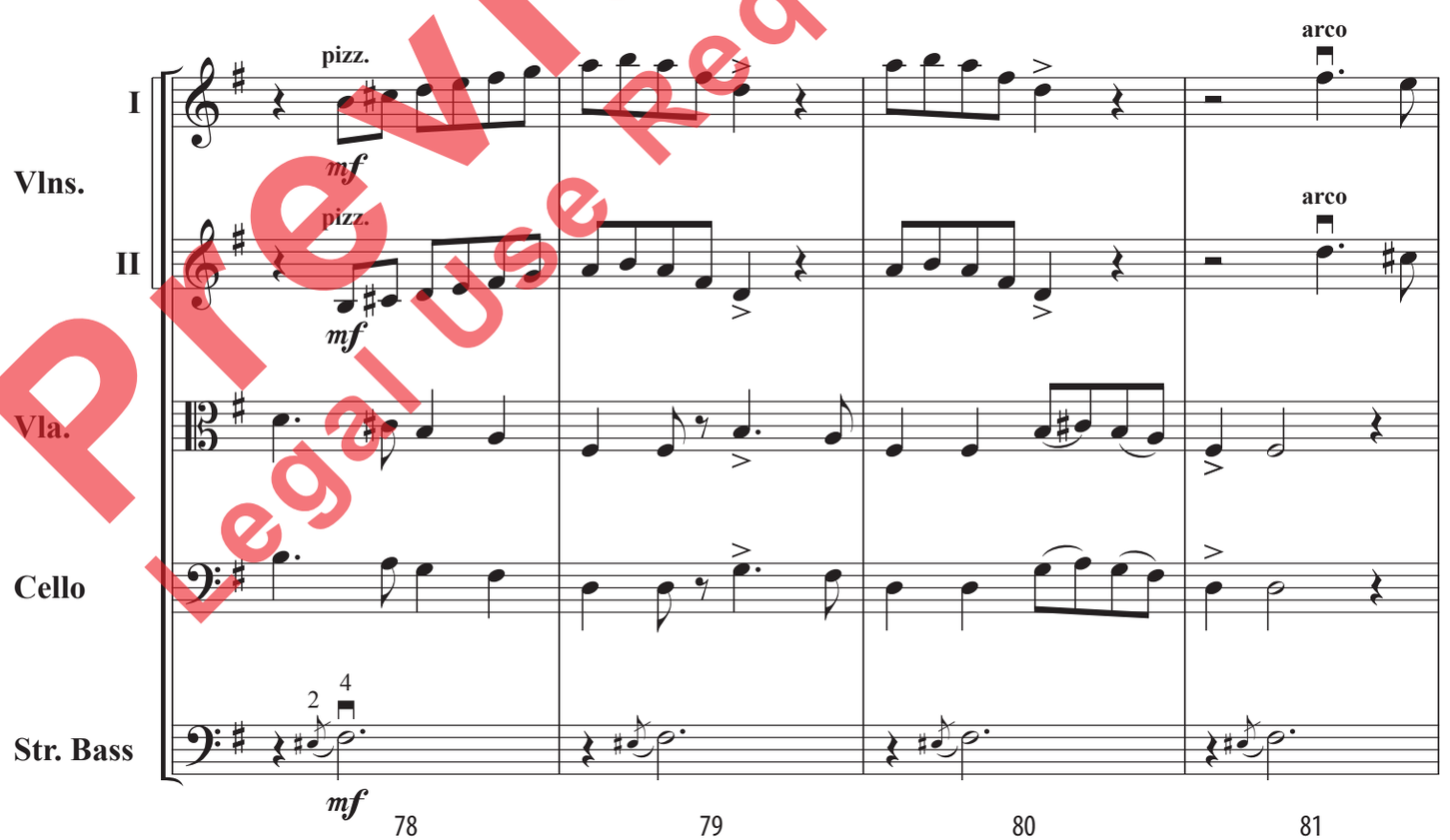

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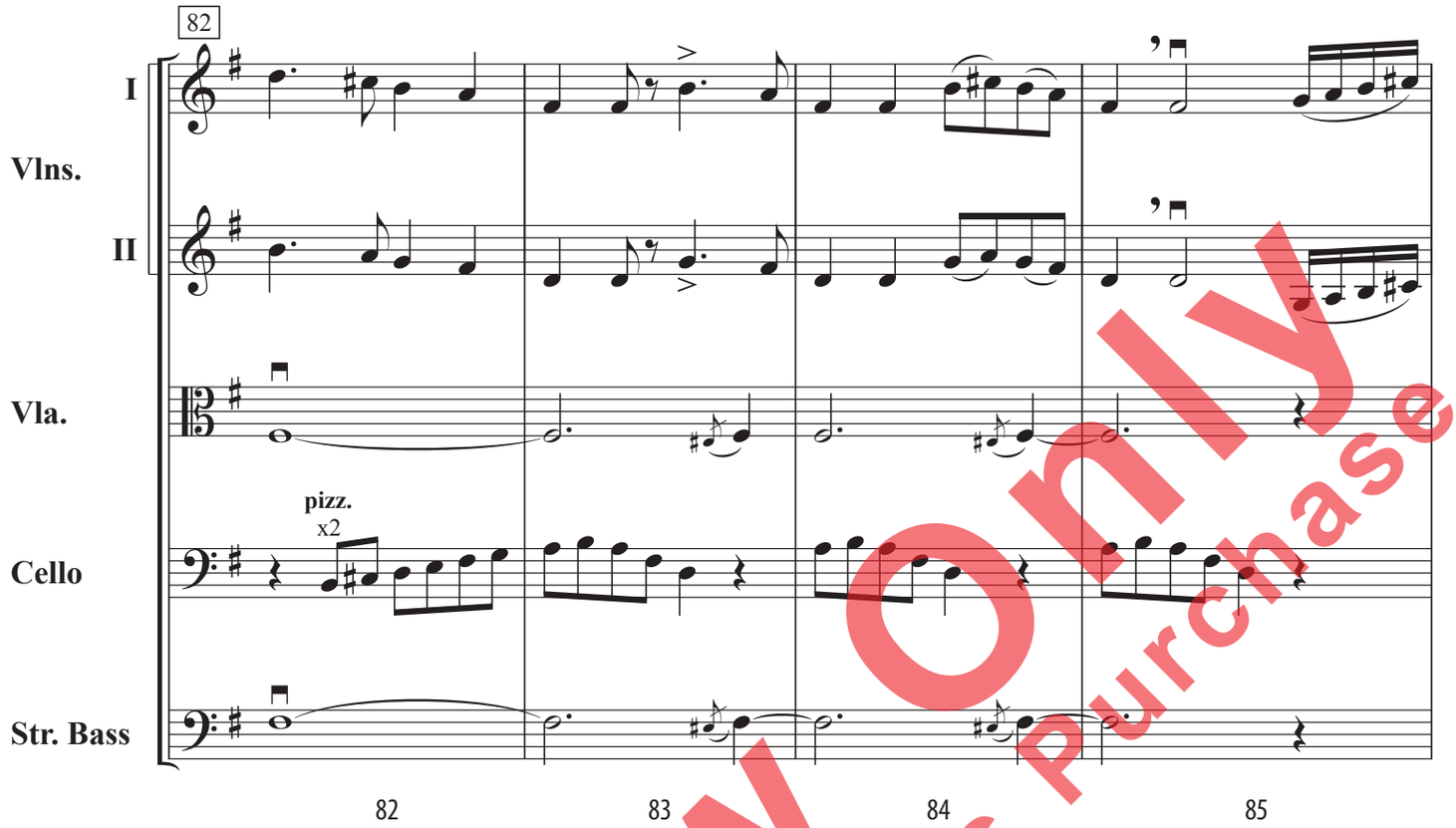

