Galileo's Vision

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INSTRUMENTATION

1	Conductor	1	1st B♭ Trumpet	1	Timpani (E-E♭-B-E)
2	Flute	1	2nd B♭ Trumpet	1	Piano (Optional)
2	Oboe	3	Trombone	8	1st Violin
1	1st B♭ Clarinet	1	Tuba	8	2nd Violin
1	2nd B♭ Clarinet	1	Mallet Percussion (Bells)	5	3rd Violin (Viola 𝄞)
1	B♭ Bass Clarinet	4	Percussion (Snare Drum, Bass Drum, Large Tam-Tam, Crash Cymbals, Triangle)	5	Viola
2	Bassoon			5	Cello
4	F Horn			5	String Bass

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Galileo Galilei, born 1564 in Pisa, Italy, is considered by many scientists and academicians to be the world's first modern astronomer. Through his vision, Galileo constructed many new devices for observation, including the microscope, the thermoscope and the telescope, with which he discovered the satellites (moons) of Jupiter. During his lifetime, he was often denounced for his observations of the Earth's motion, among many other things.

Fast-forward to 1989: the NASA probe bearing his name is launched into space from the cargo bay of the space shuttle *Atlantis* for a fourteen-year journey of remarkable scientific discovery to the distant moons of Jupiter. Fast-forward again: in 2004, the European Union Space Agency begins the development of a team of satellites designed to ascertain one's precise position in time and space. Appropriately named the Galileo Satellite Radio Navigation System, the system is based on a constellation of thirty satellites and ground stations that work in tandem with the American Global Positioning Satellite System (GPS). Using individual receivers, these systems possess the ability to locate any object to within less than one meter.

Composed in the style of Gustav Holst, Stephen Melillo, and other influences, this piece begins with an ominous flowing bass ostinato that builds to a dramatic climax to be performed as boldly as possible. The center section is a calm, reflective horn solo (opt. violin) that should be performed in a legato style (with optional rubato). The piece employs several tri-tone shifts throughout, making it ultimately important to encourage students to listen to the ever-changing tonal center.

It is my hope that this piece will provide many teaching opportunities and an enriching musical experience for your students and your audiences.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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Bob Phillips
Belwin/Pop String Editor

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CONDUCTOR SCORE
Duration - 3:30

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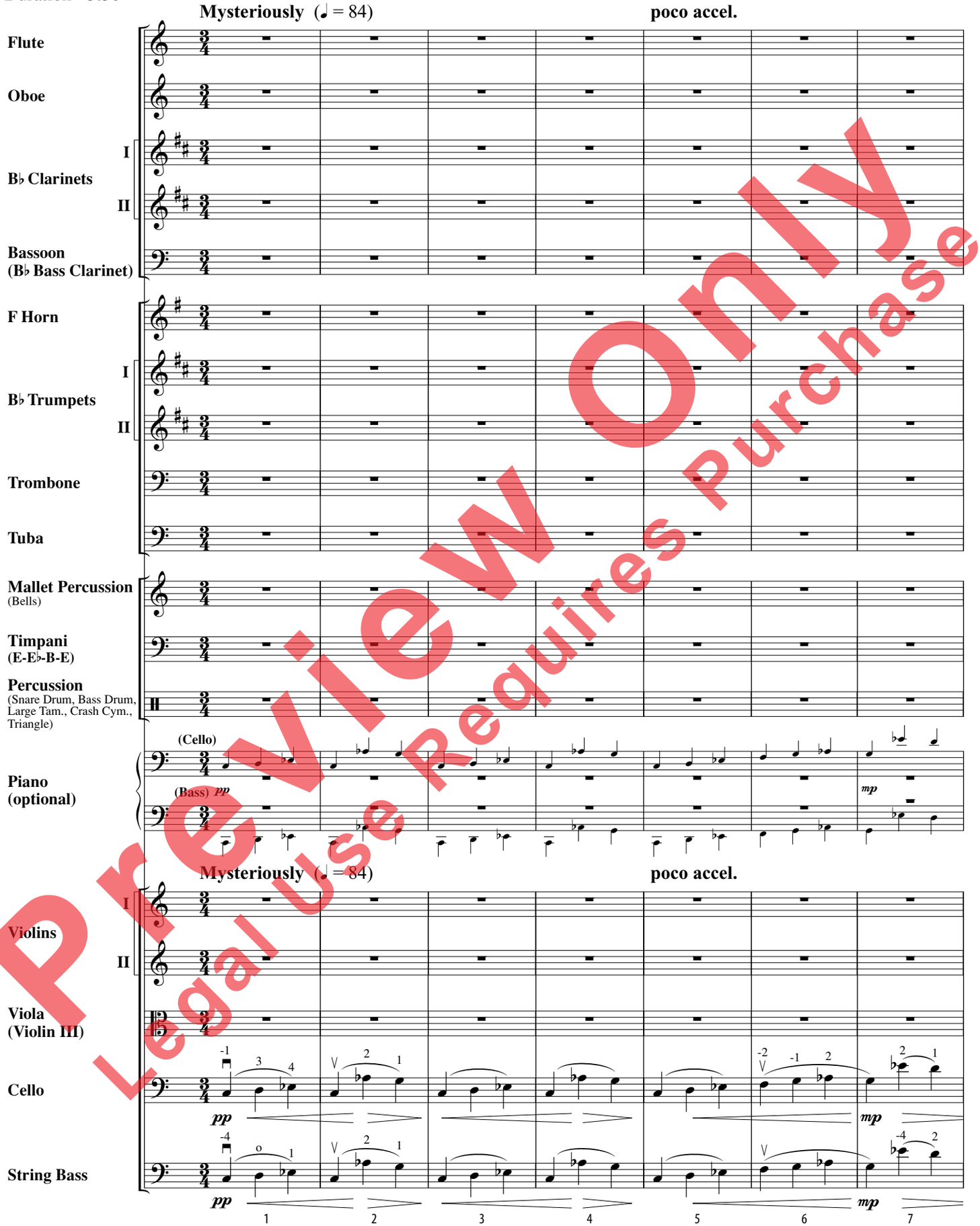

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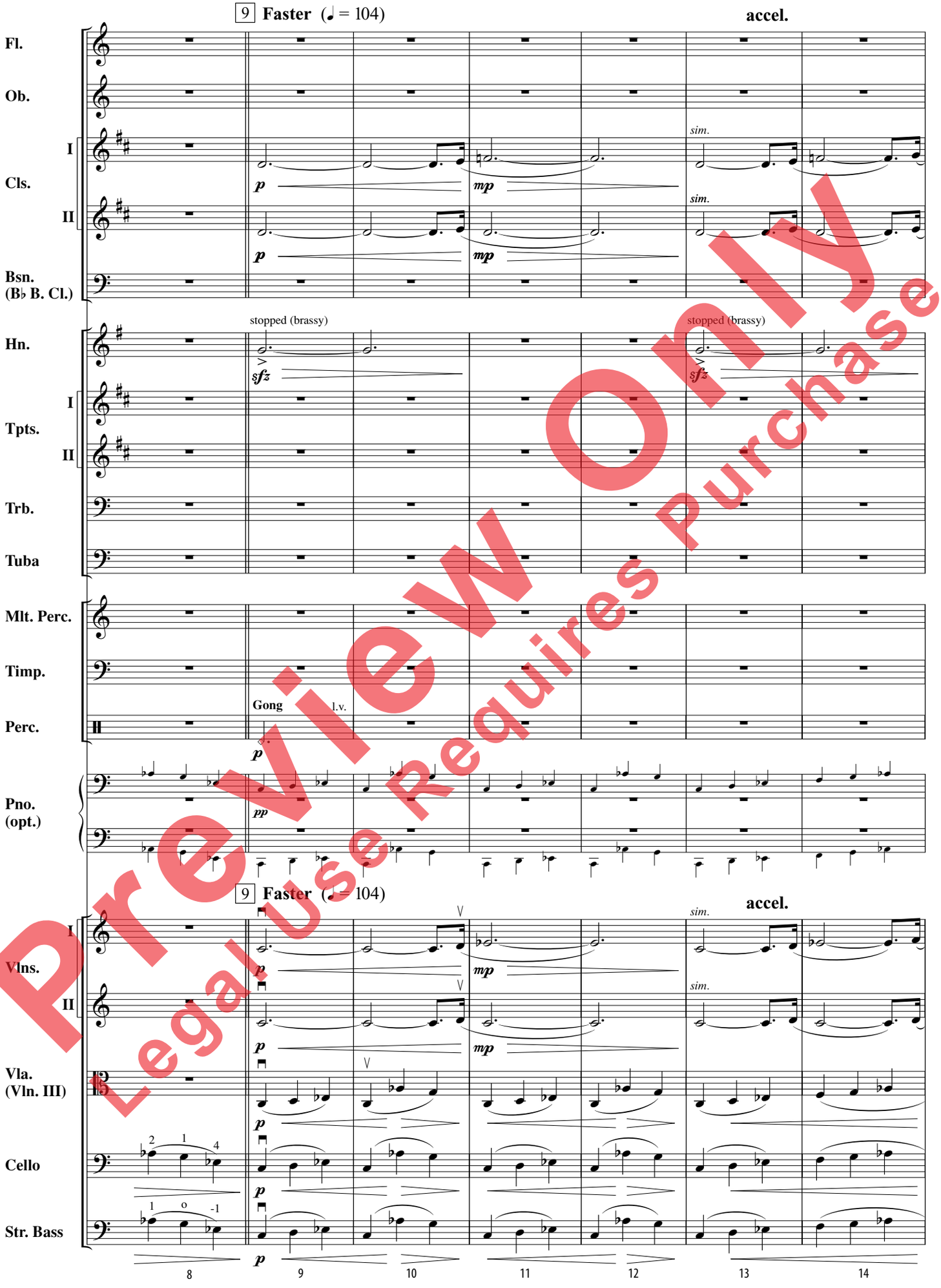

