FEEL THE FIRE

CATHERINE McMICHAEL
(b. 1954)

for STRING ORCHESTRA and PIANO

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Full Score

Instrumentation

1 Full Score
8 Violin 1
8 Violin 2
5 Viola
5 Violoncello
5 Double Bass
1 Piano

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ABOUT THE COMPOSER

Catherine McMichael, pianist, is a composer, performer, arranger and teacher in Saginaw, Michigan. Her degrees from the University of Michigan are in piano performance and chamber music. Her music is played by professional touring artists, university professors and music students, devoted amateurs and even elementary children on four continents. She is available for commissions for any instrumentation.

Catherine shares her life with her violinist husband, Rod Bieber, and two spirited and musical children, Meredith and Nathan. Rounding out the menagerie are a serene cat and two quizzical dogs. To contact Catherine or hear more of her music, visit www.catherinemcmichael.com.

PROGRAM NOTES

The piano is an essential element in this driving and exciting Grade 3 work reminiscent of ’80s rock. Everyone plays parts of supreme importance to the success of the composition. This would make an excellent festival or concert selection.

PERFORMANCE SUGGESTIONS

Stress subdivision of the beat with your orchestra to avoid dragging of the tempo. Soft passages must maintain the same rhythmic impetus as the louder passages so remind students often that softer does not mean slower. Avoid the temptation to cut off longer note values. Sustain for their full value, remembering that proper subdivision of counting will aid in this area.

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Driving rock beat ♩ = 128-132

Violin 1
Violin 2
Viola
Violoncello
Double Bass
Piano

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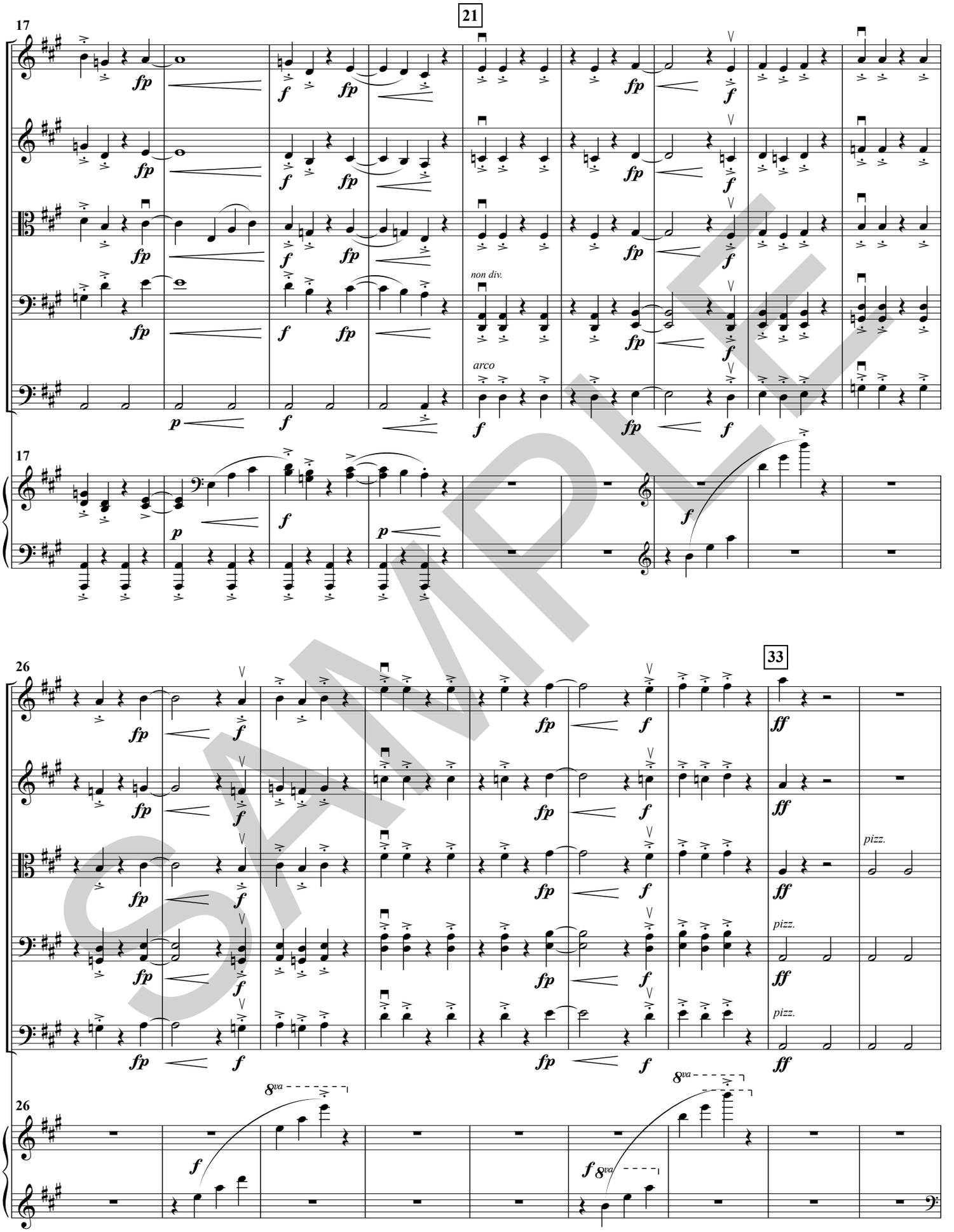

