Absolutely Sousa

John Philip Sousa

arranged by
Gary D. Ziek

1 Full Score
1 Piccolo
6 Flute
2 Oboe
1 Bassoon 1
1 Bassoon 2
3 Clarinet 1
3 Clarinet 2
3 Clarinet 3
2 Bass Clarinet
2 Alto Saxophone 1
2 Alto Saxophone 2
2 Tenor Saxophone
1 Baritone Saxophone

3 Trumpet 1
3 Trumpet 2
3 Trumpet 3
2 F Horn 1
2 F Horn 2
2 Trombone 1
2 Trombone 2
2 Trombone 3
2 Euphonium B.C.
1 Euphonium T.C.
5 Tuba
3 Percussion 1 – Snare Drum
2 Percussion 2 – Crash Cymbals, Bass Drum
1 Bells
1 Xylophone

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Program Notes

The rousing march music of John Philip Sousa has been an audience favorite for generations and is an important part of concert band repertoire. *Absolutely Sousa* is a medley of four of Sousa's most popular marches featuring *The Washington Post March*, *Semper Fidelis*, *The Thunderer* and *The Stars and Stripes Forever* with each selection flowing seamlessly from one march to another. This entertaining and stylish setting will highlight any concert program and while it's a very appropriate choice for use in any concert setting, it's also a great addition for any patriotic presentation or ceremony.

Performance notes

The tempo is marked at quarter note = 120 at the beginning. At the transition into six-eight time at measure 17, the pulse should remain the same. At measure 185, the tempo increases slightly to quarter note = 124, for a sense of greater motion.

About the Arranger

Dr. Gary D. Ziek, Professor of Music, is the Director of Bands and Professor of Trumpet at Emporia State University. Dr. Ziek was the recipient of the Roe R. Cross Distinguished Professor Award for 2008-2009.

He received his Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in Wind Conducting from Michigan State University. He received his Master of Arts in Trumpet Performance and his Bachelor of Science in Music Education from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Ziek served in the United States Army and was a member of the Continental Army Band at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

He has performed and conducted in over twenty five states, as well as in France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Canada and China.

His compositions and arrangements have been played throughout the United States. International performances of his works include recent concerts in China, Belgium, The Netherlands, Japan, Singapore and Taiwan (The National Symphony of Taiwan).

Dr. Ziek is a Bach Trumpet Artist, and performs on a Model 37 Stradivarius.