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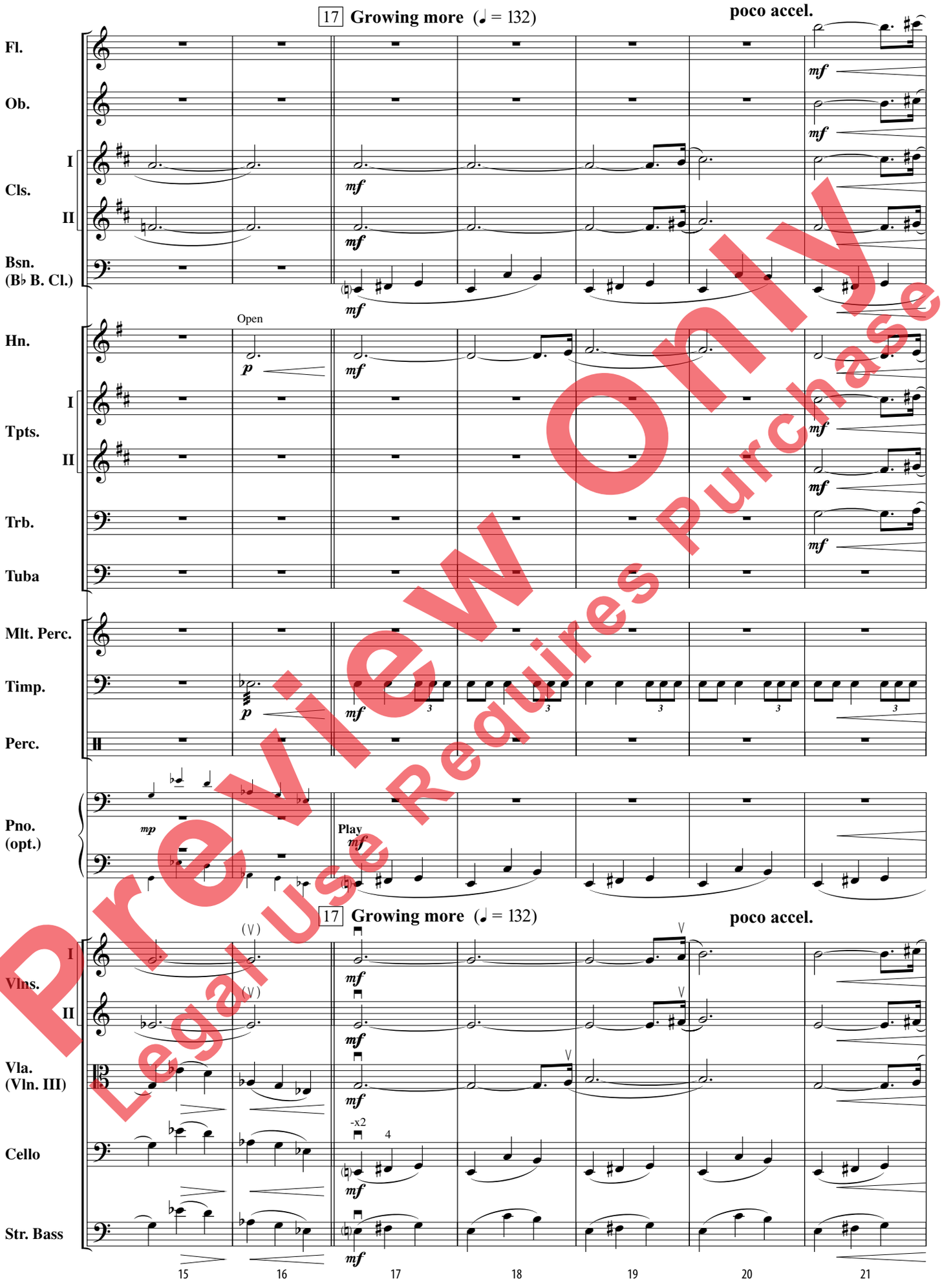

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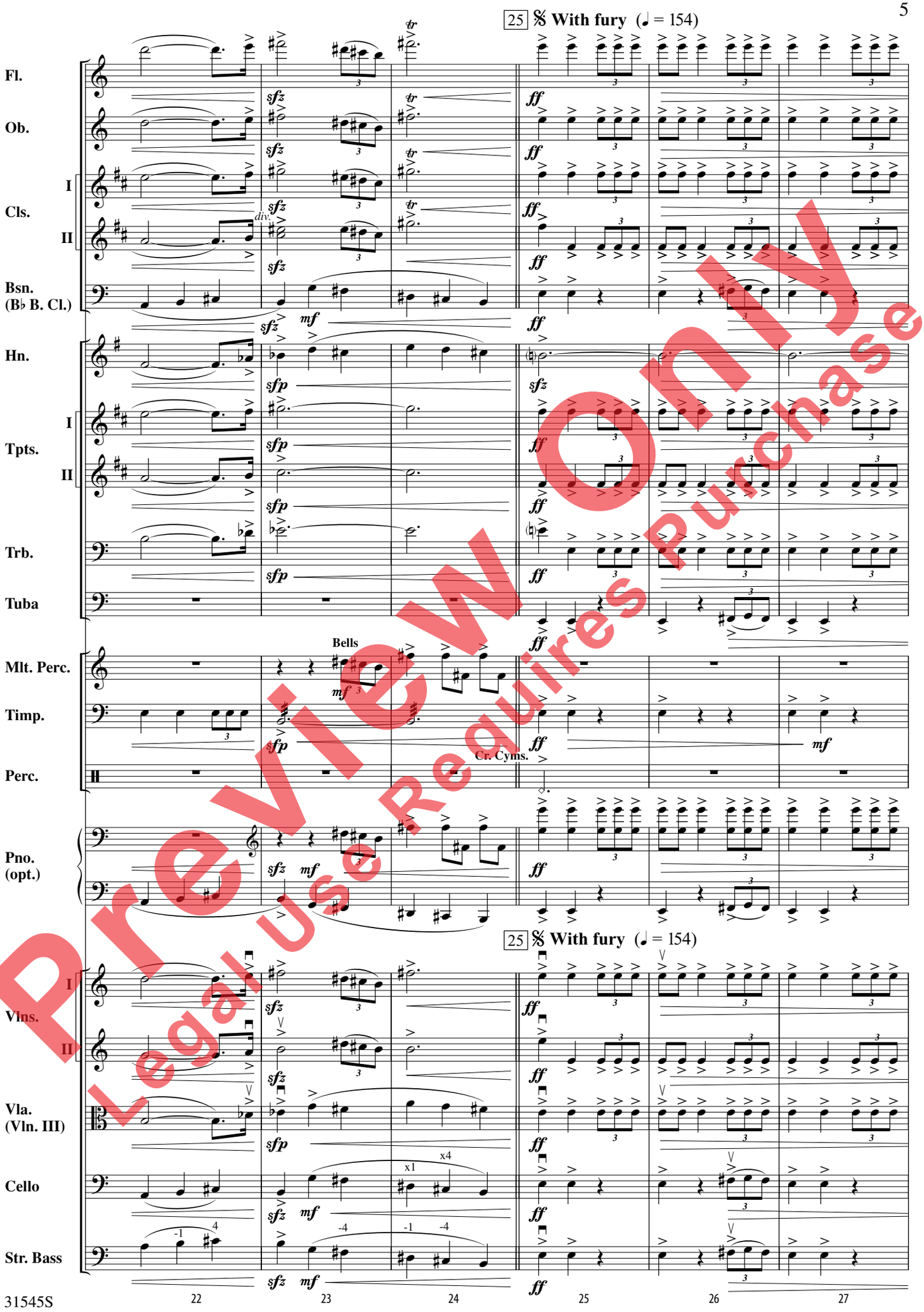

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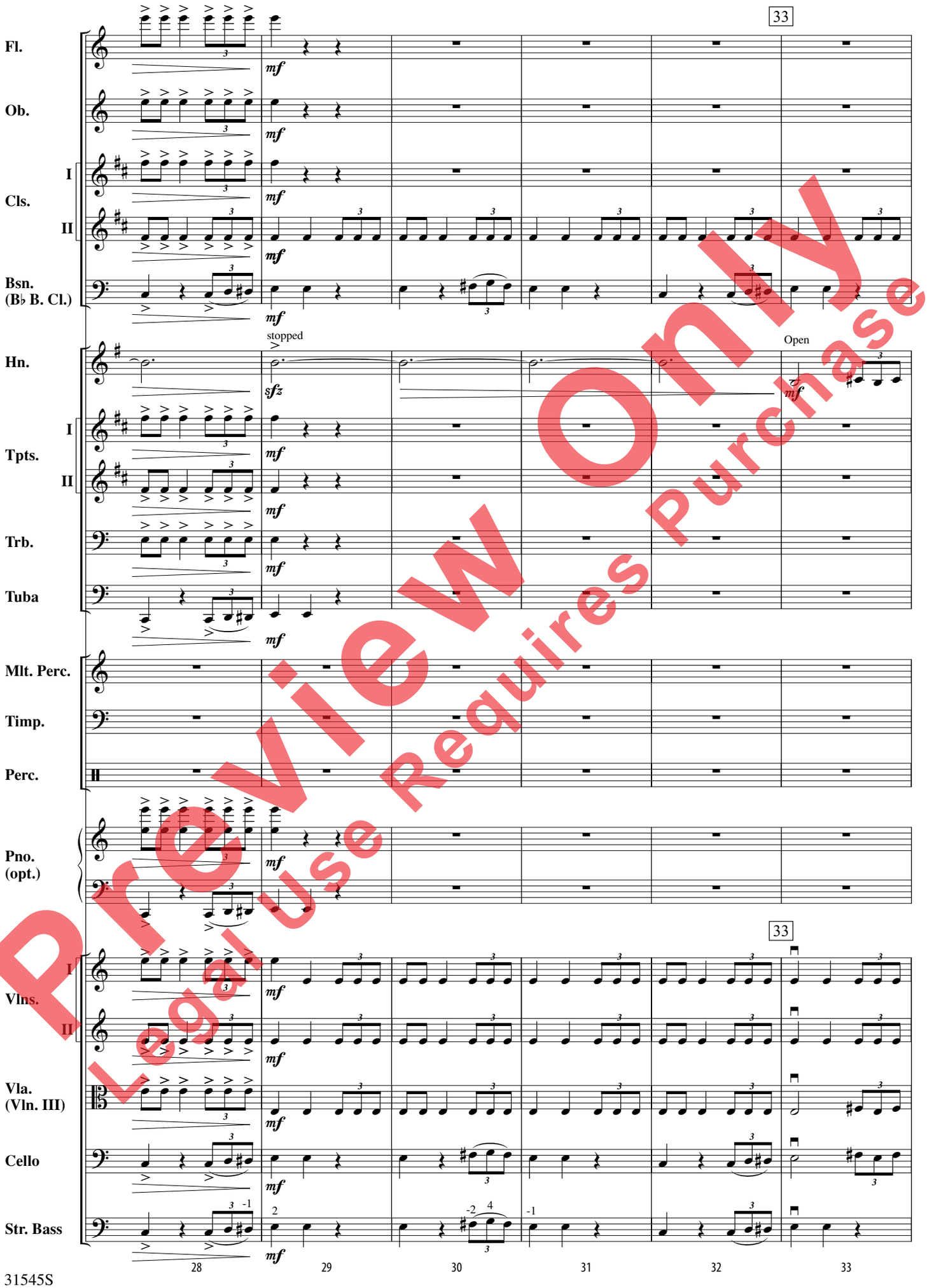