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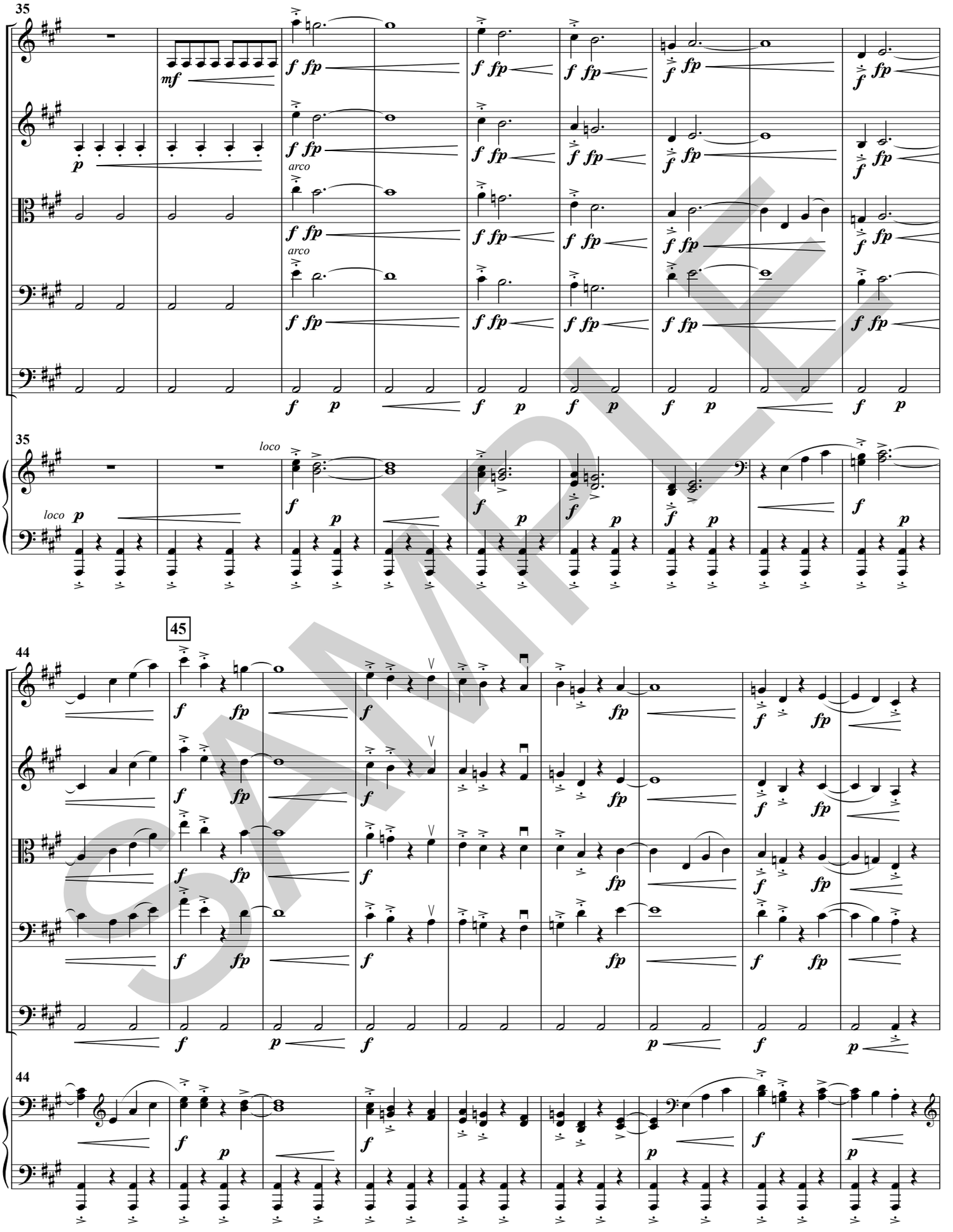

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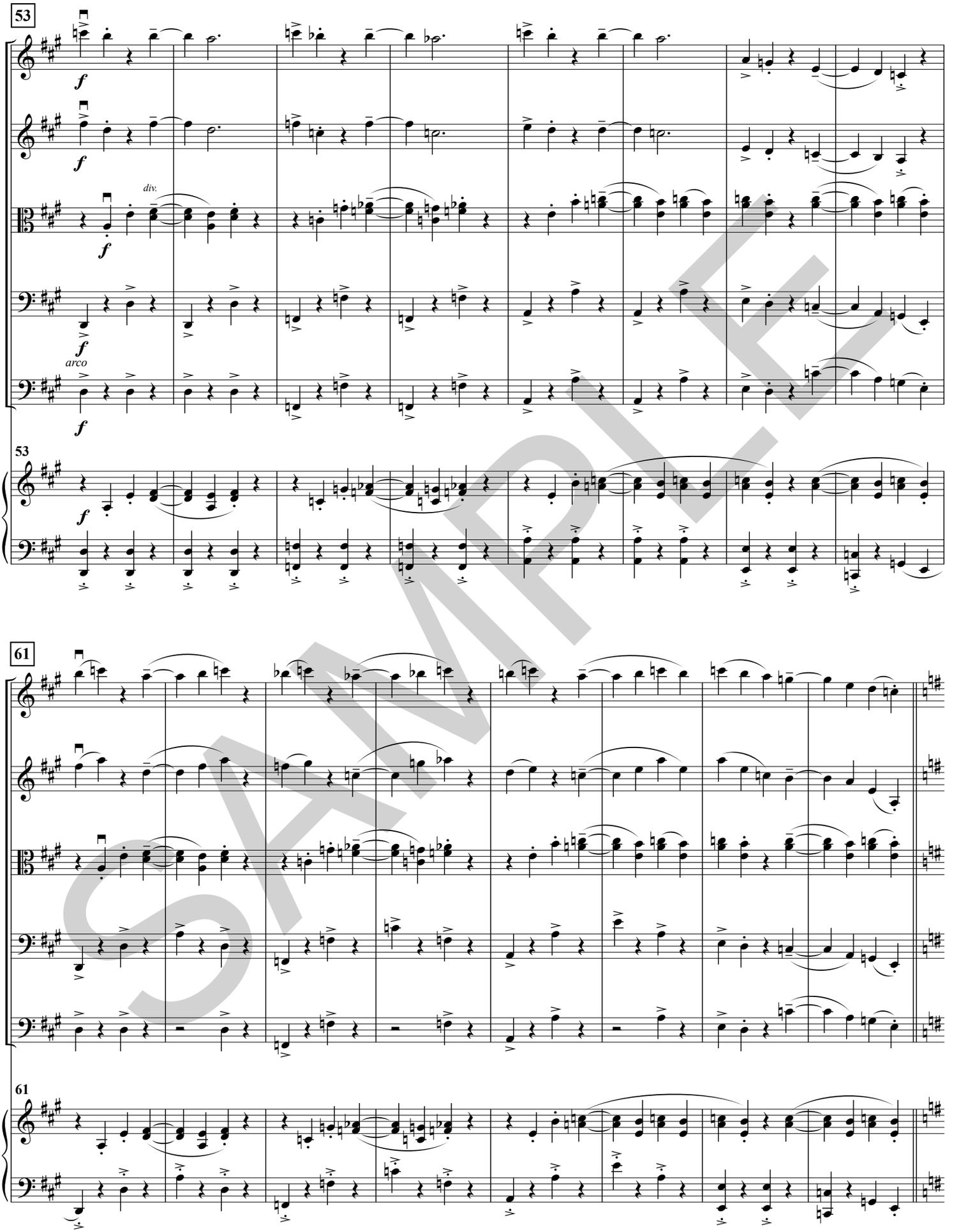