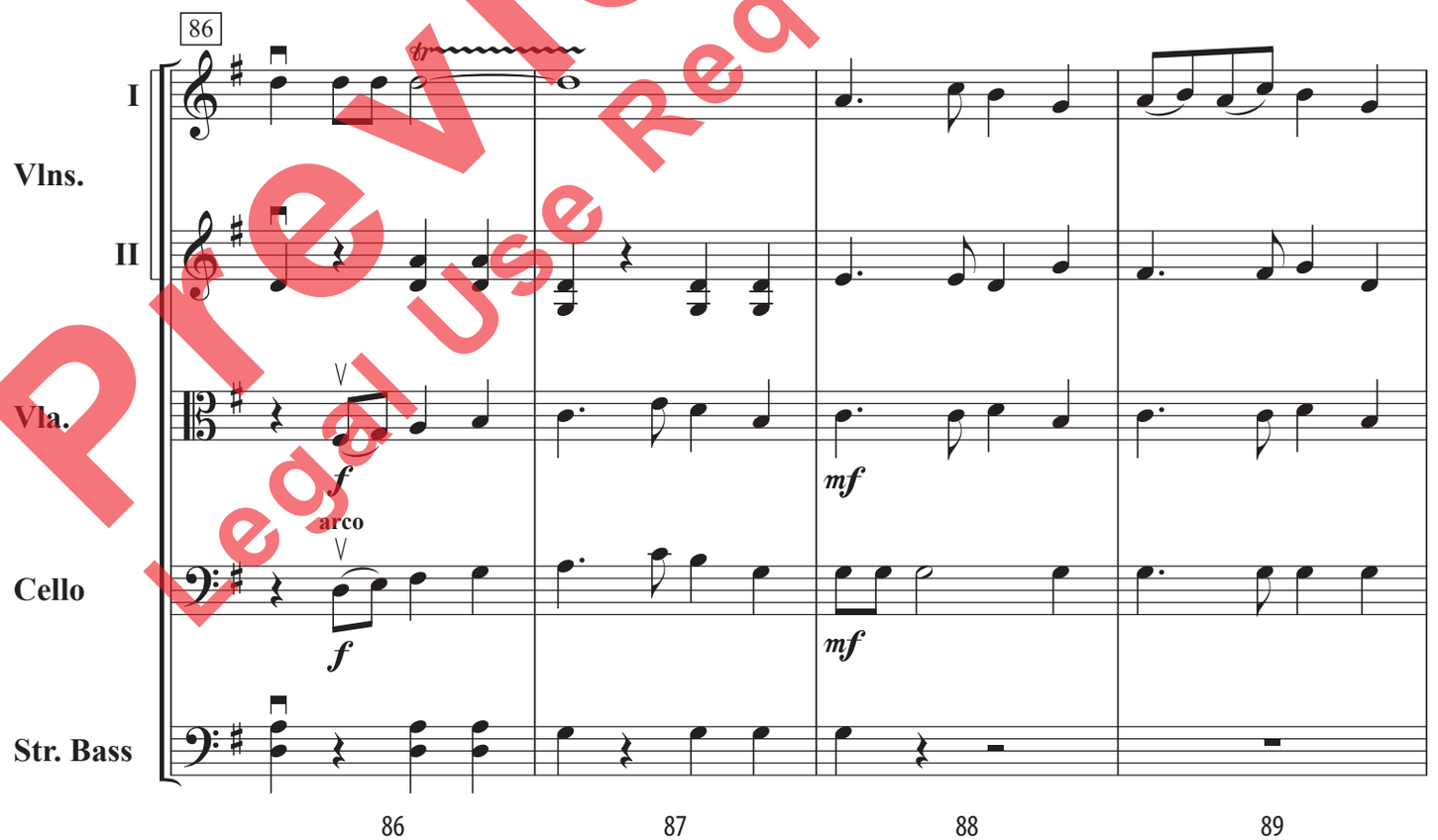

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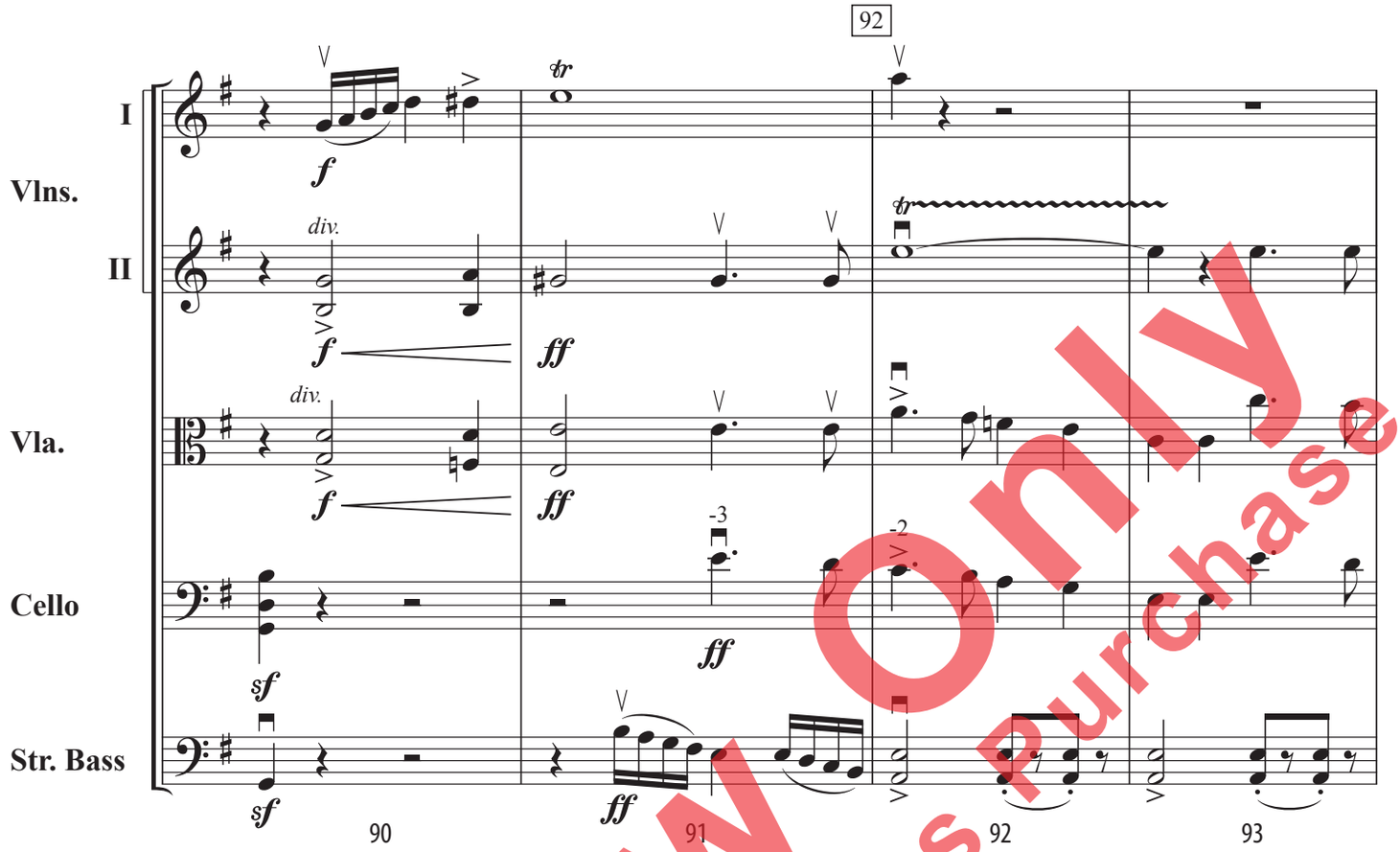