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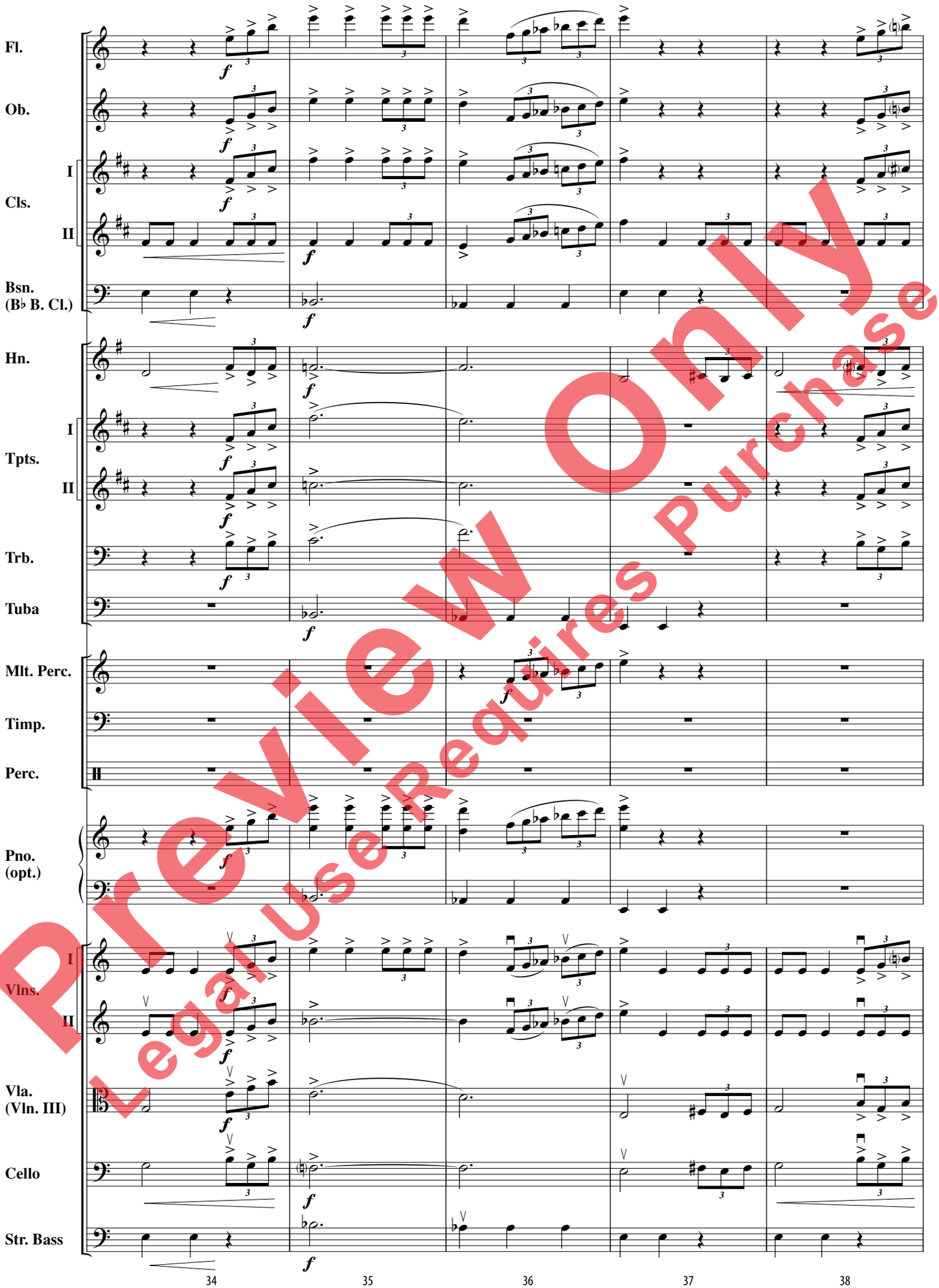

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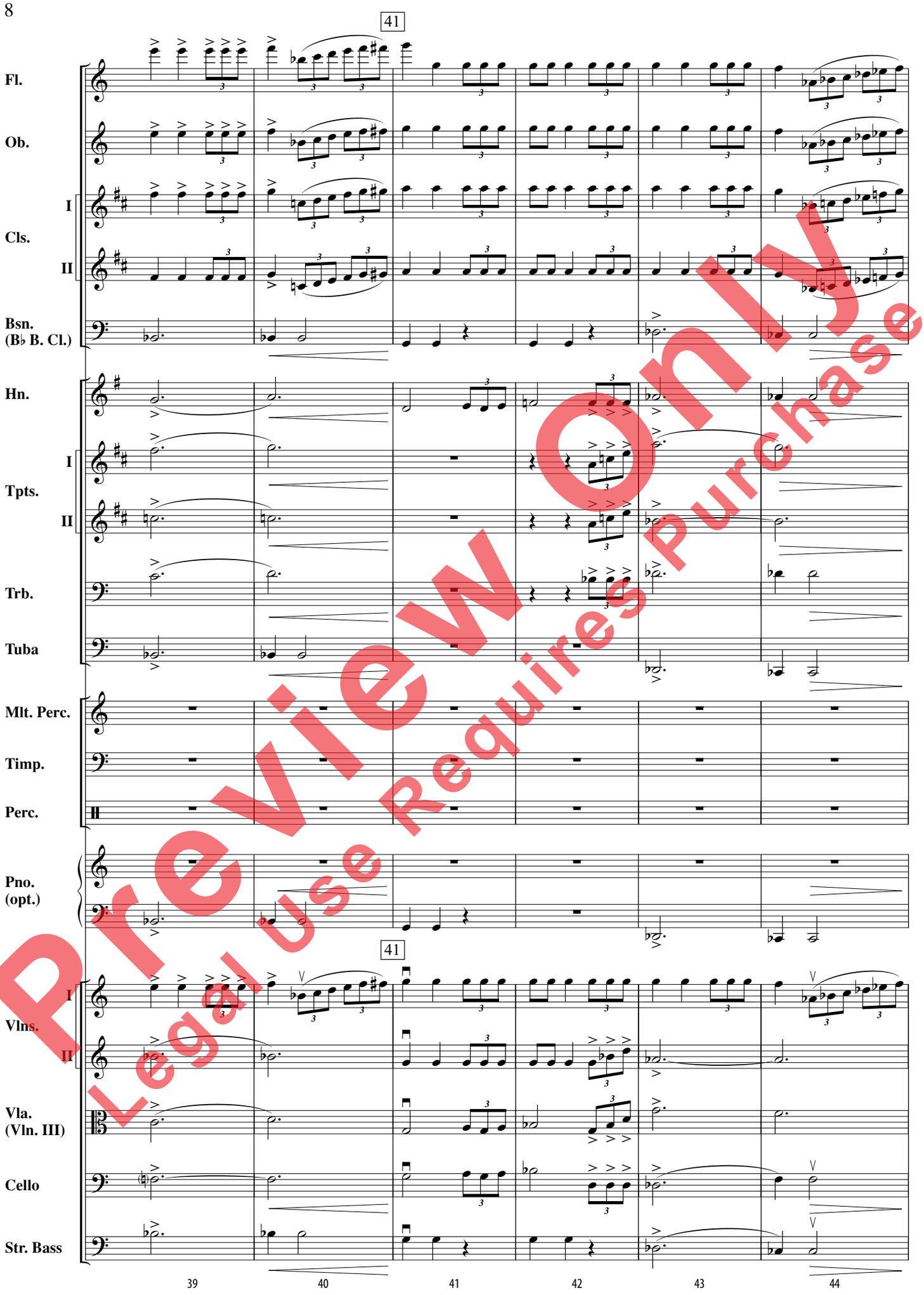