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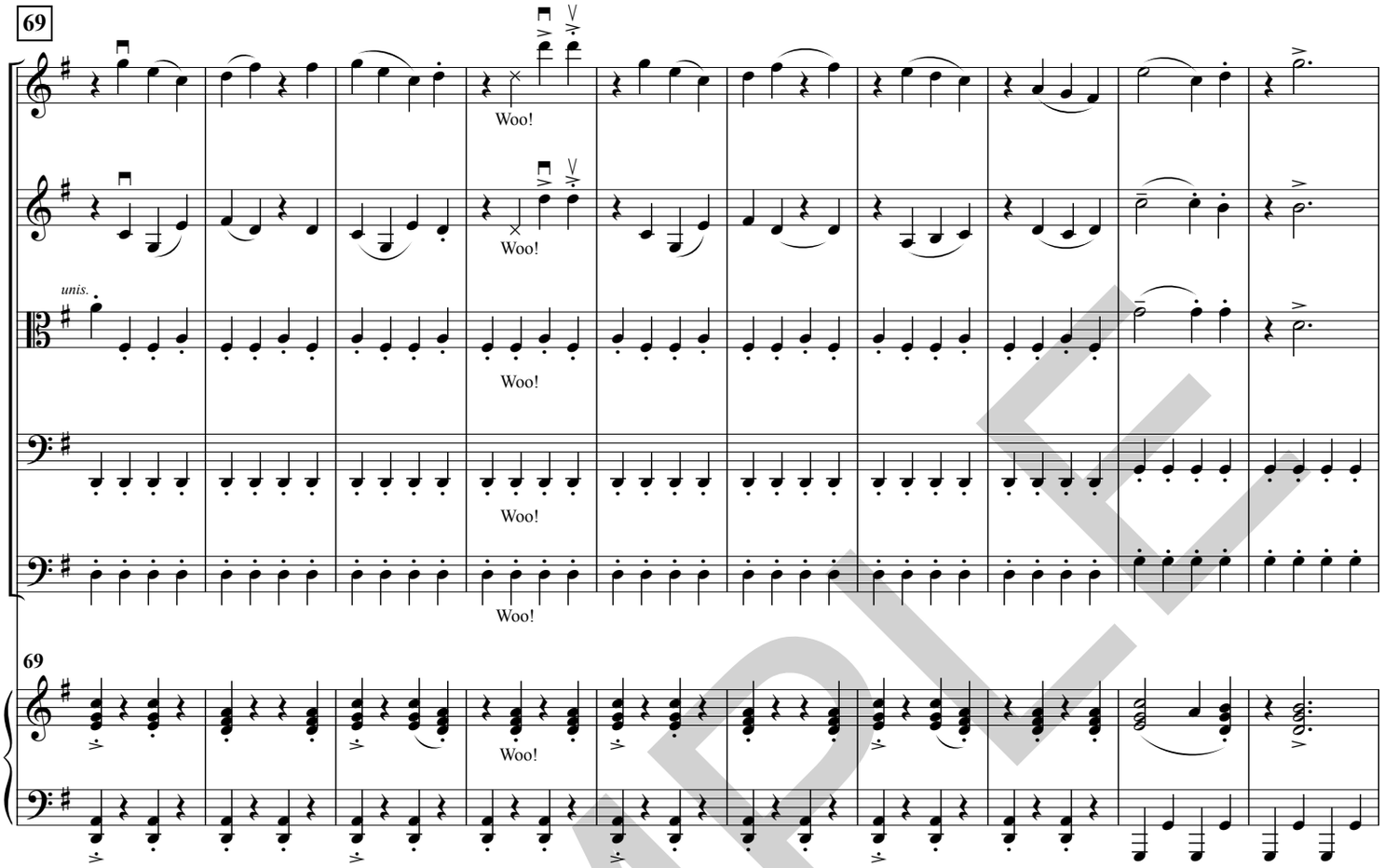