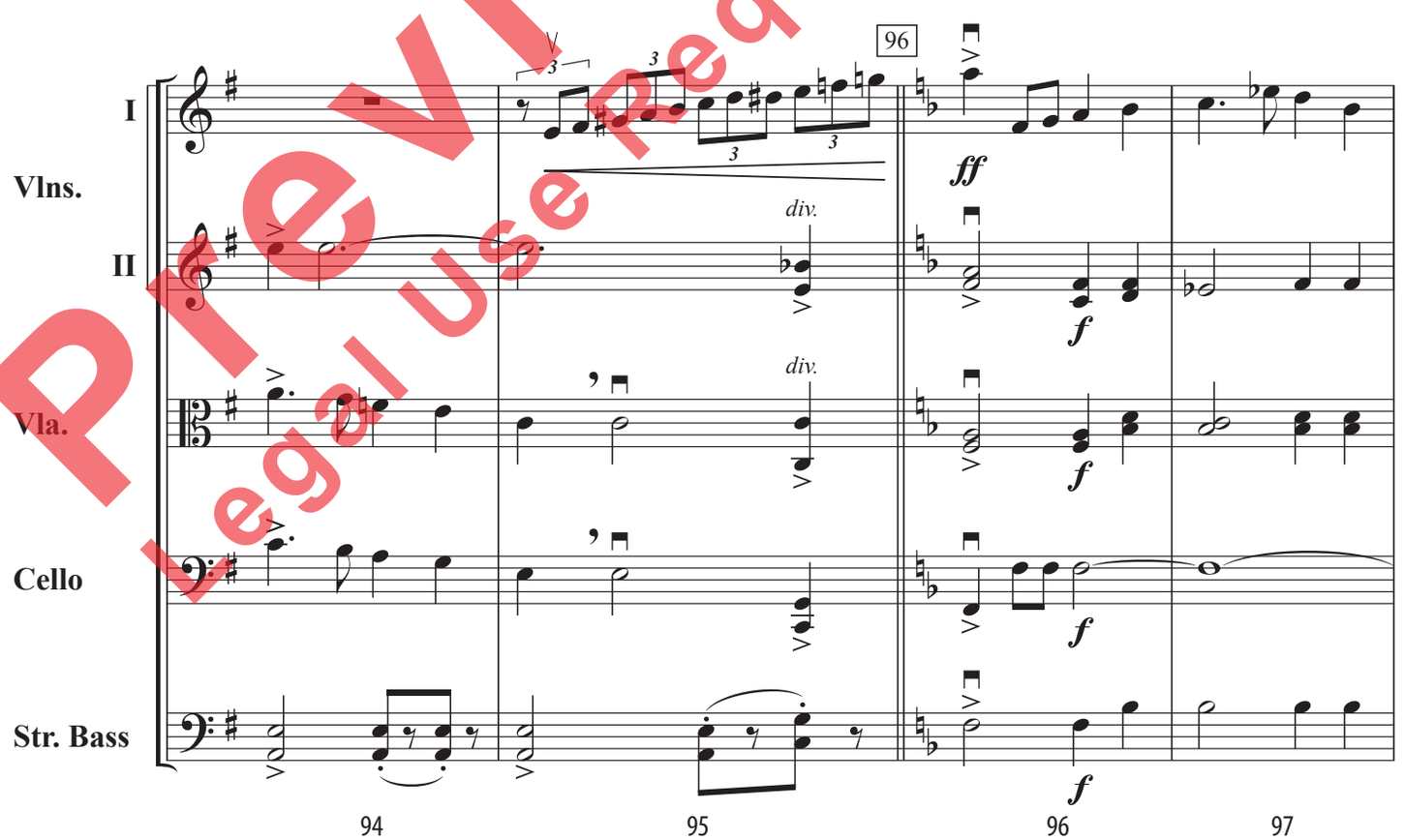

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