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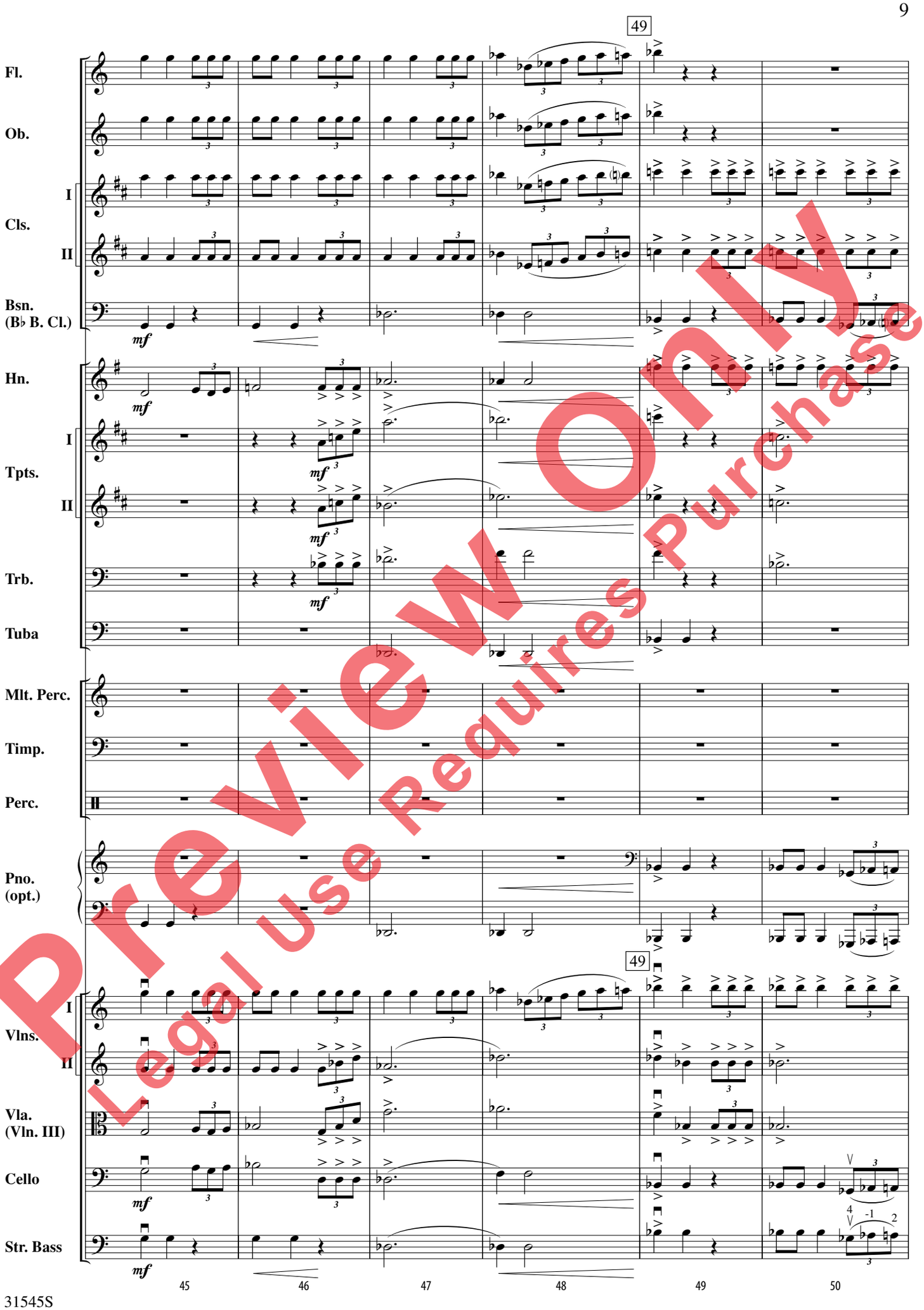

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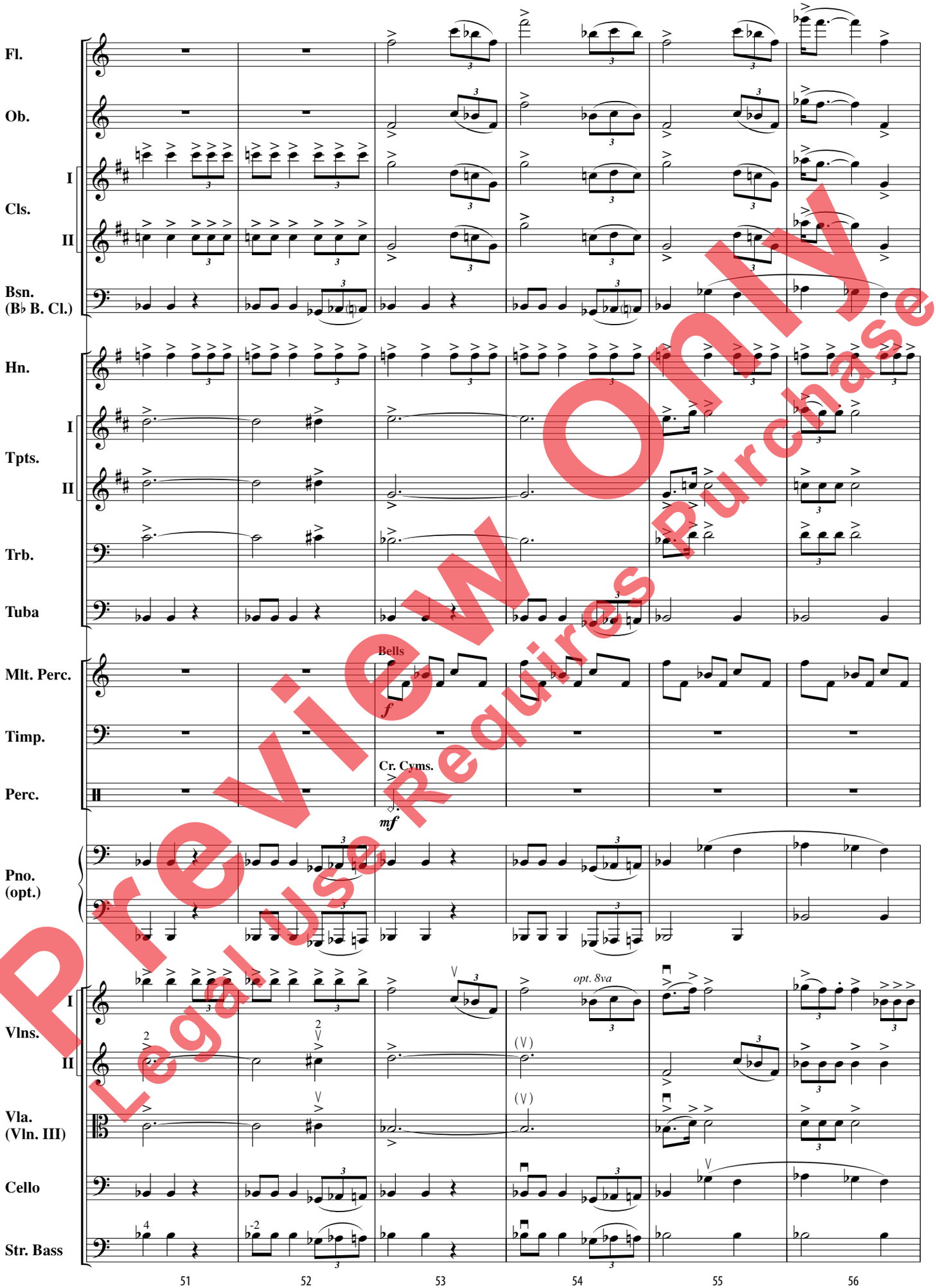

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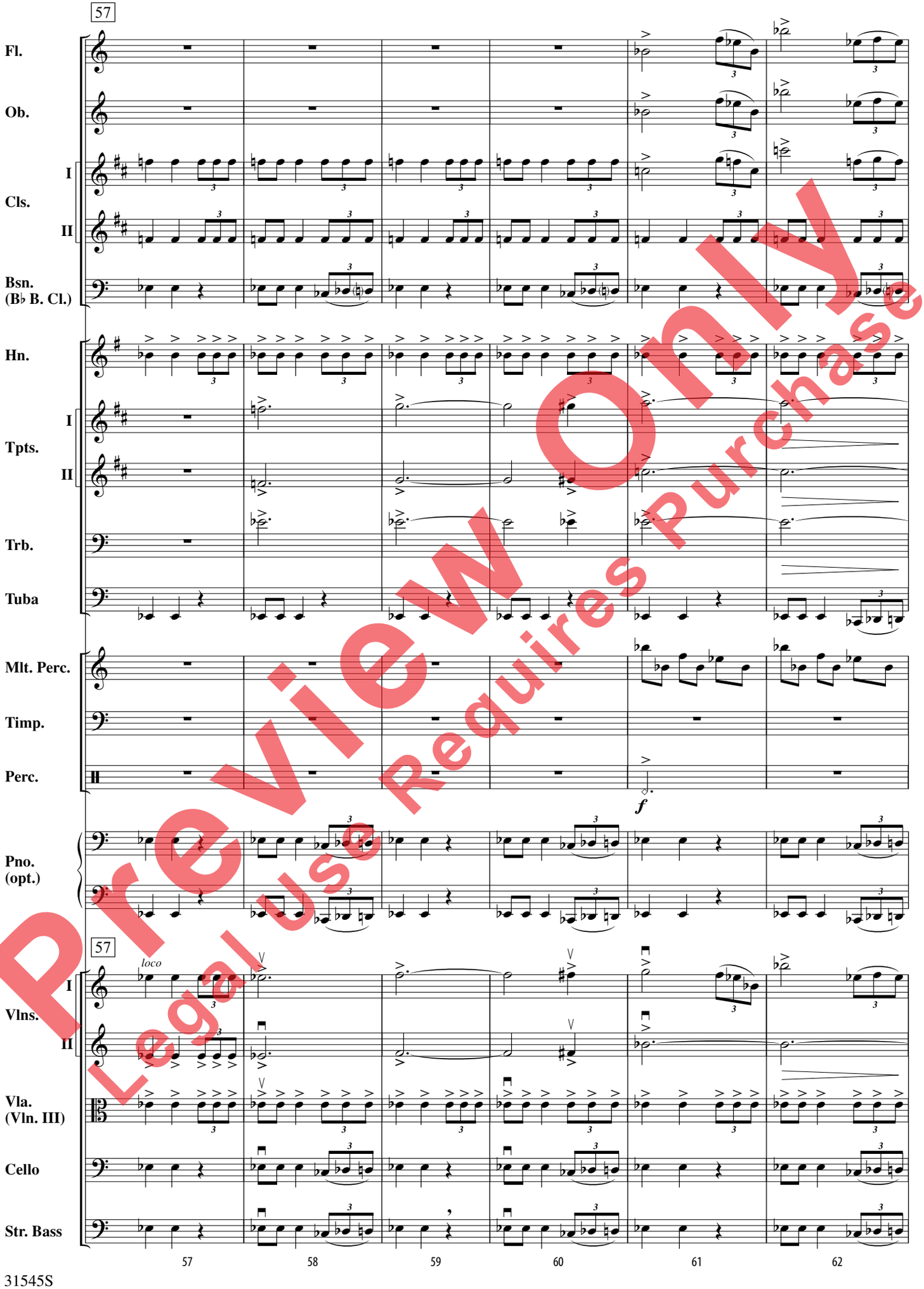