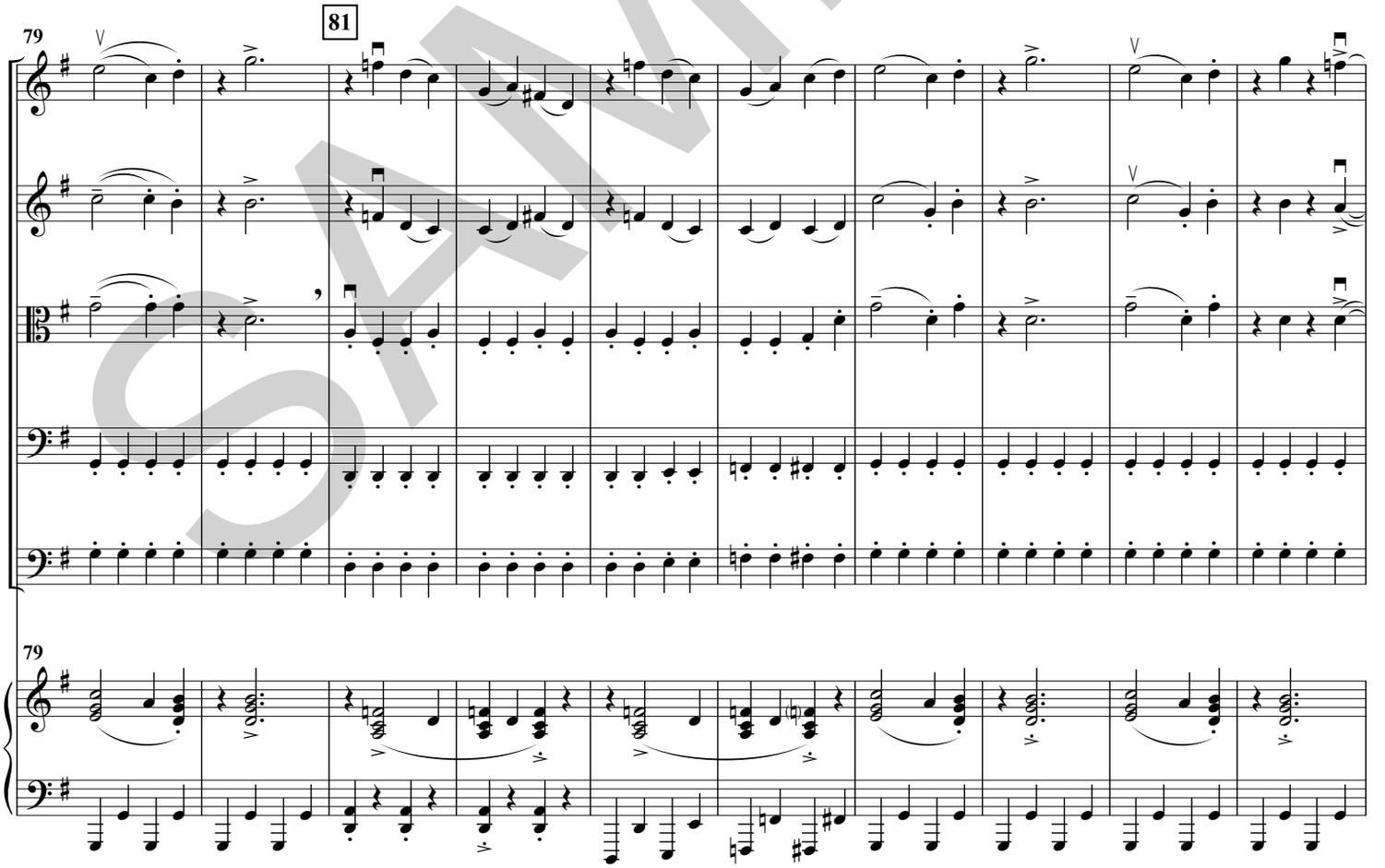

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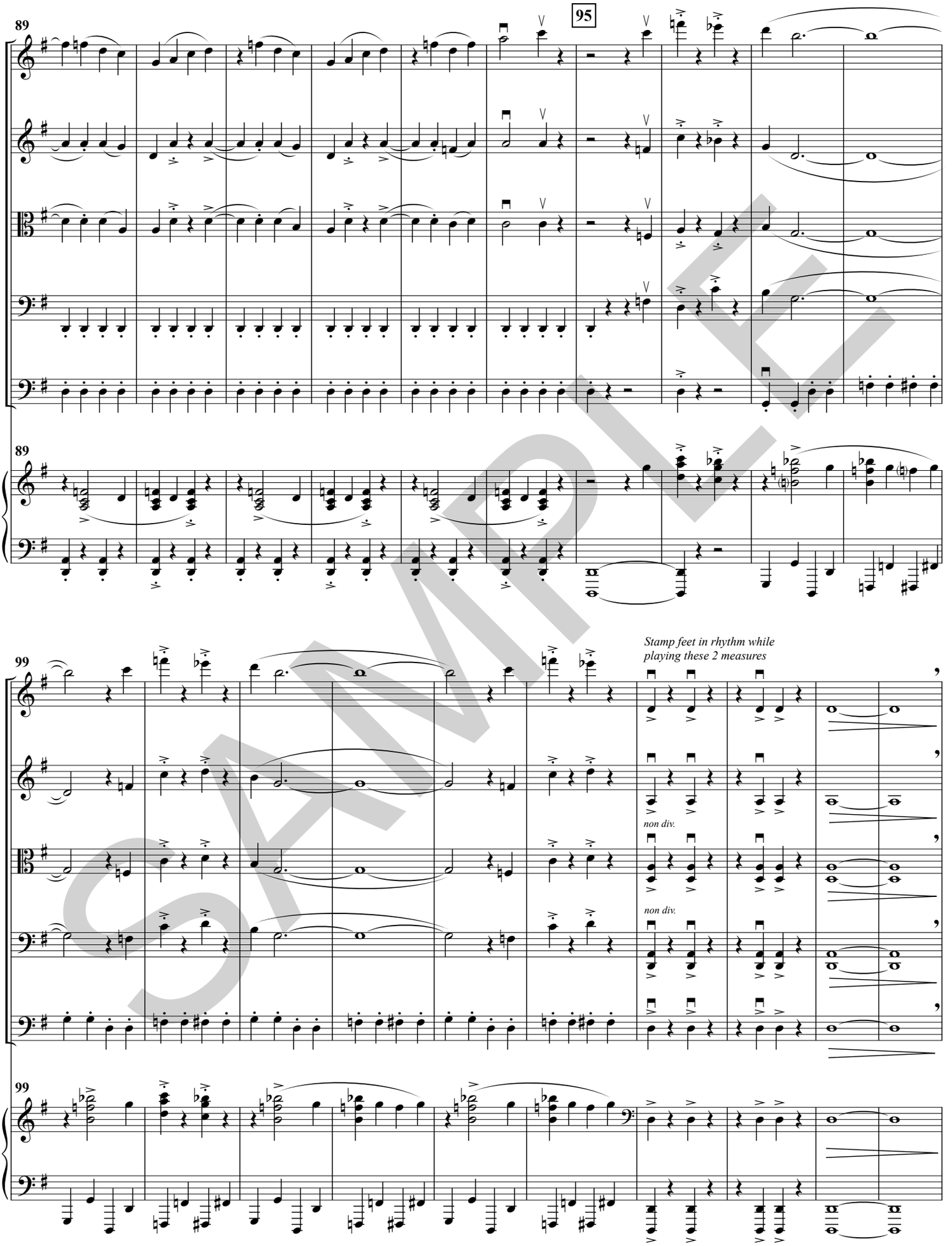
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95
89
99
Stamp feet in rhythm while
playing these 2 measures
non div.
non div.
99