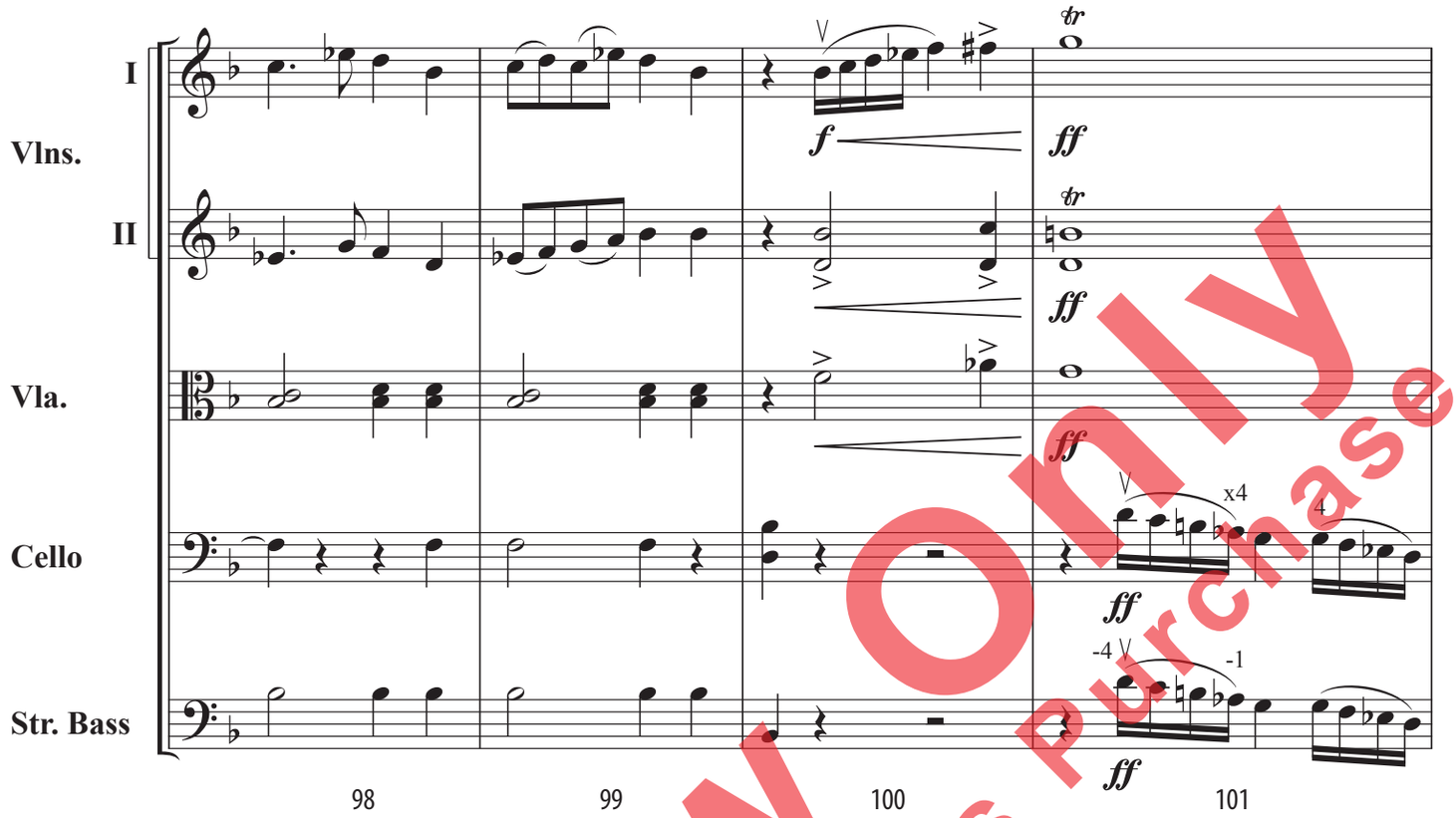

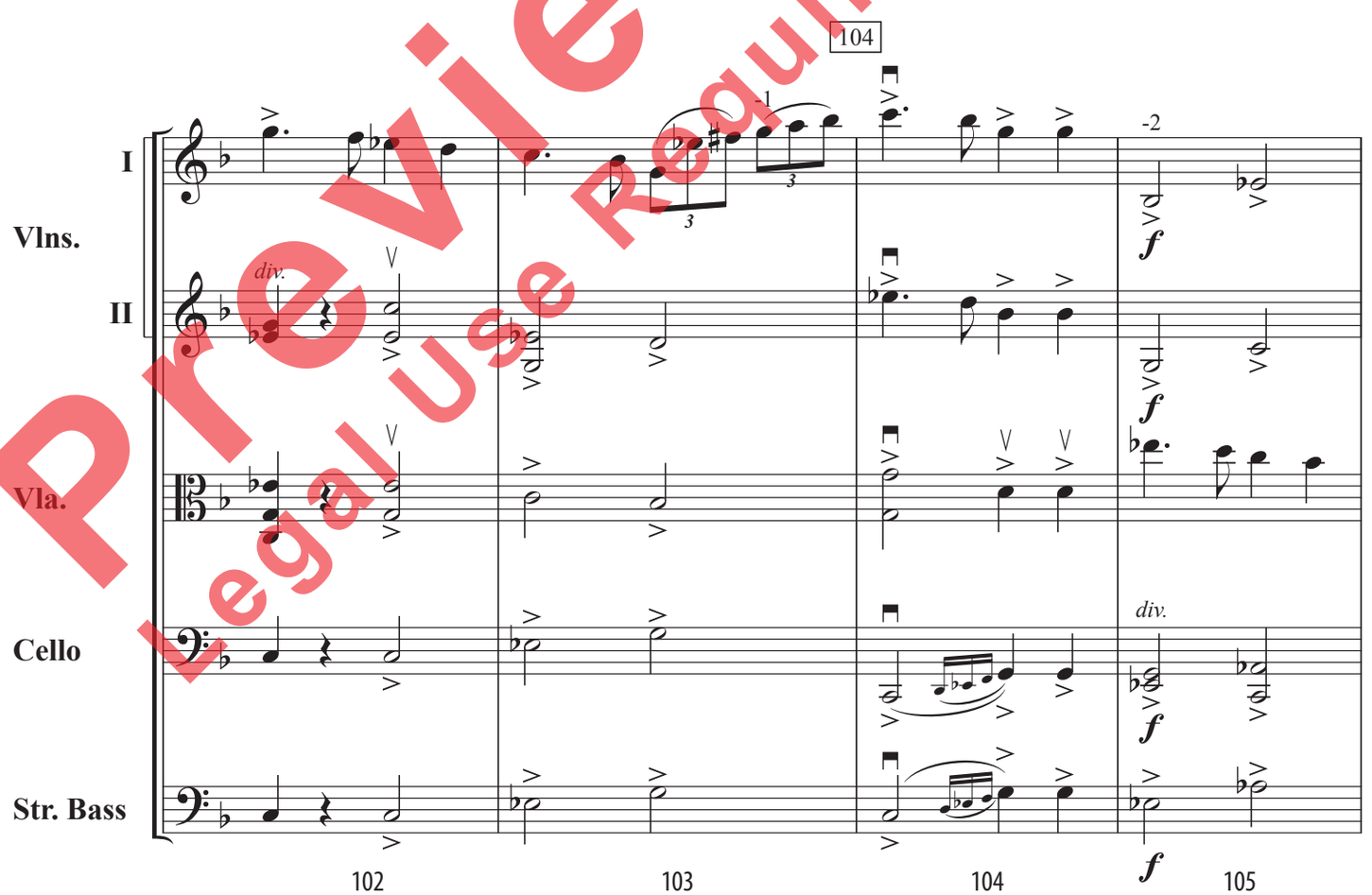

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