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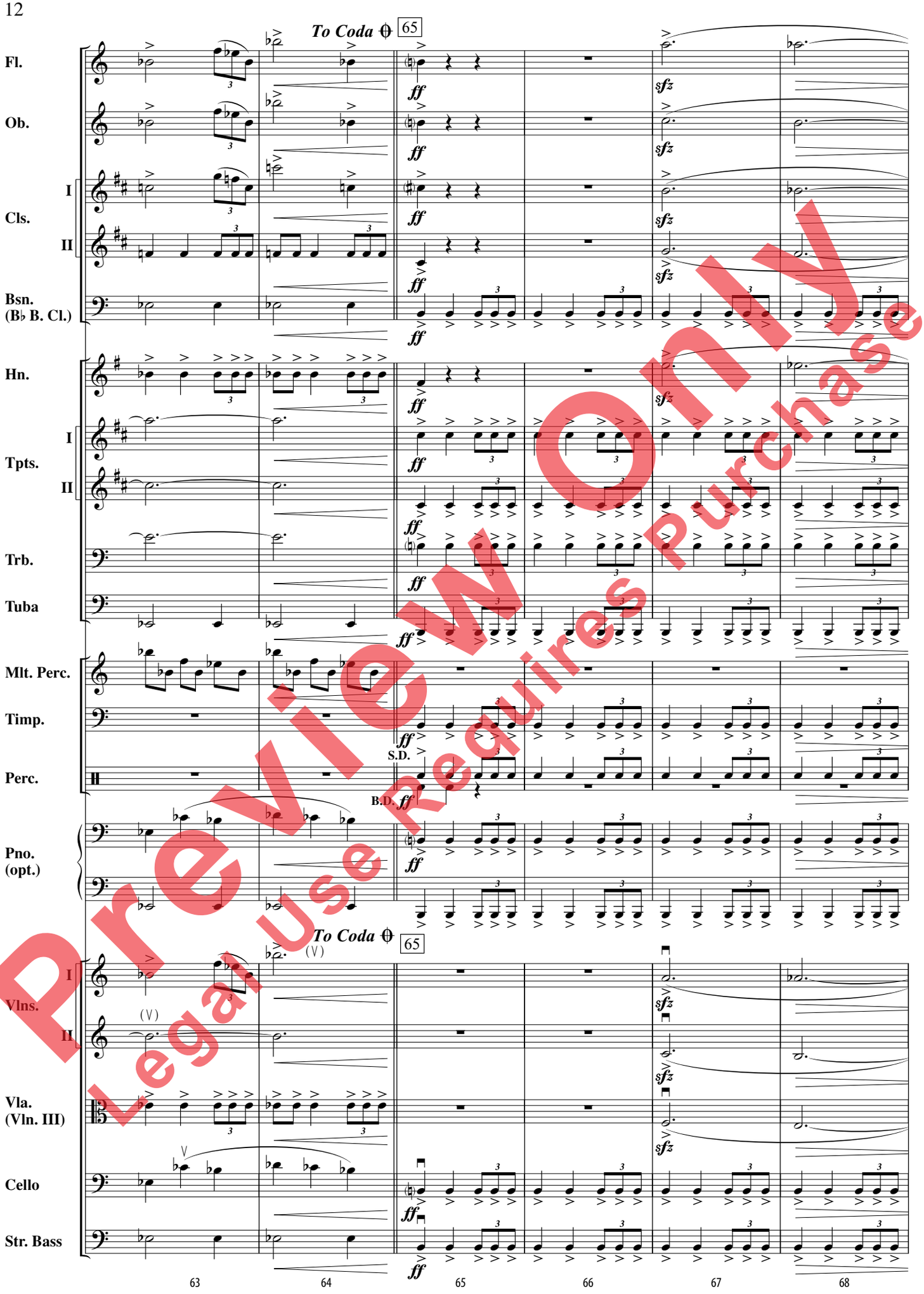

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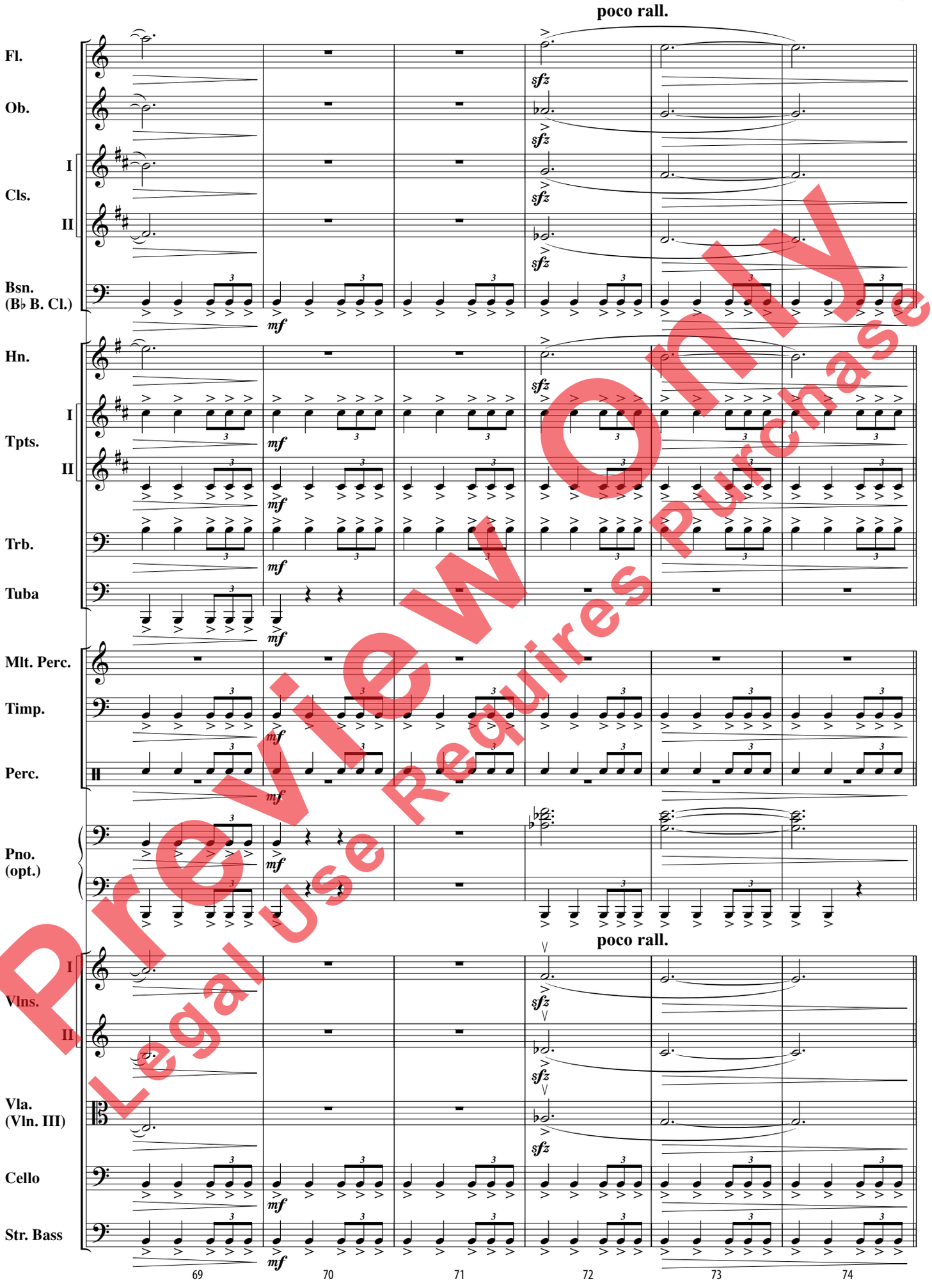

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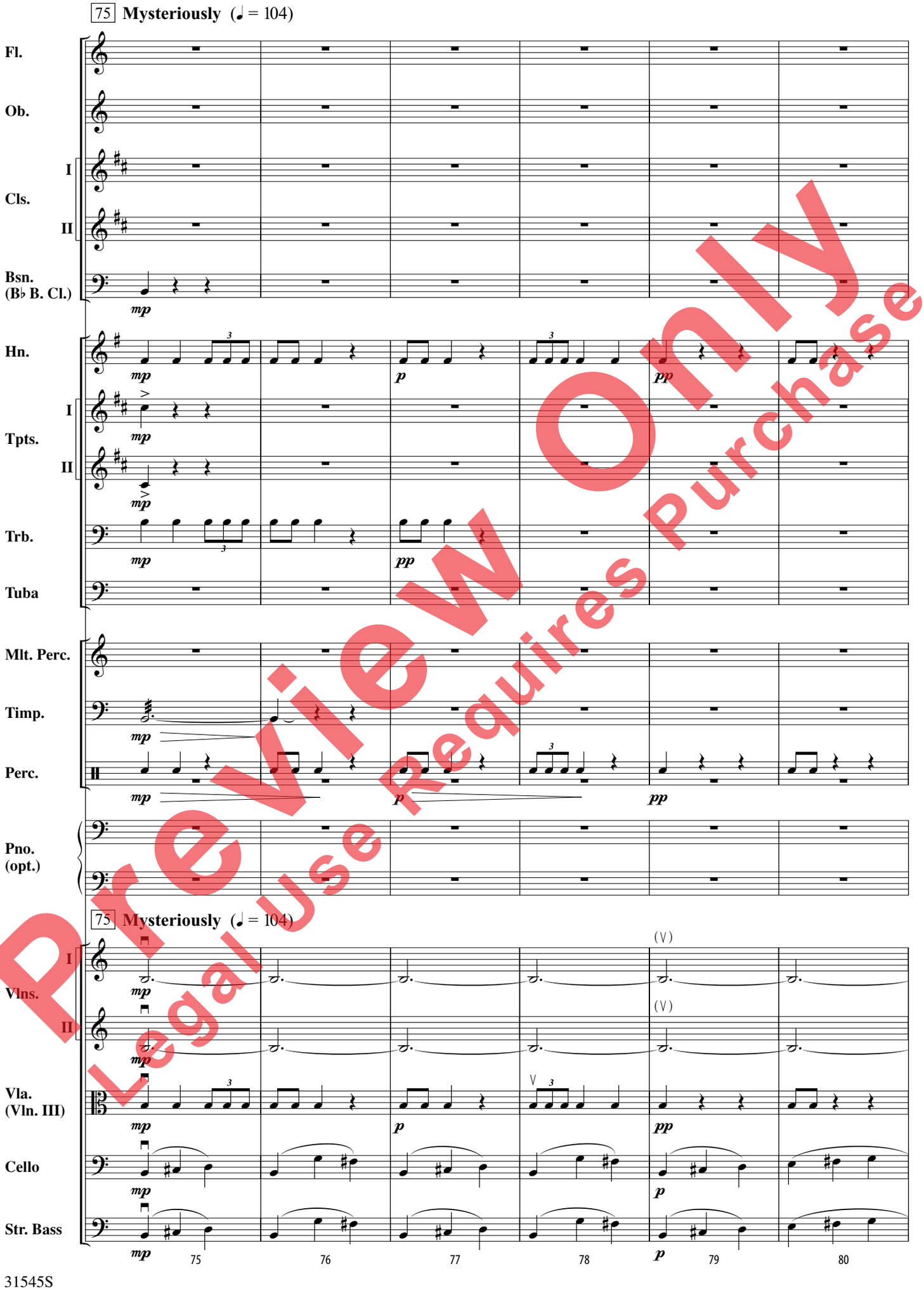