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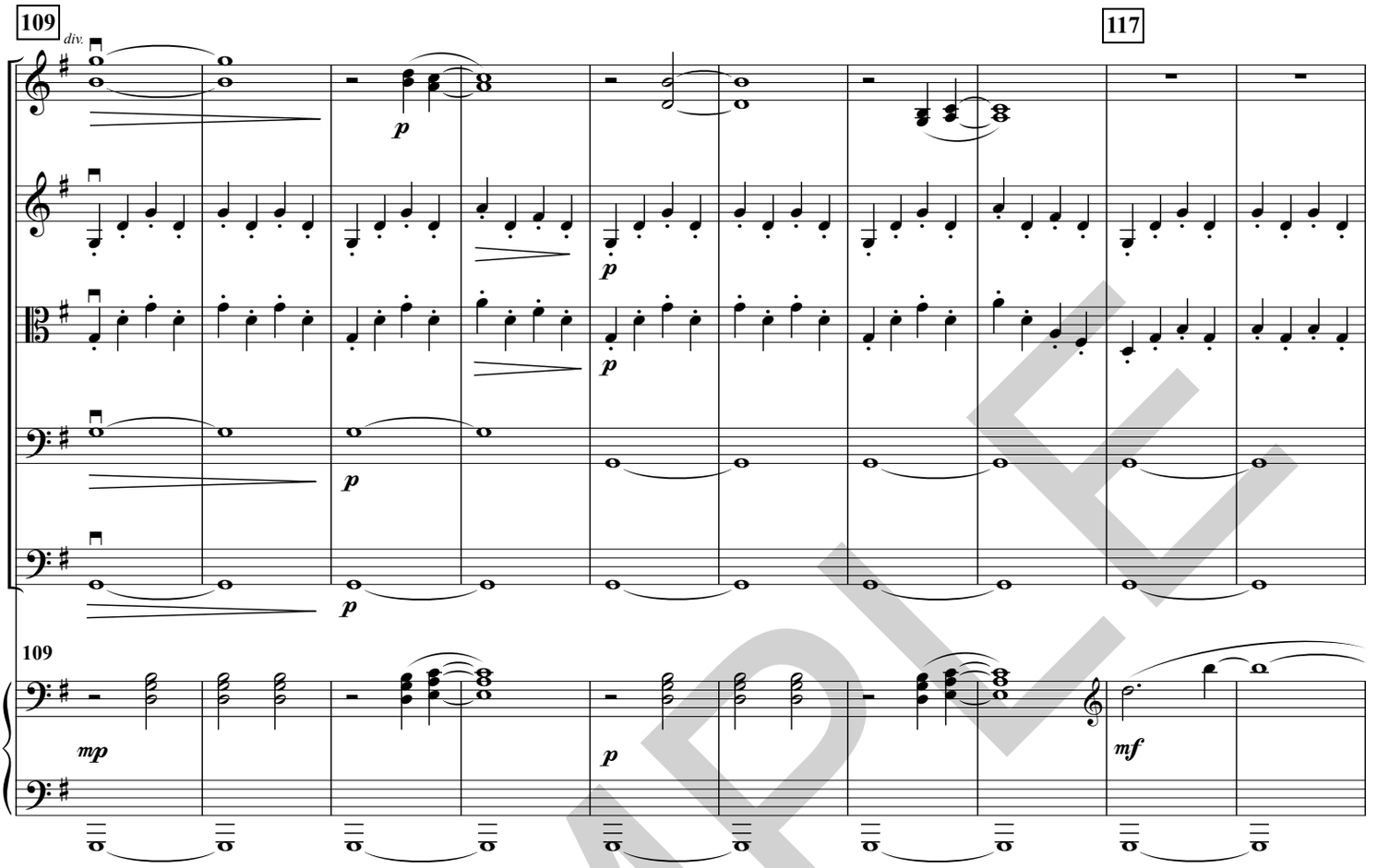