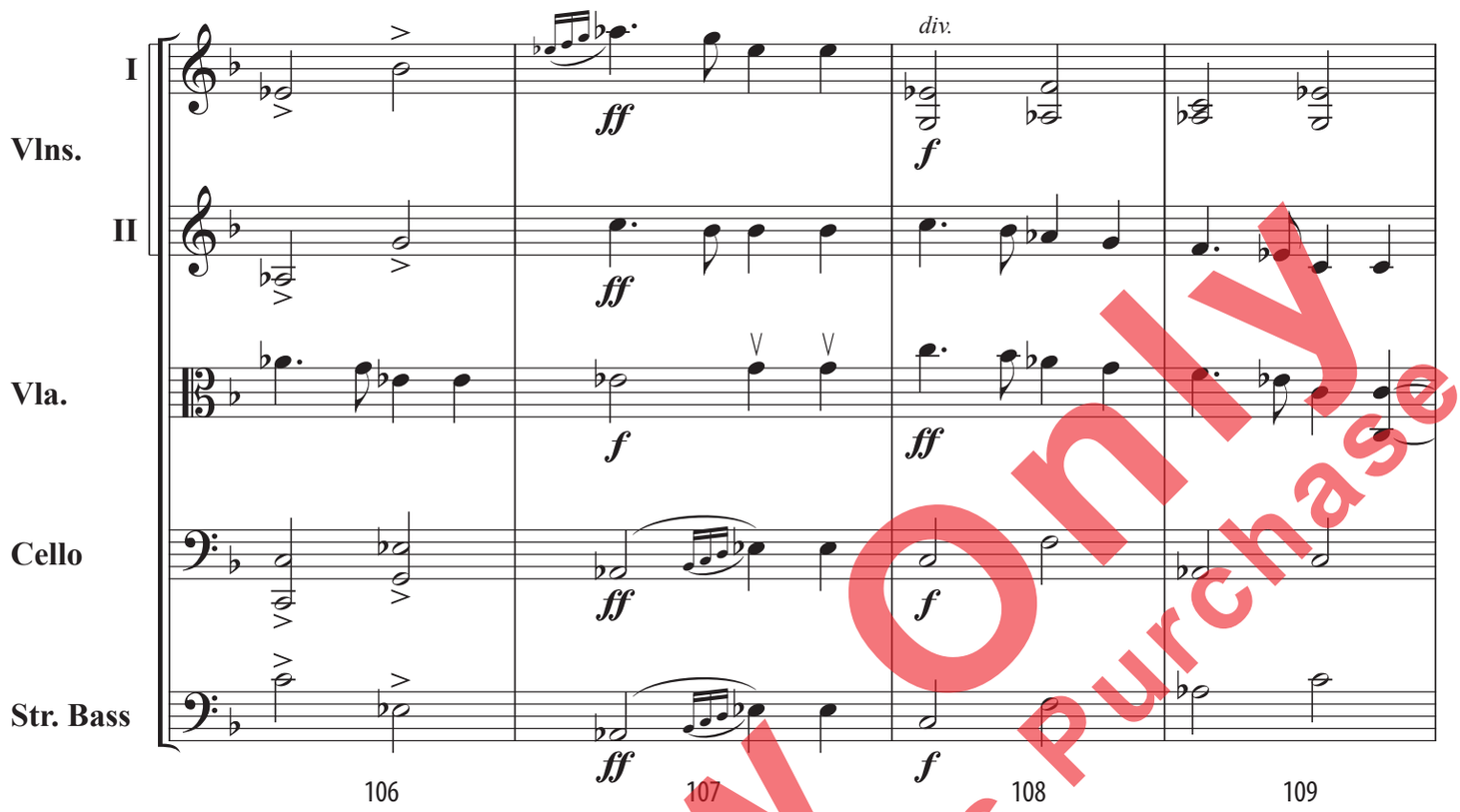

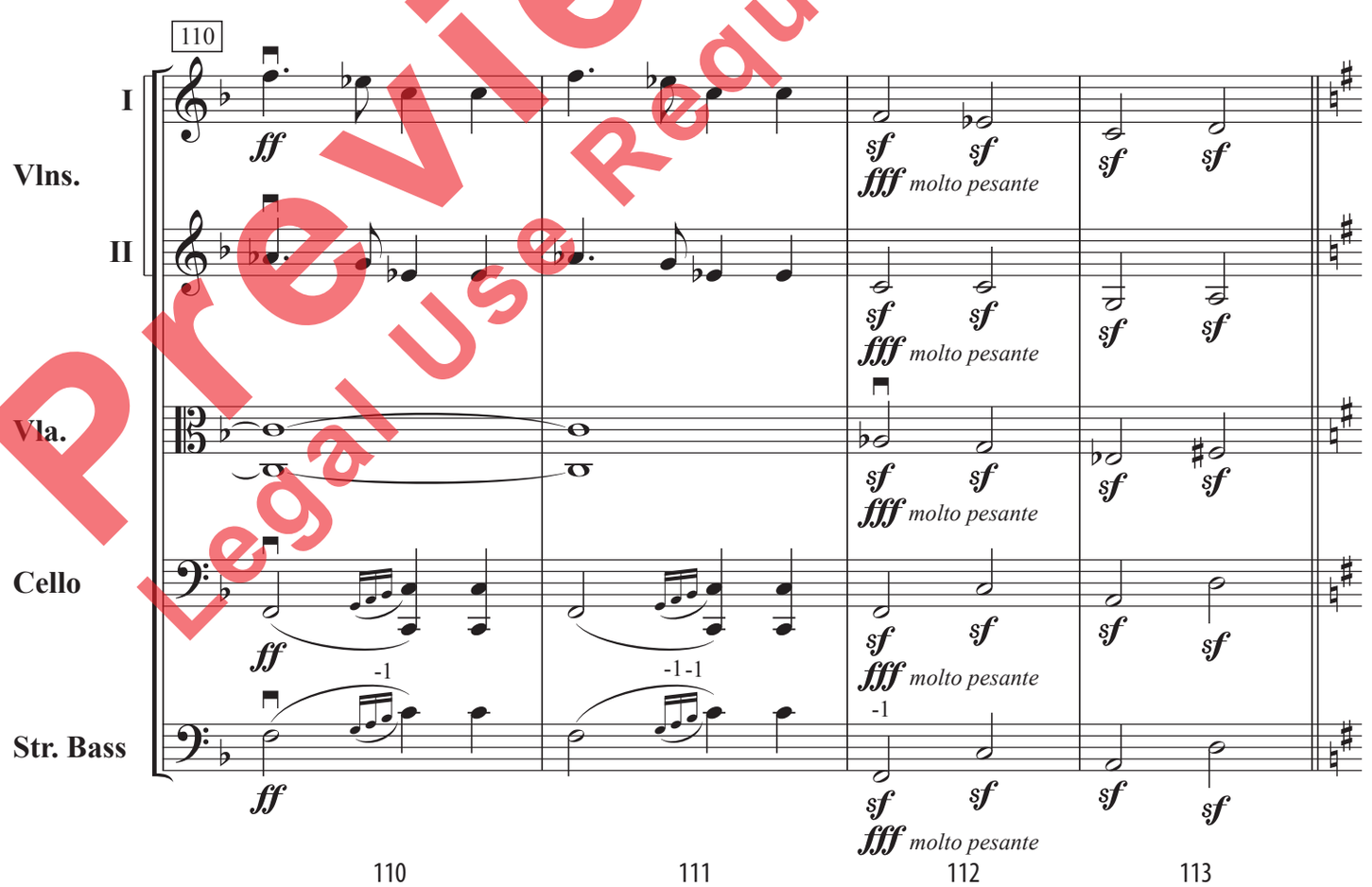

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