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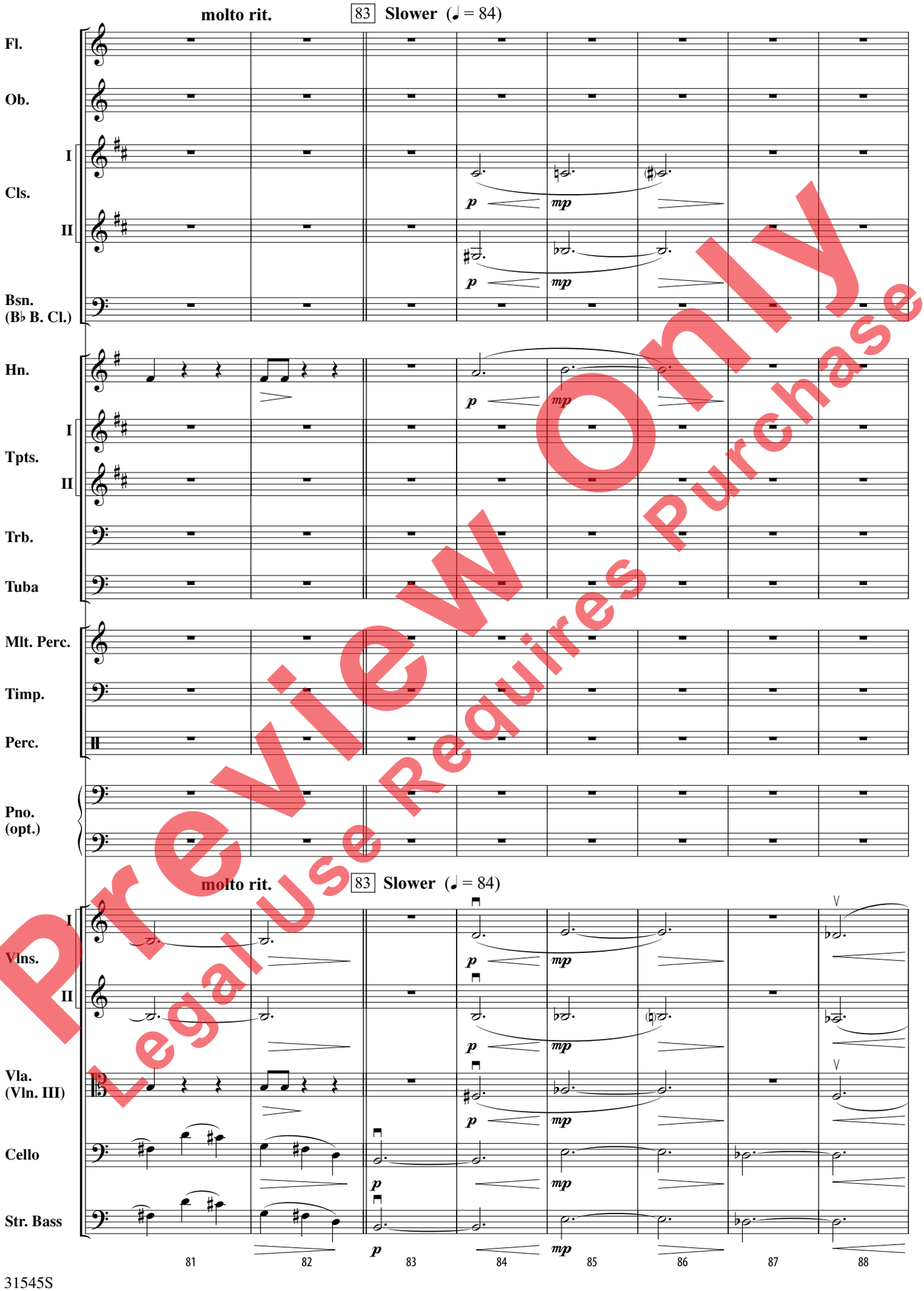

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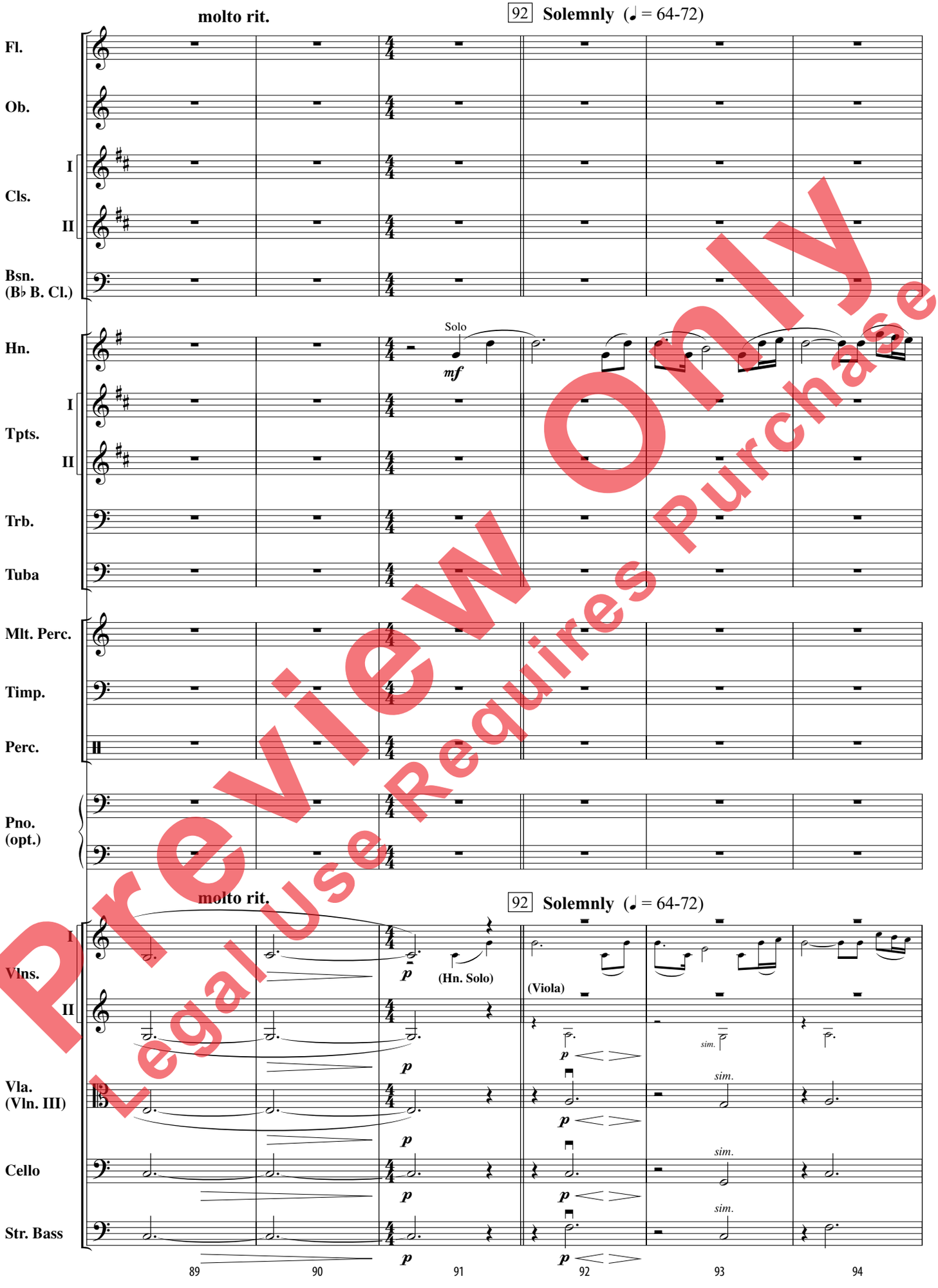

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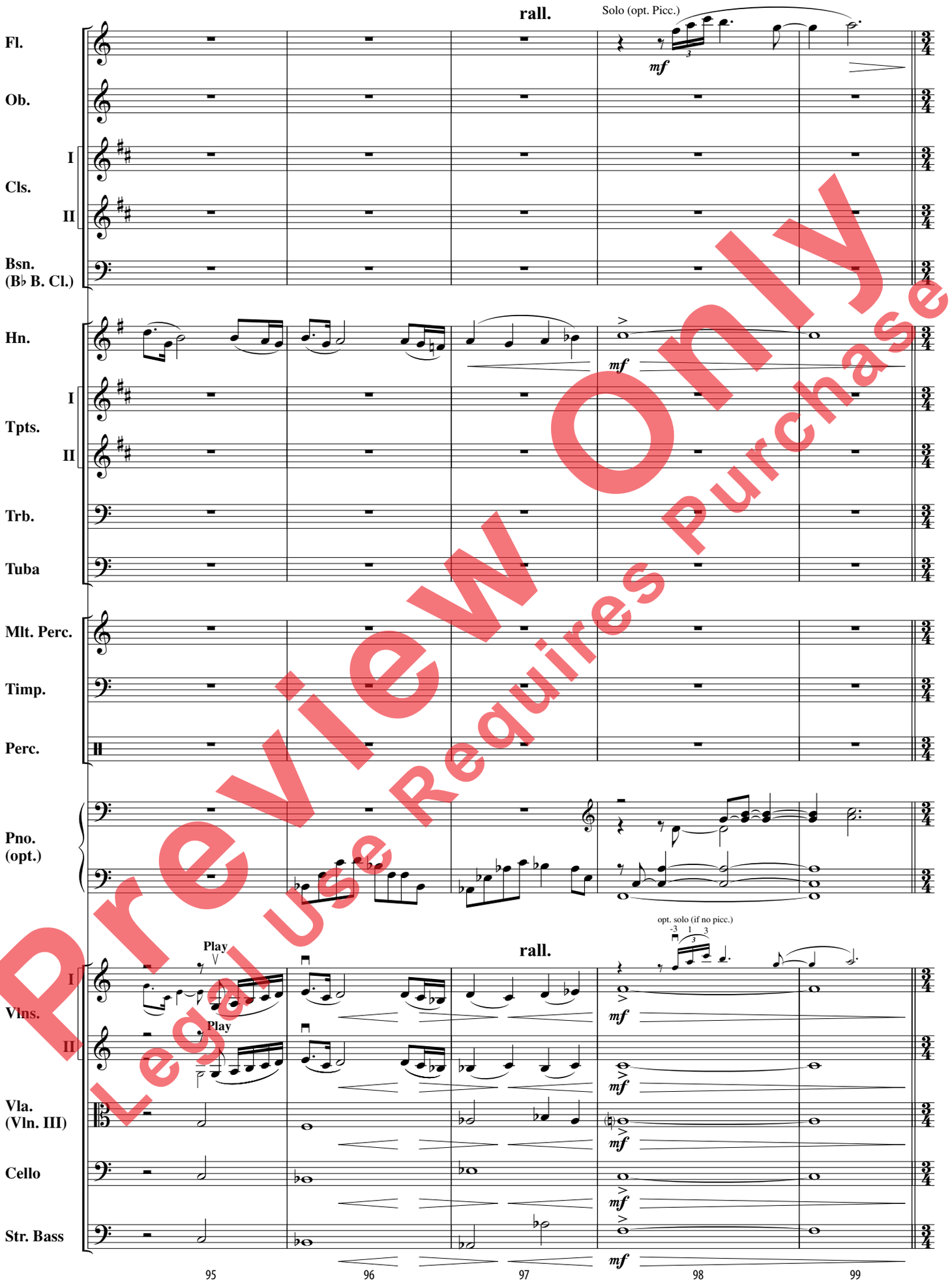