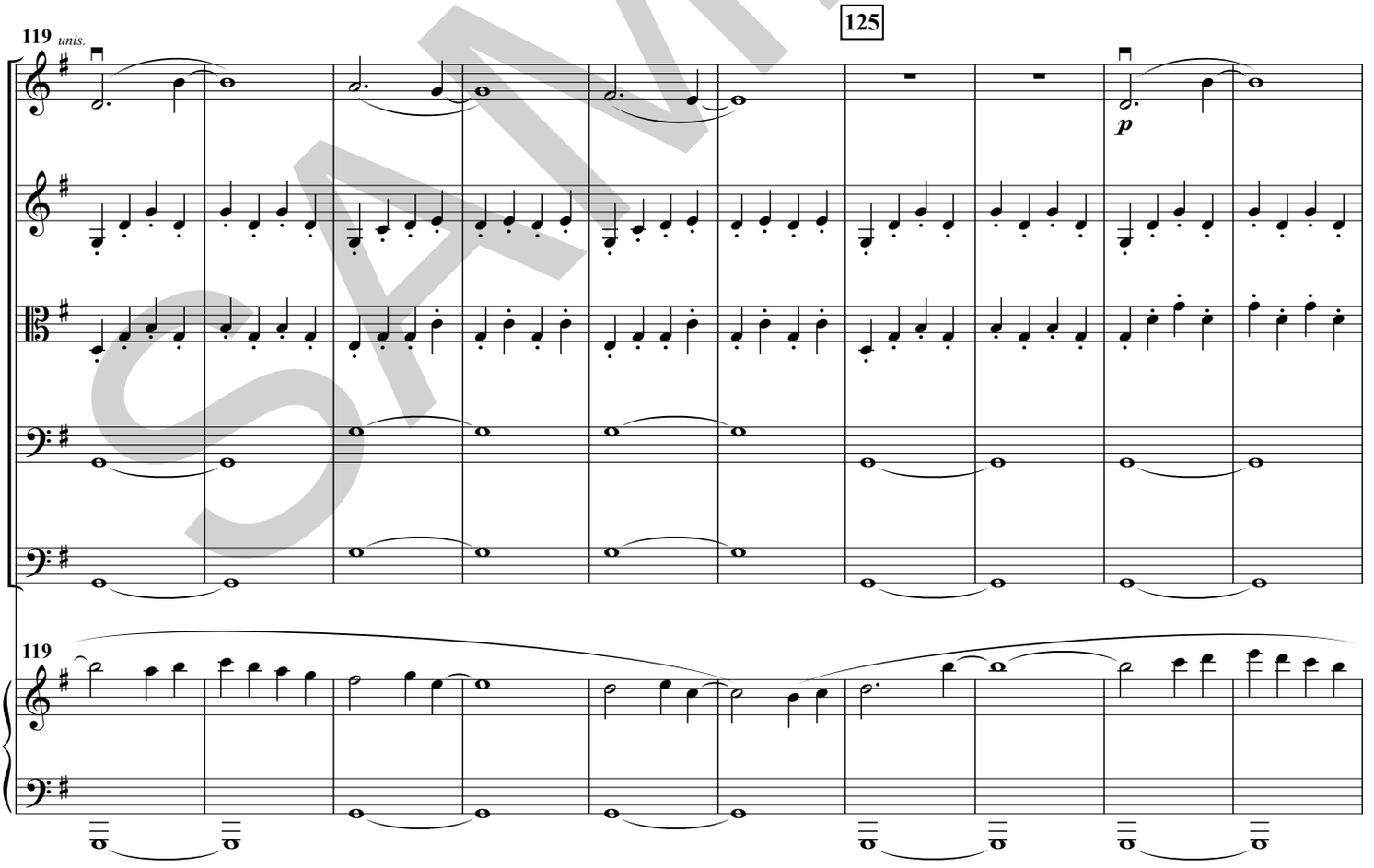

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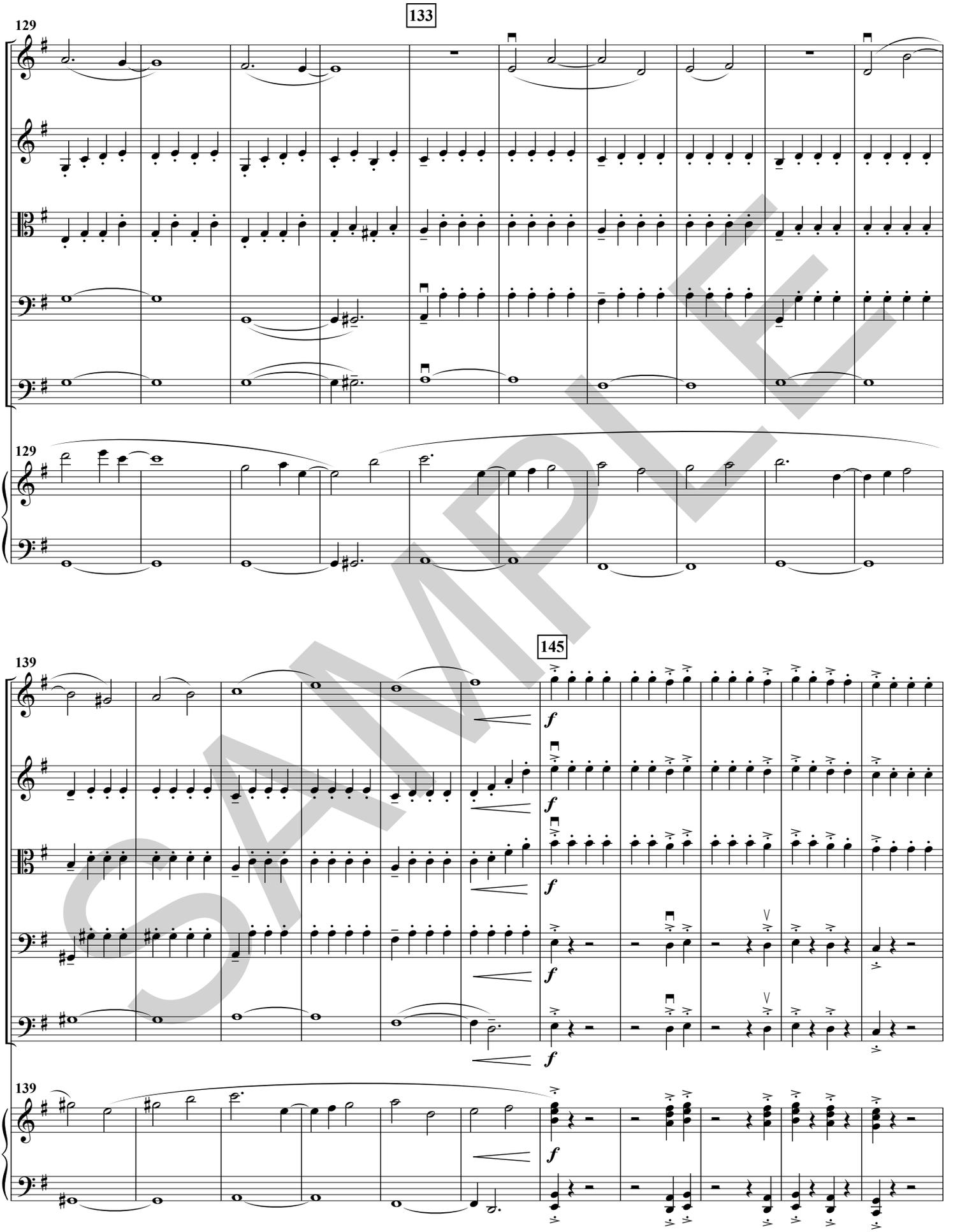

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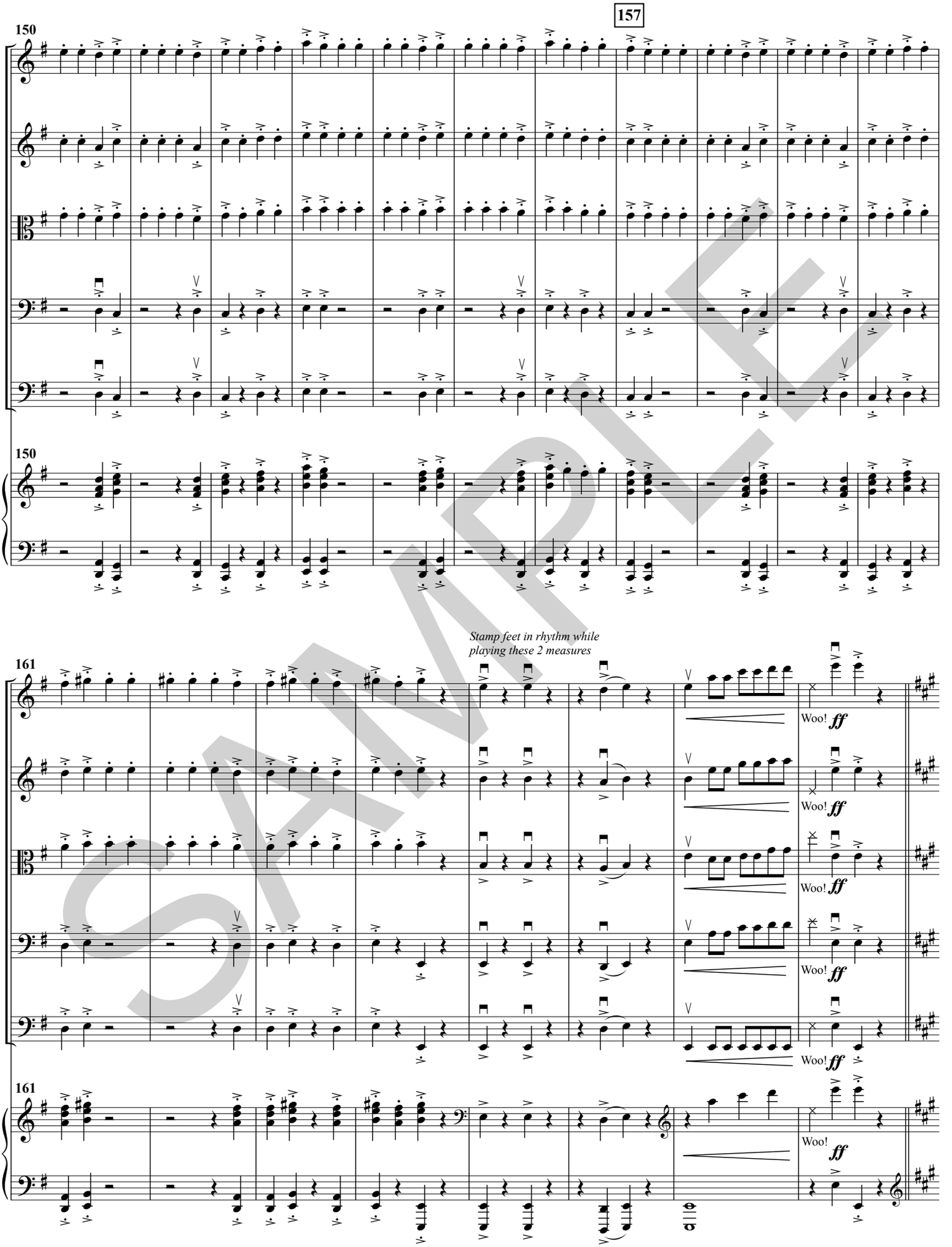
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150
150
Stamp feet in rhythm while
playing these 2 measures
161
161
Woo!
ff