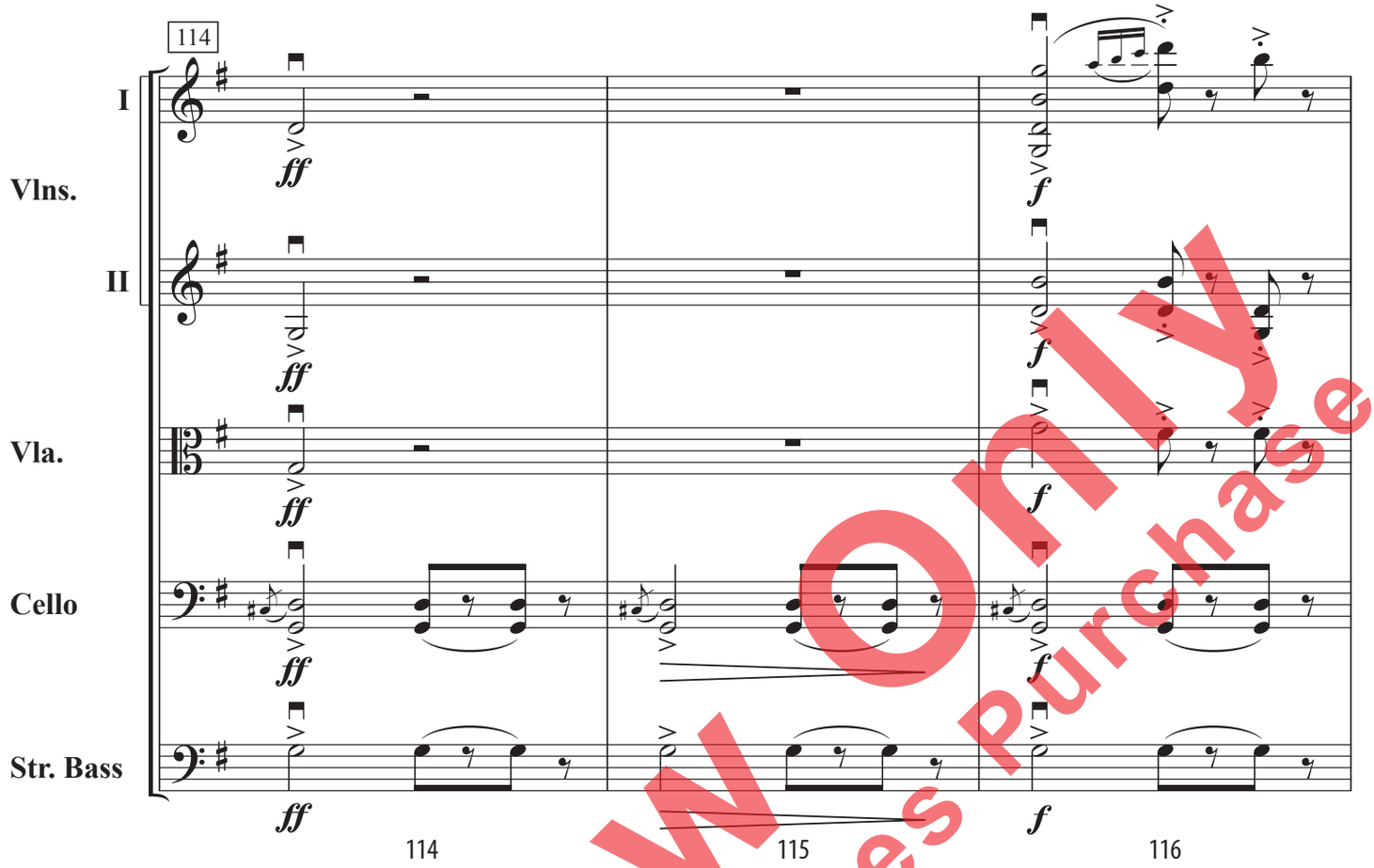

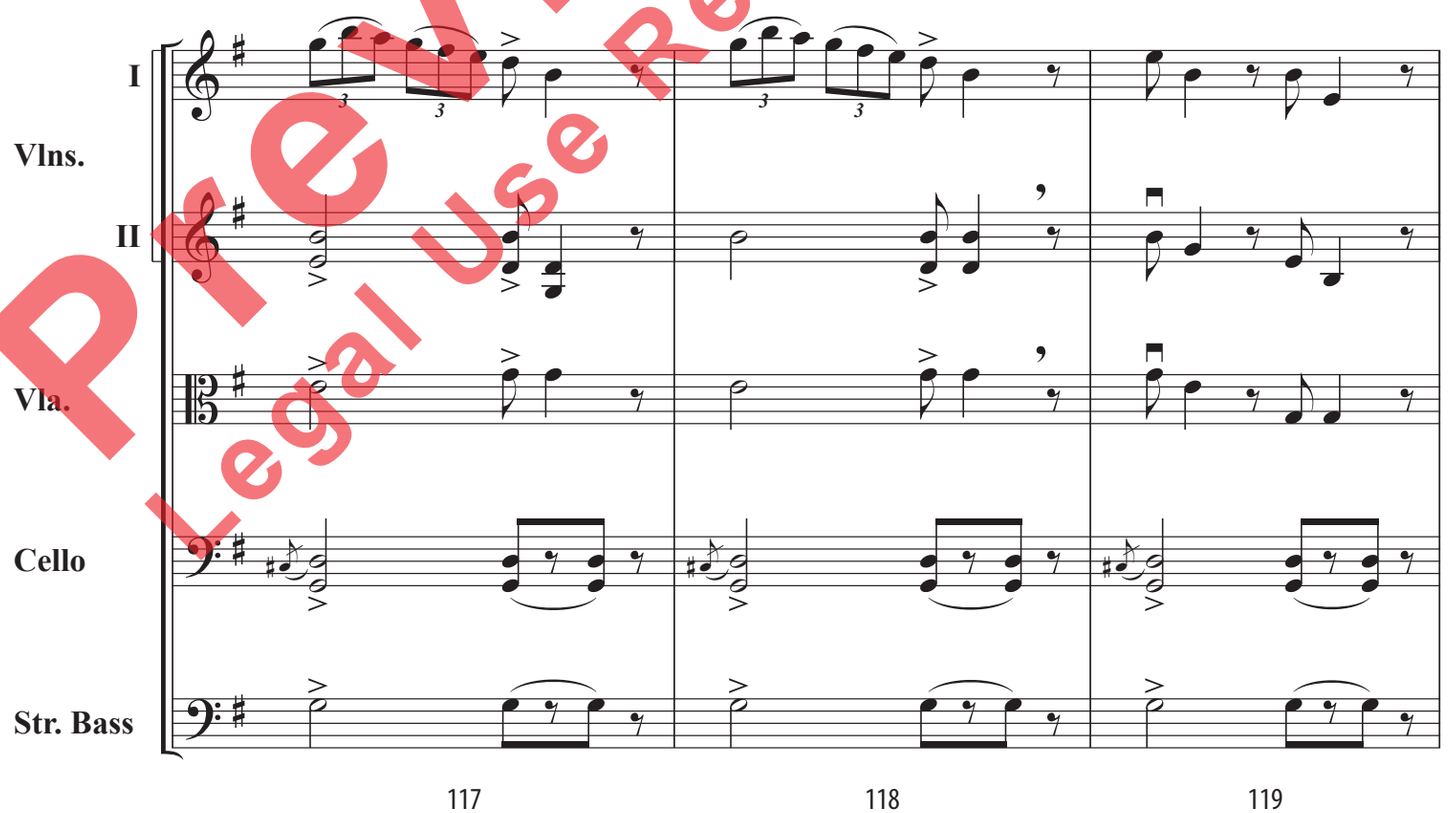

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