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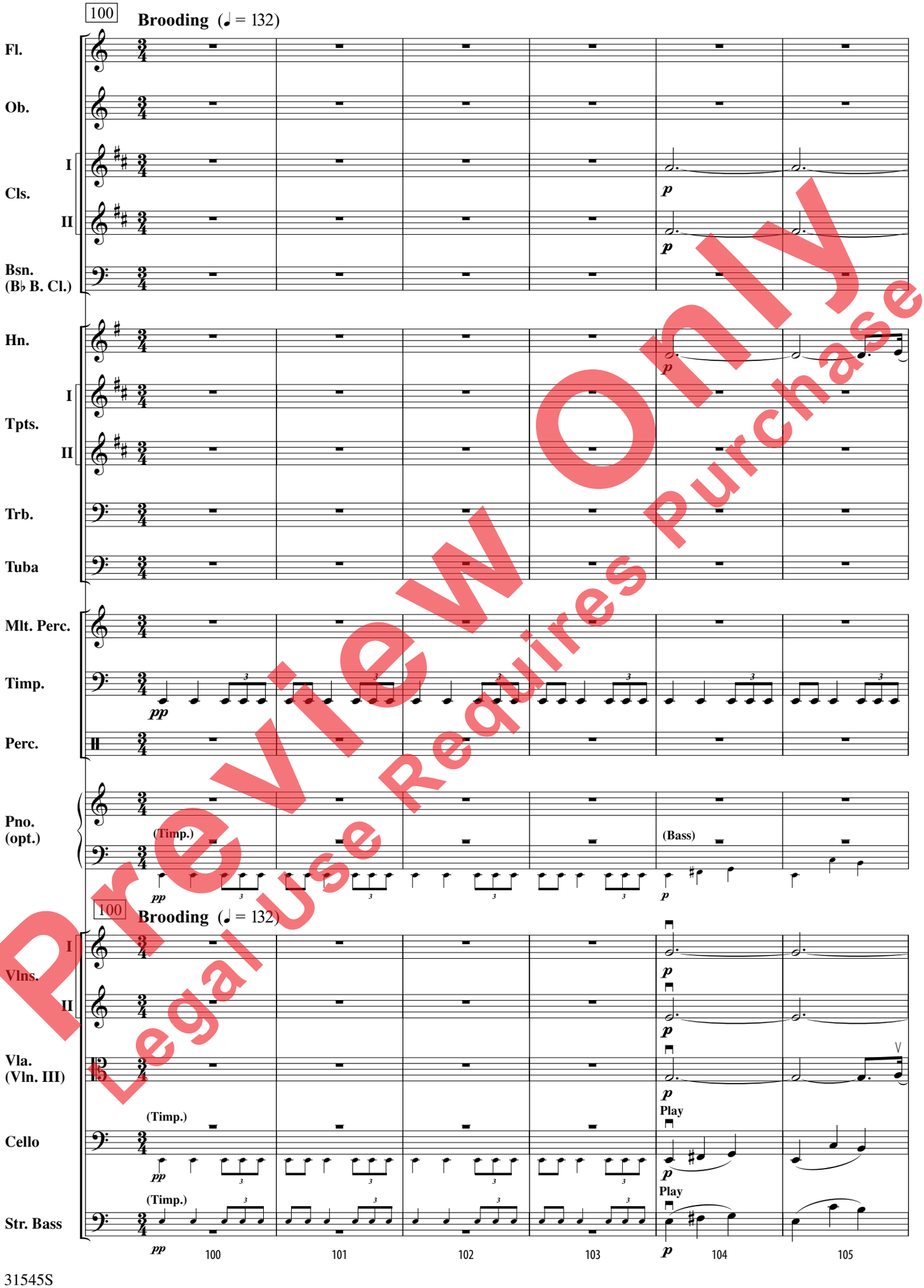

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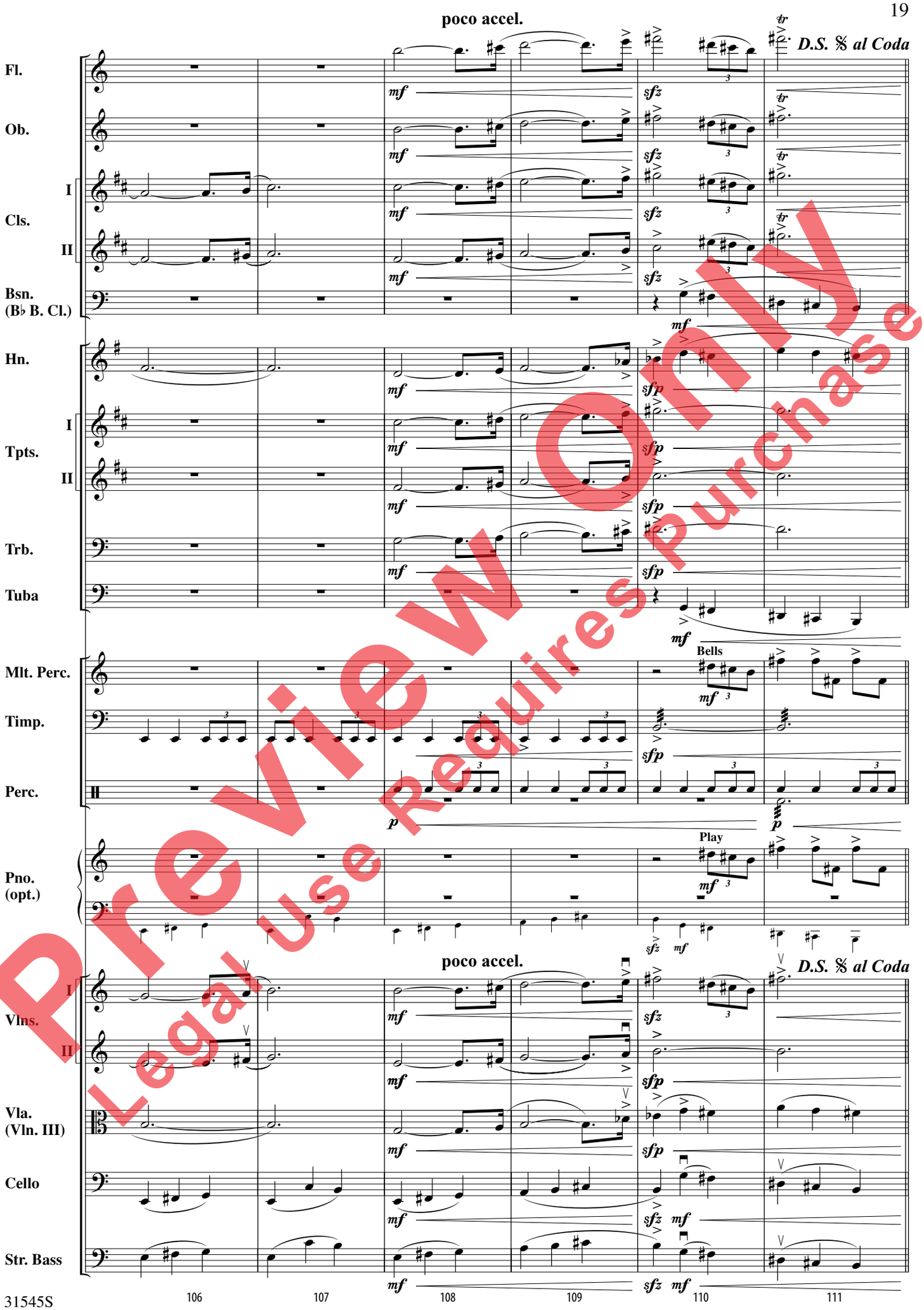