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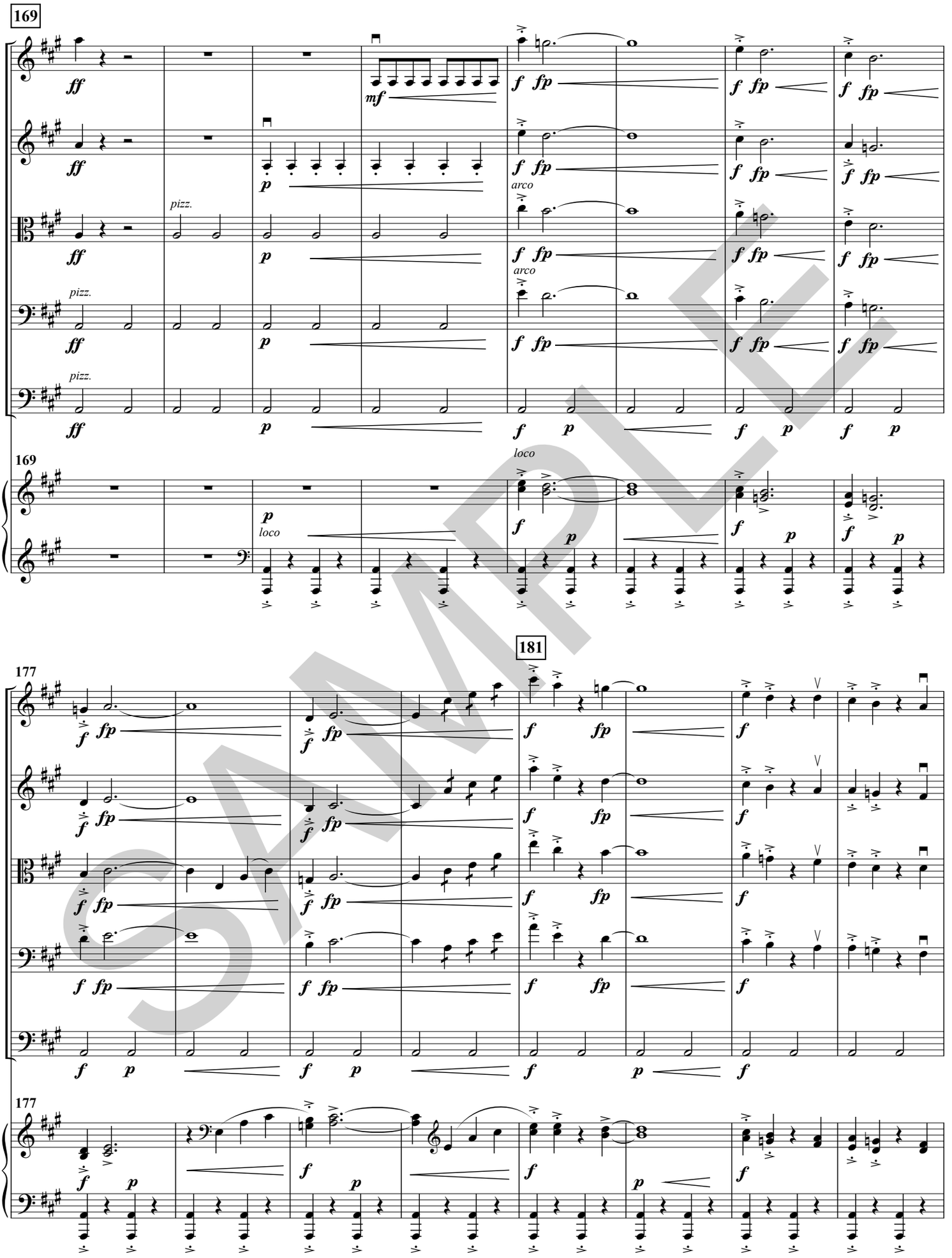