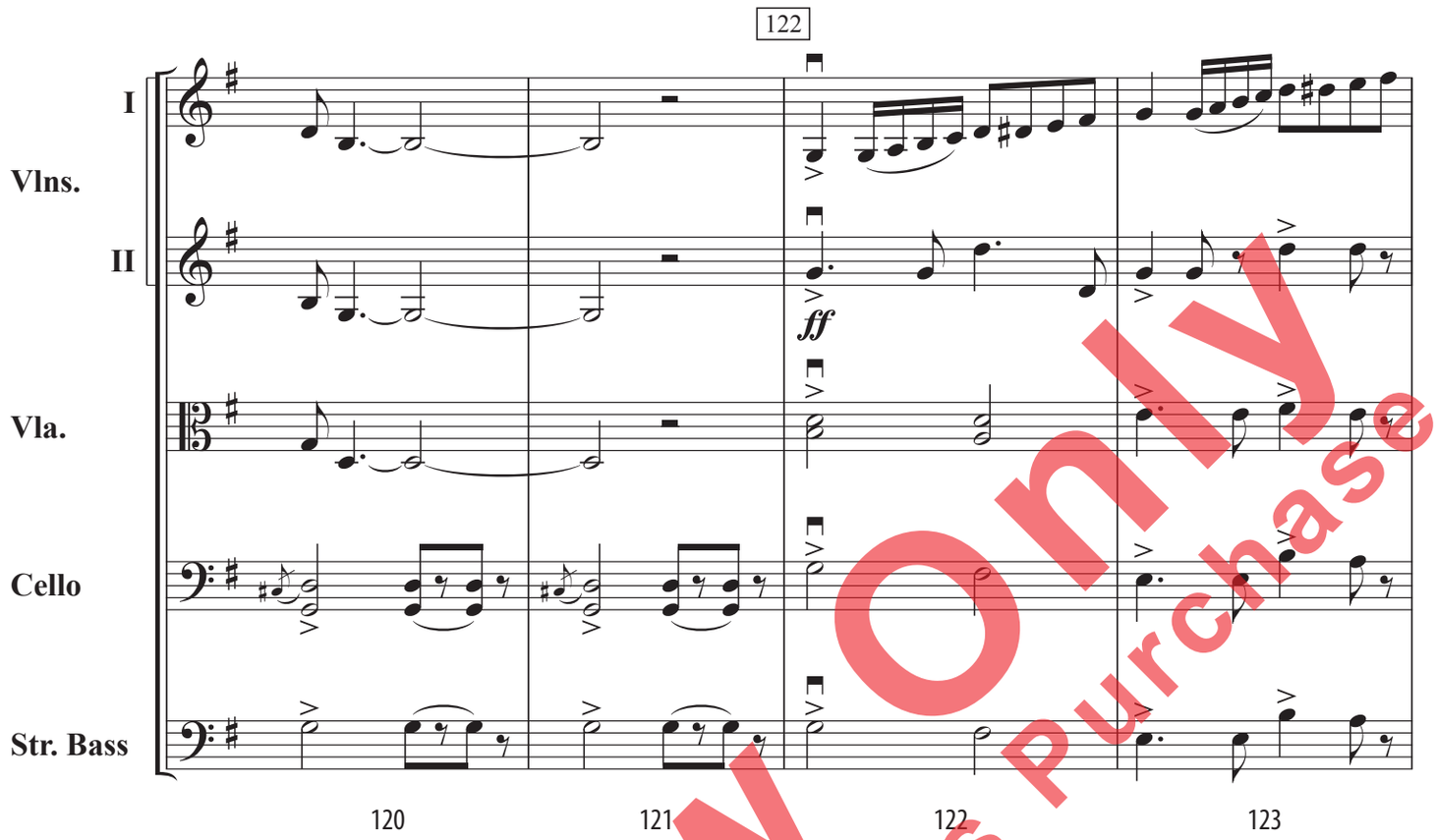

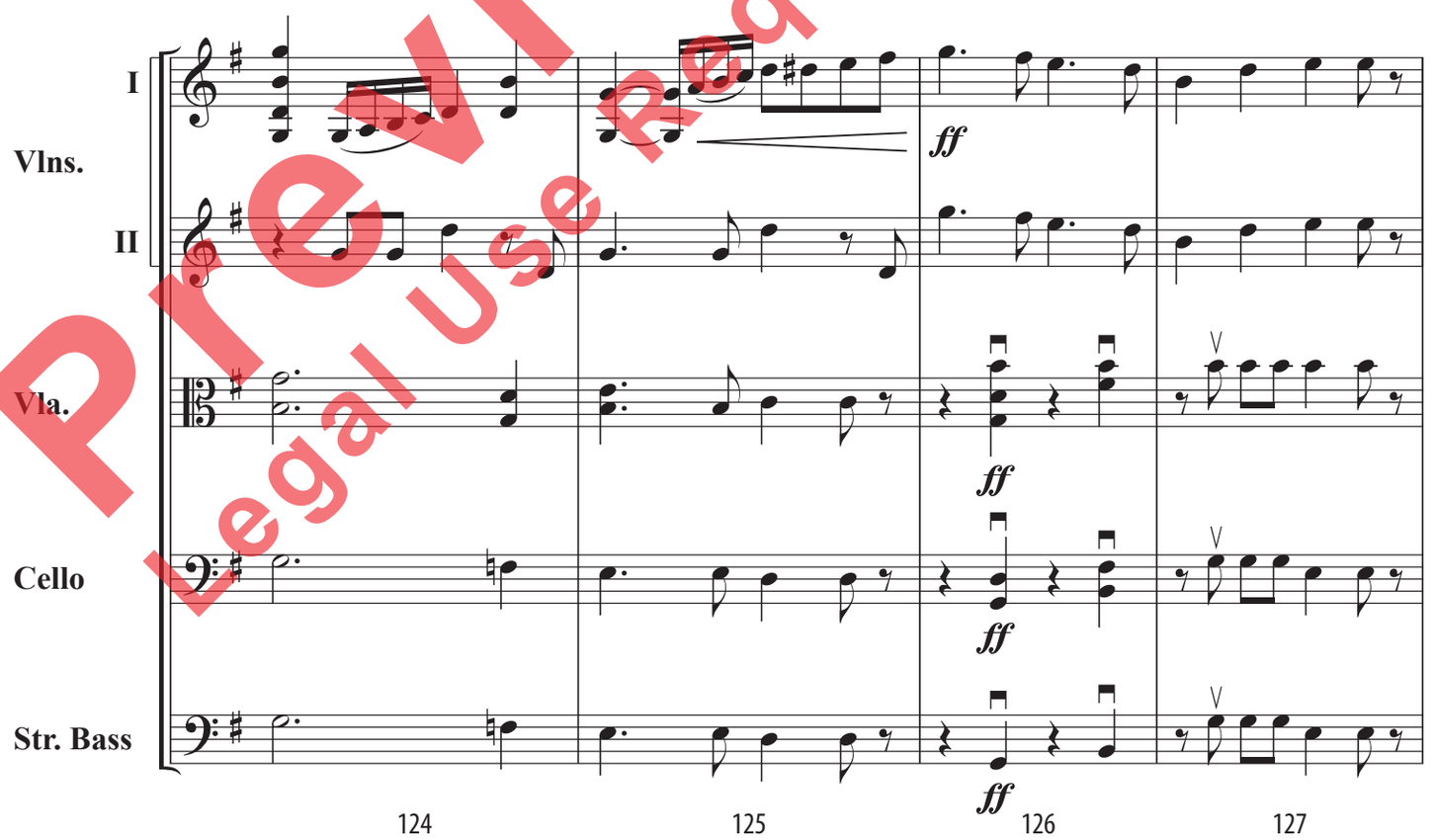