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Time ca. 4:55
Grade 4

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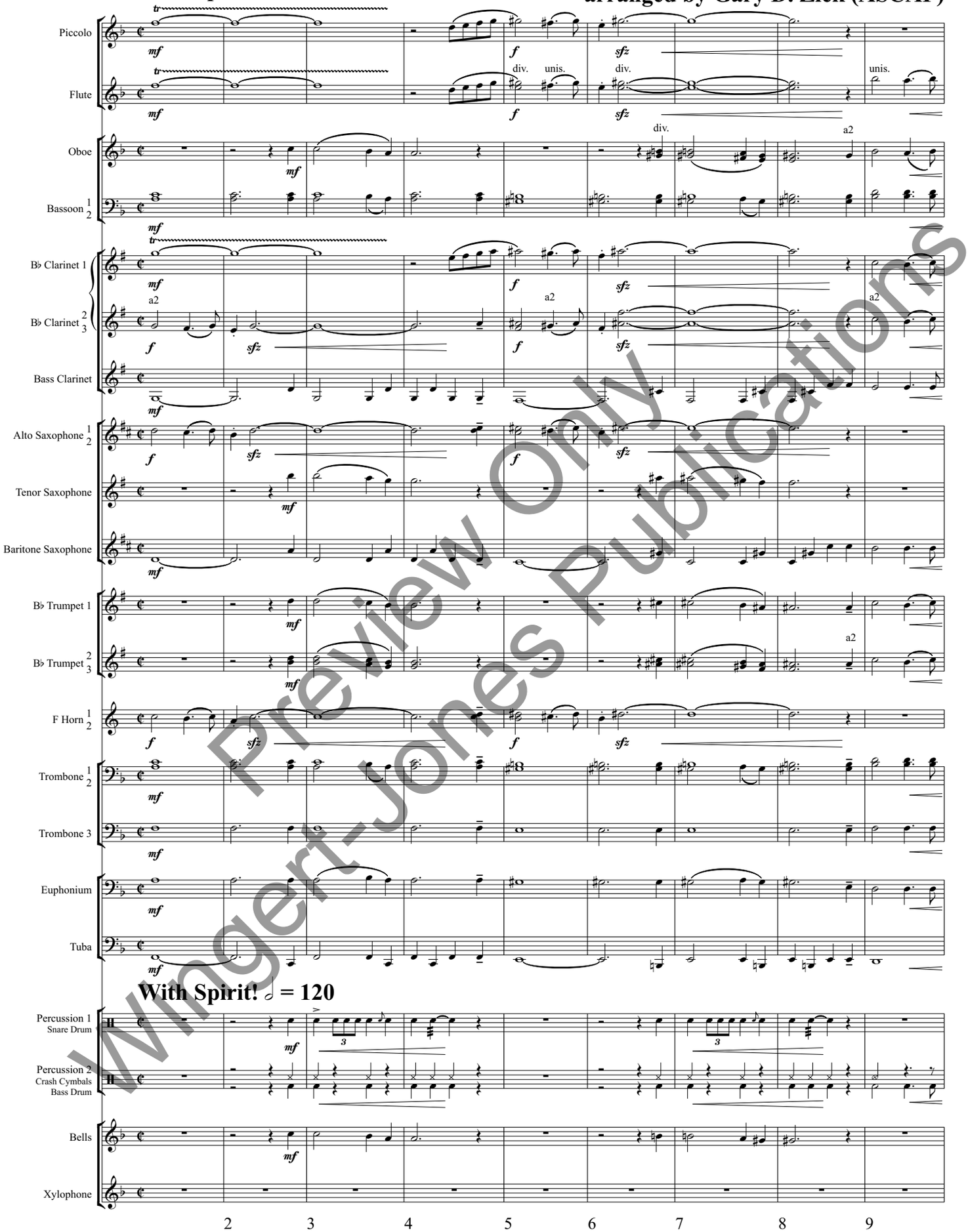
With Spirit! ♩ = 120



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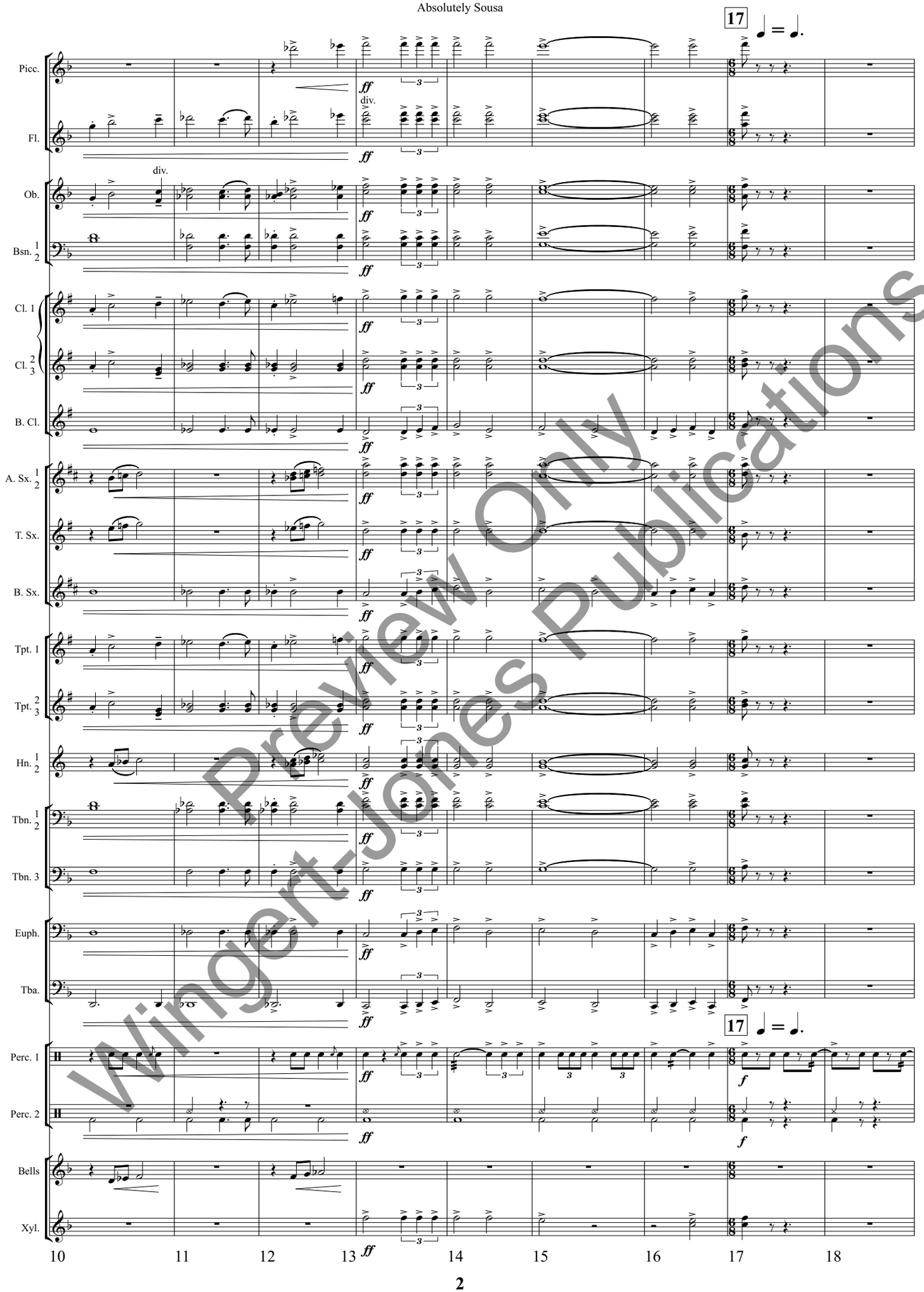