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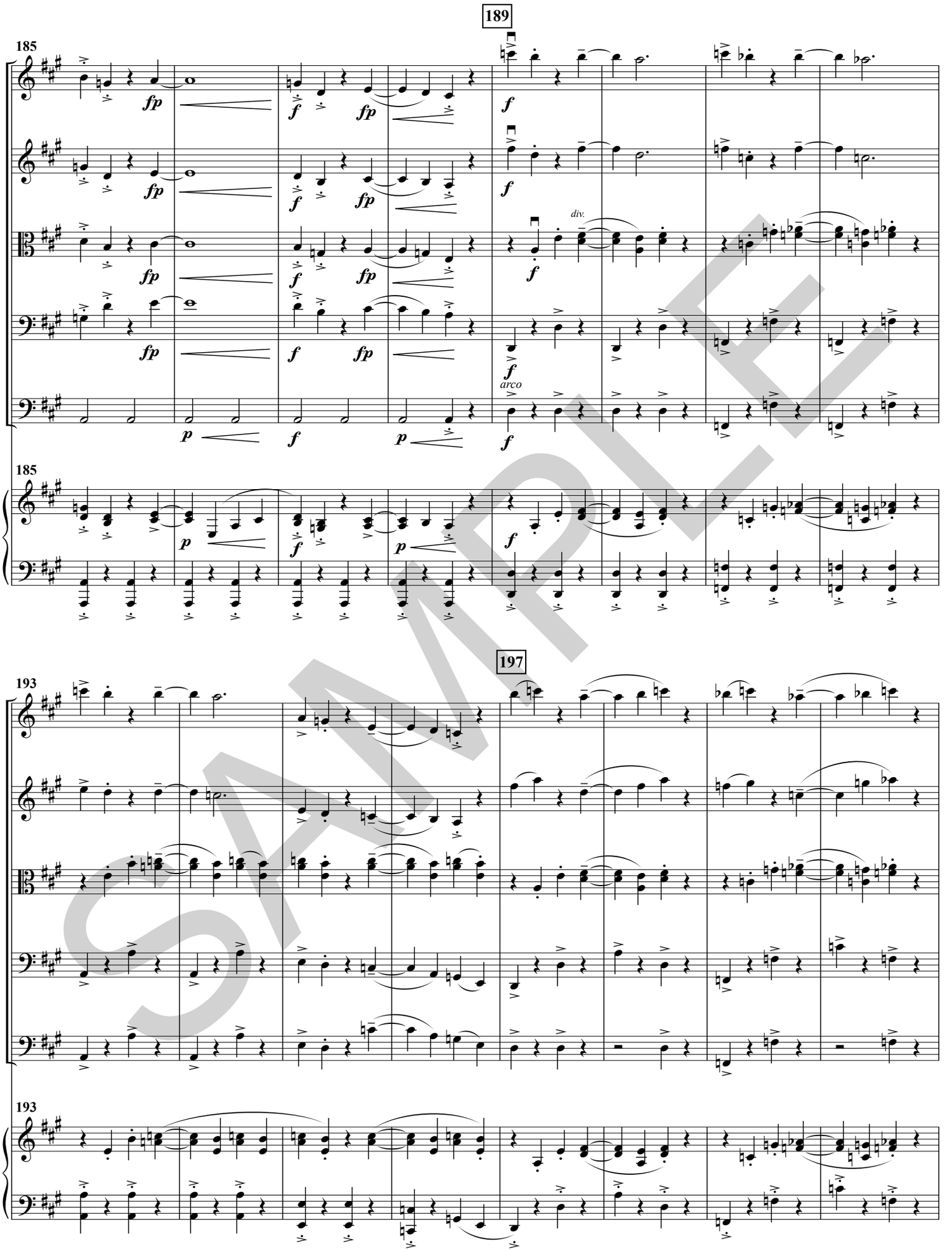

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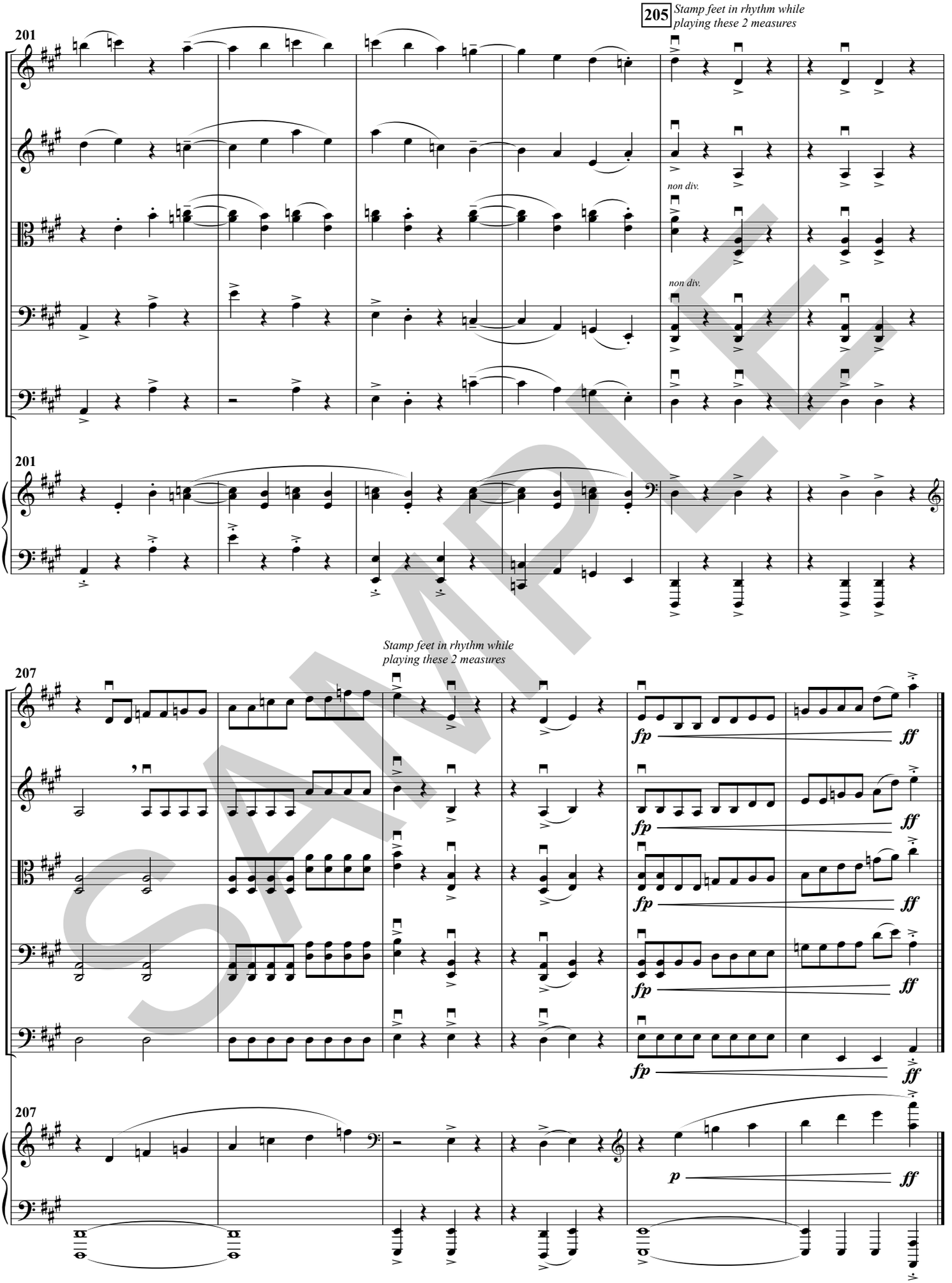
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Stamp feet in rhythm while playing these 2 measures
201
non div.
non div.
201
Stamp feet in rhythm while playing these 2 measures
207
fp
ff
207
p
ff

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