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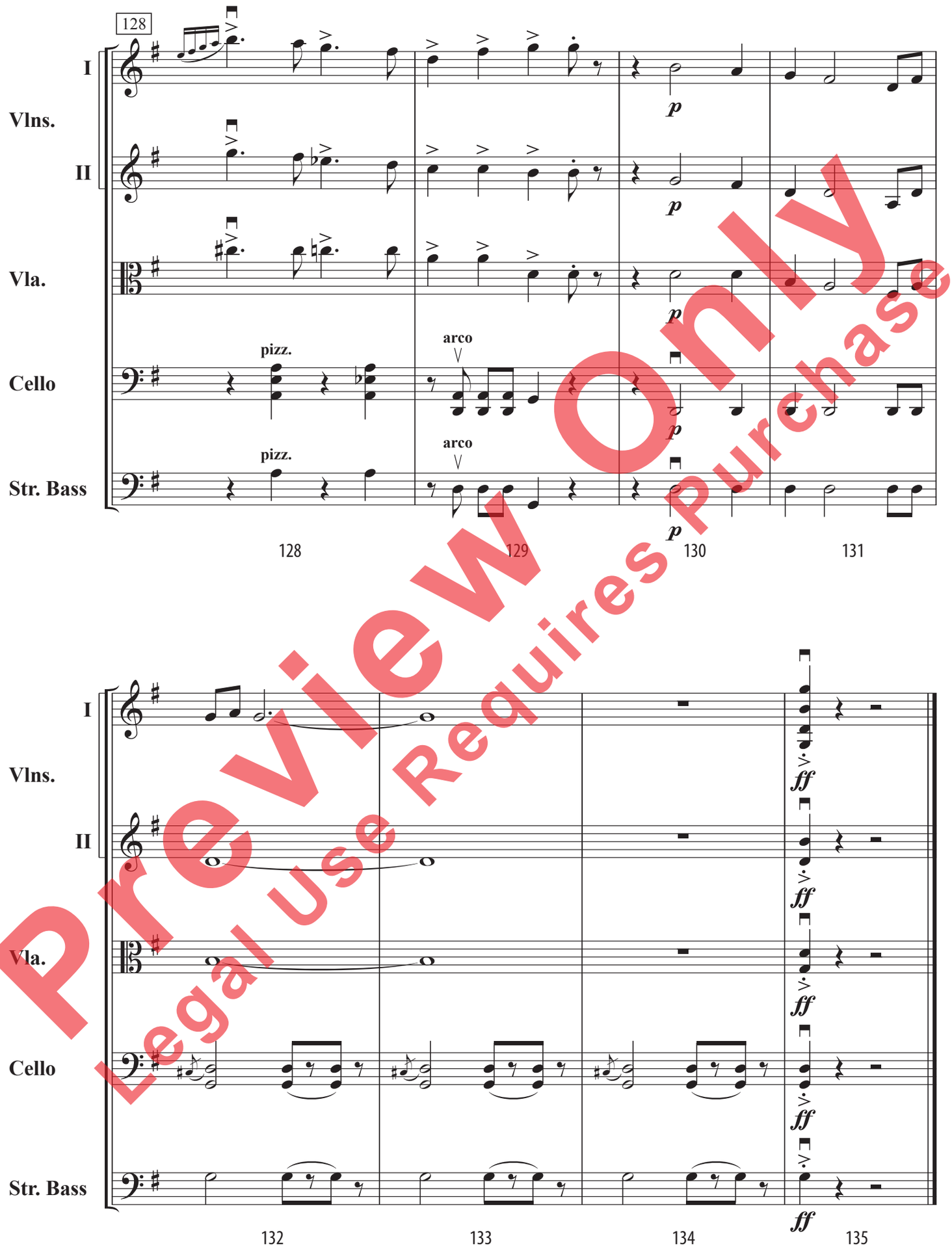

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