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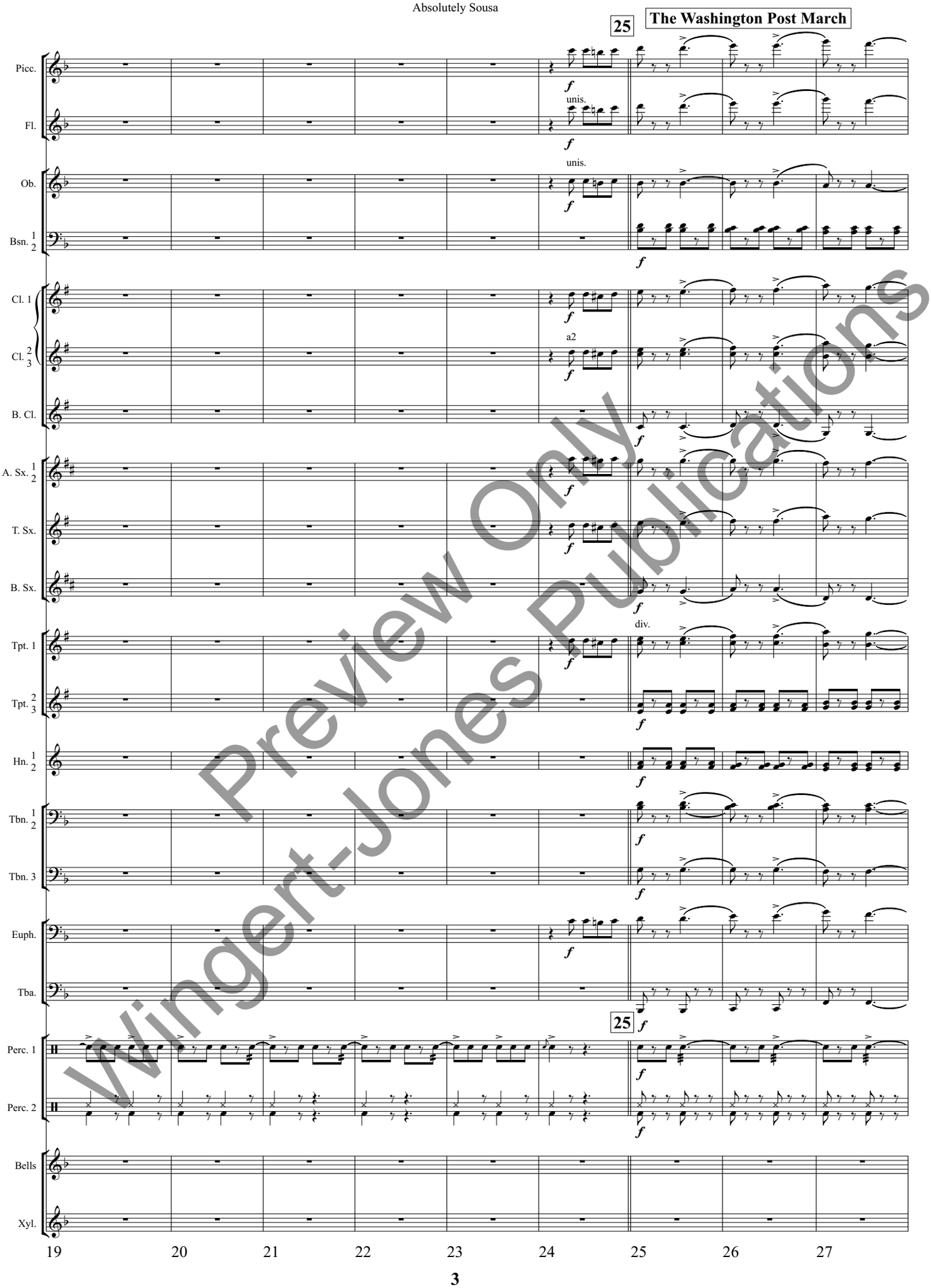