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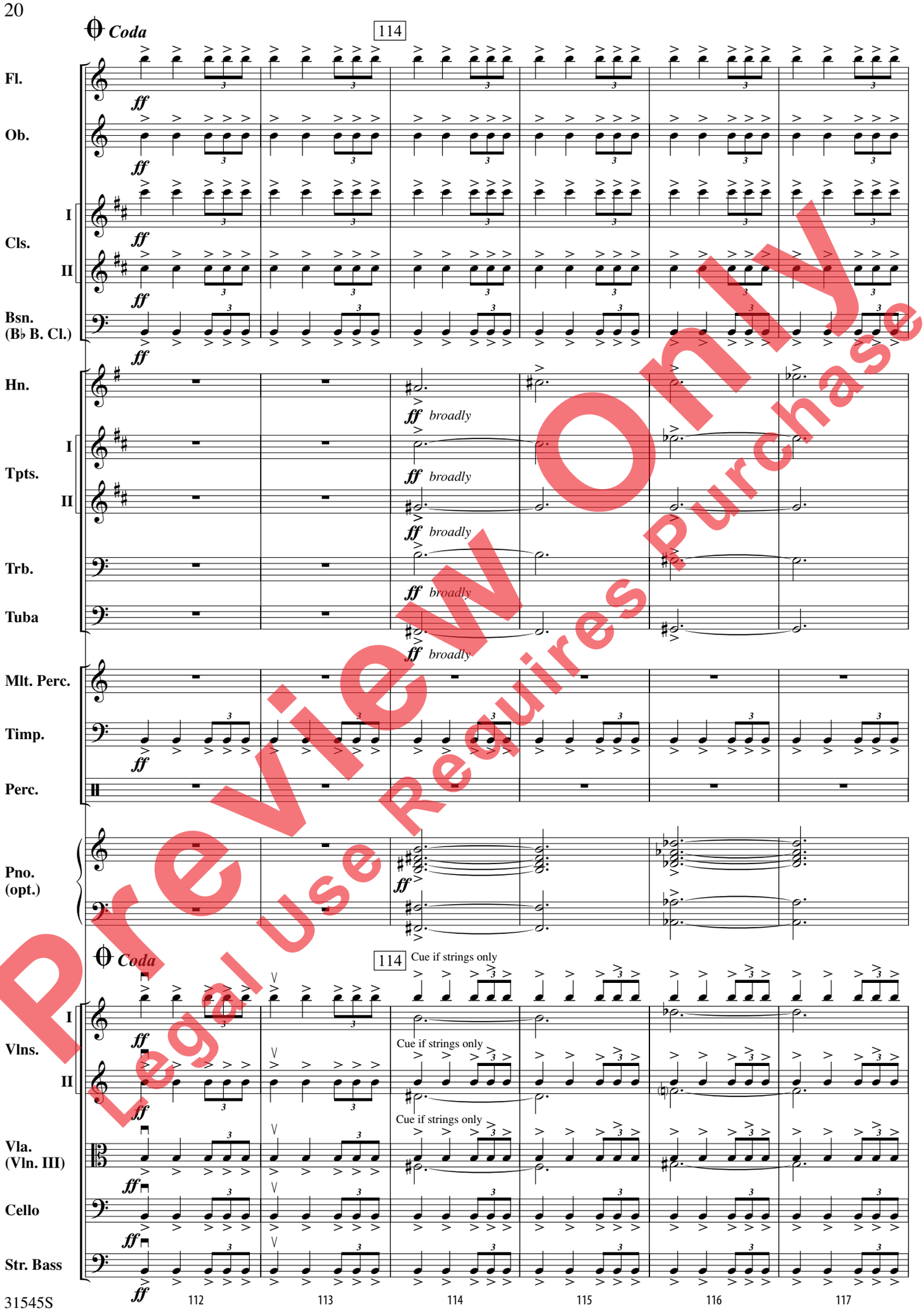

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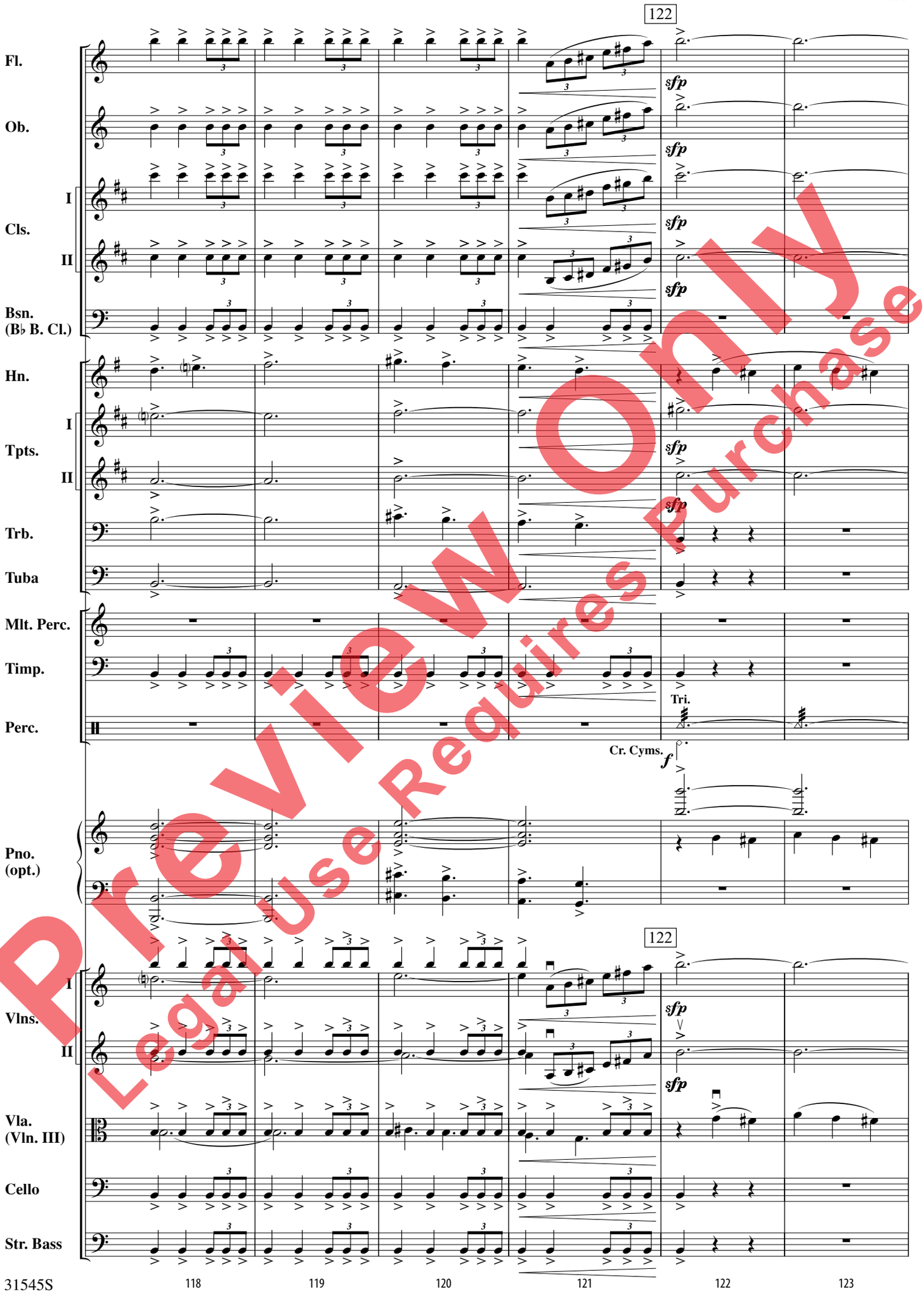

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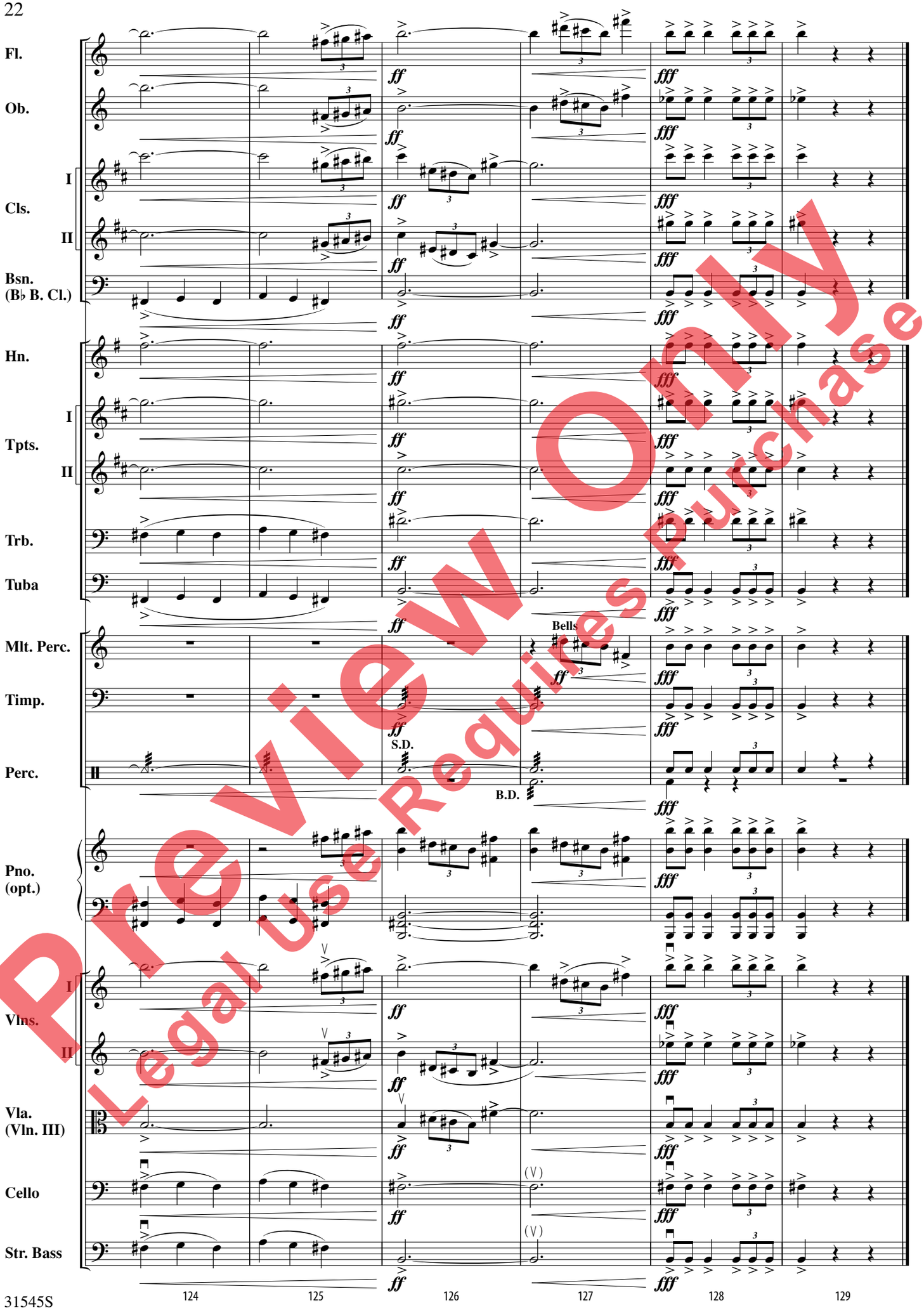

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