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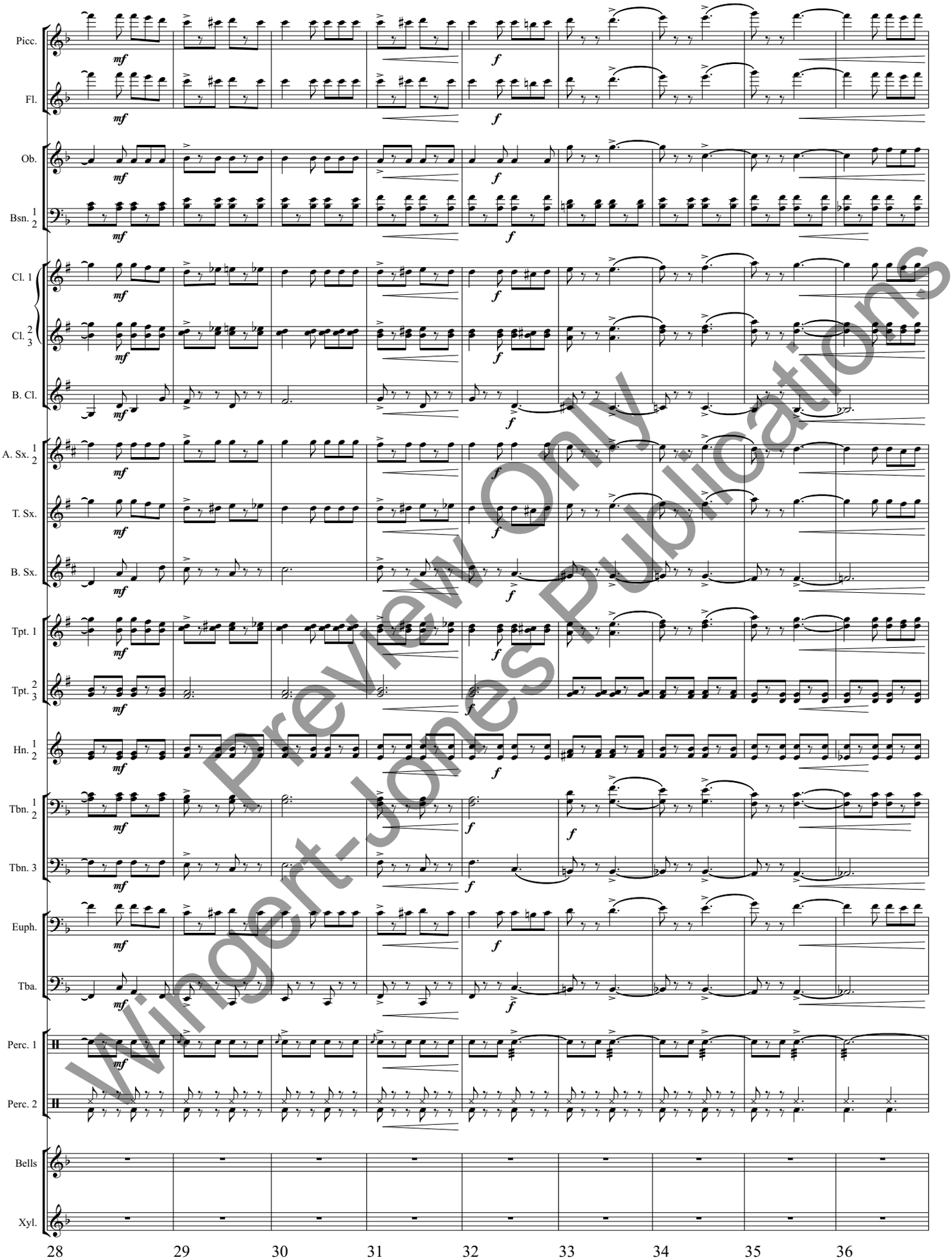

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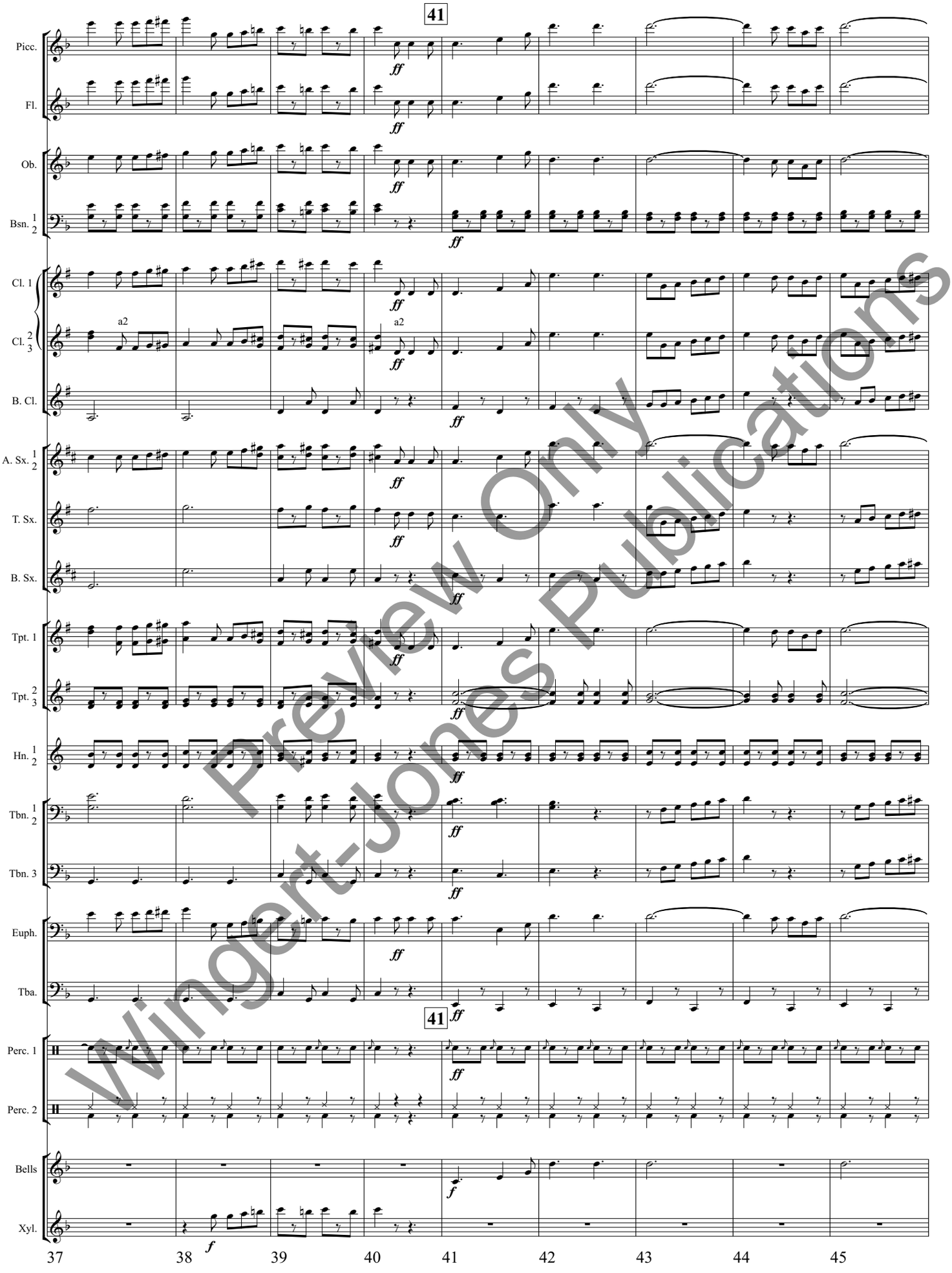

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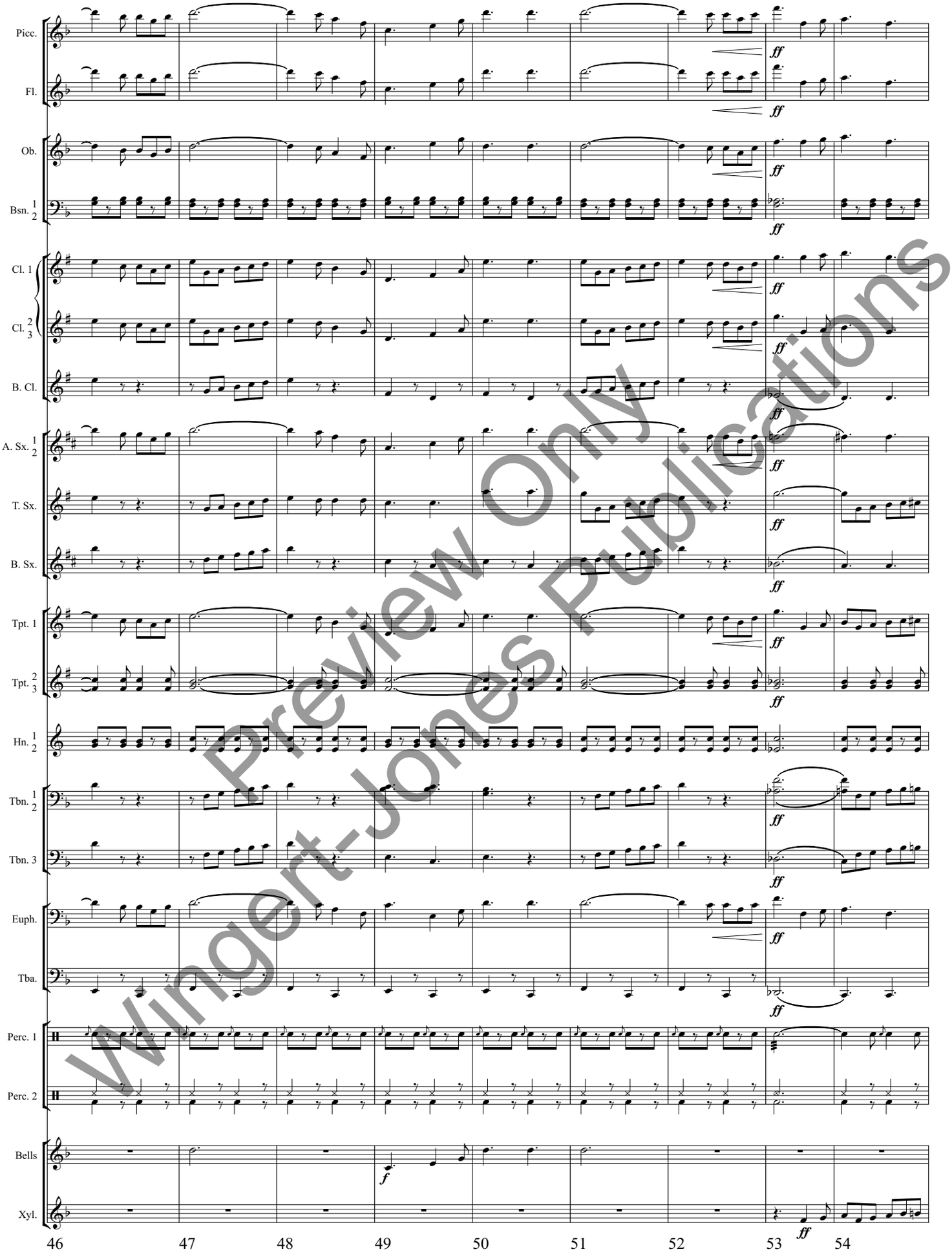

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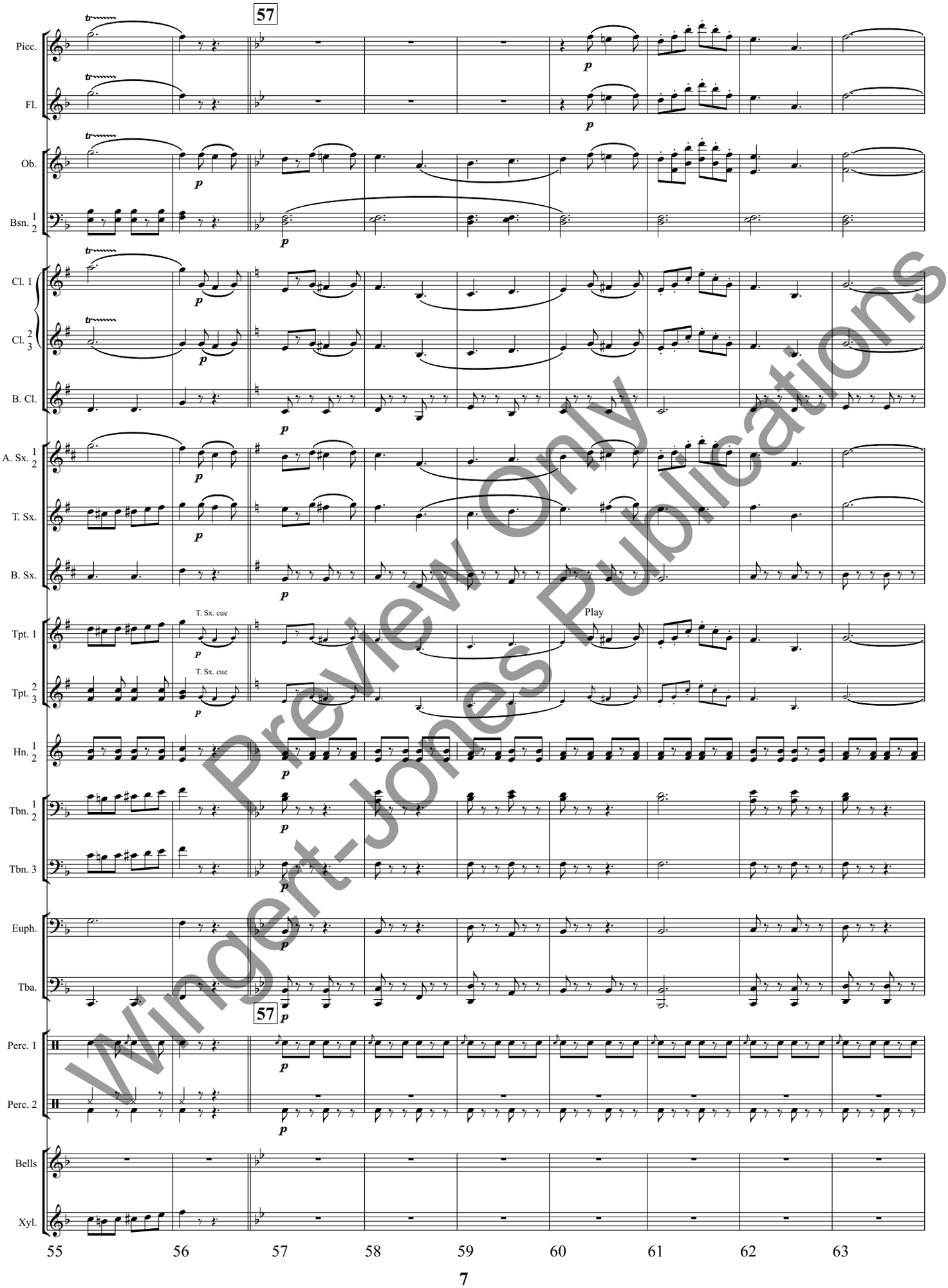

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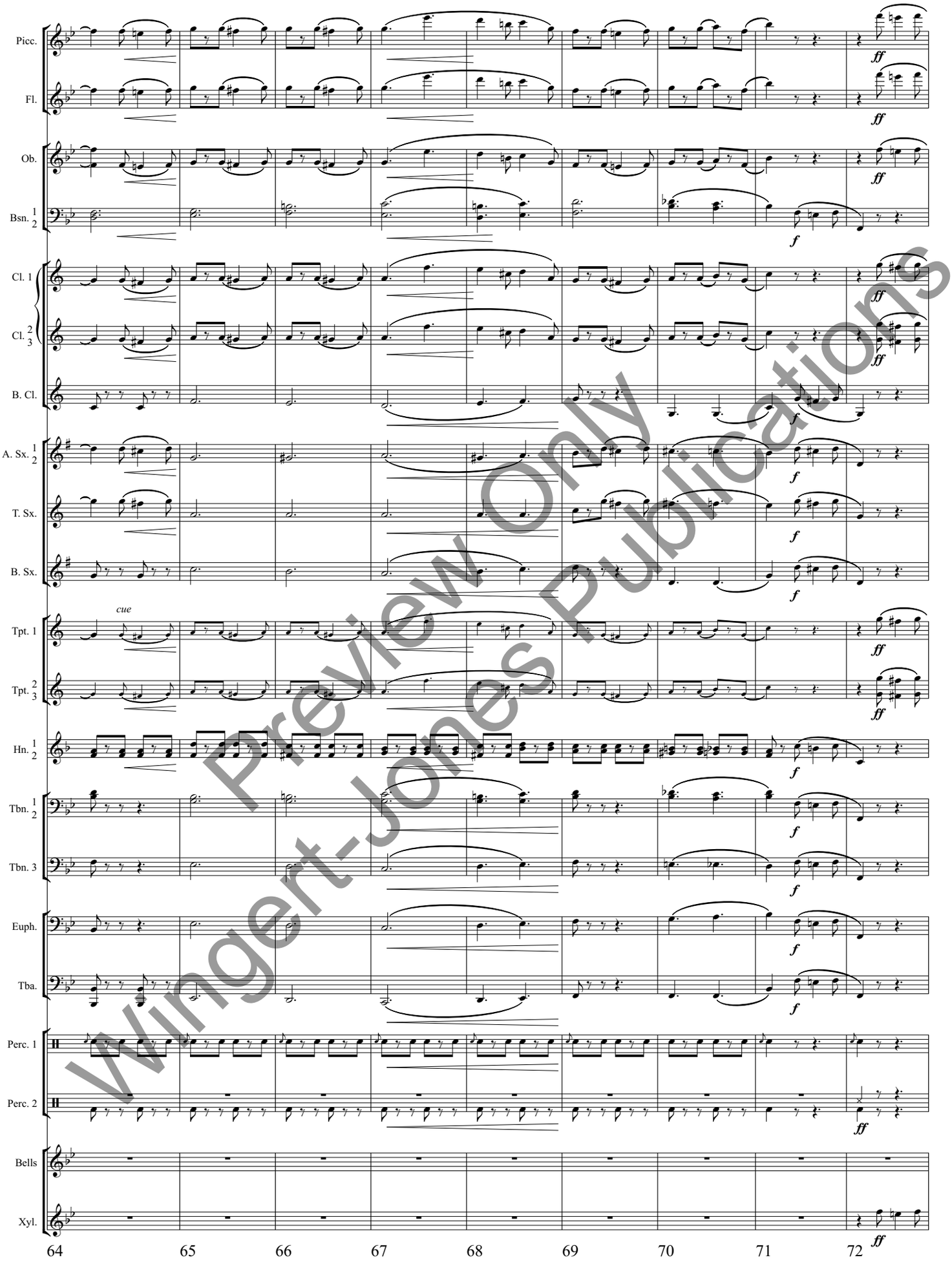

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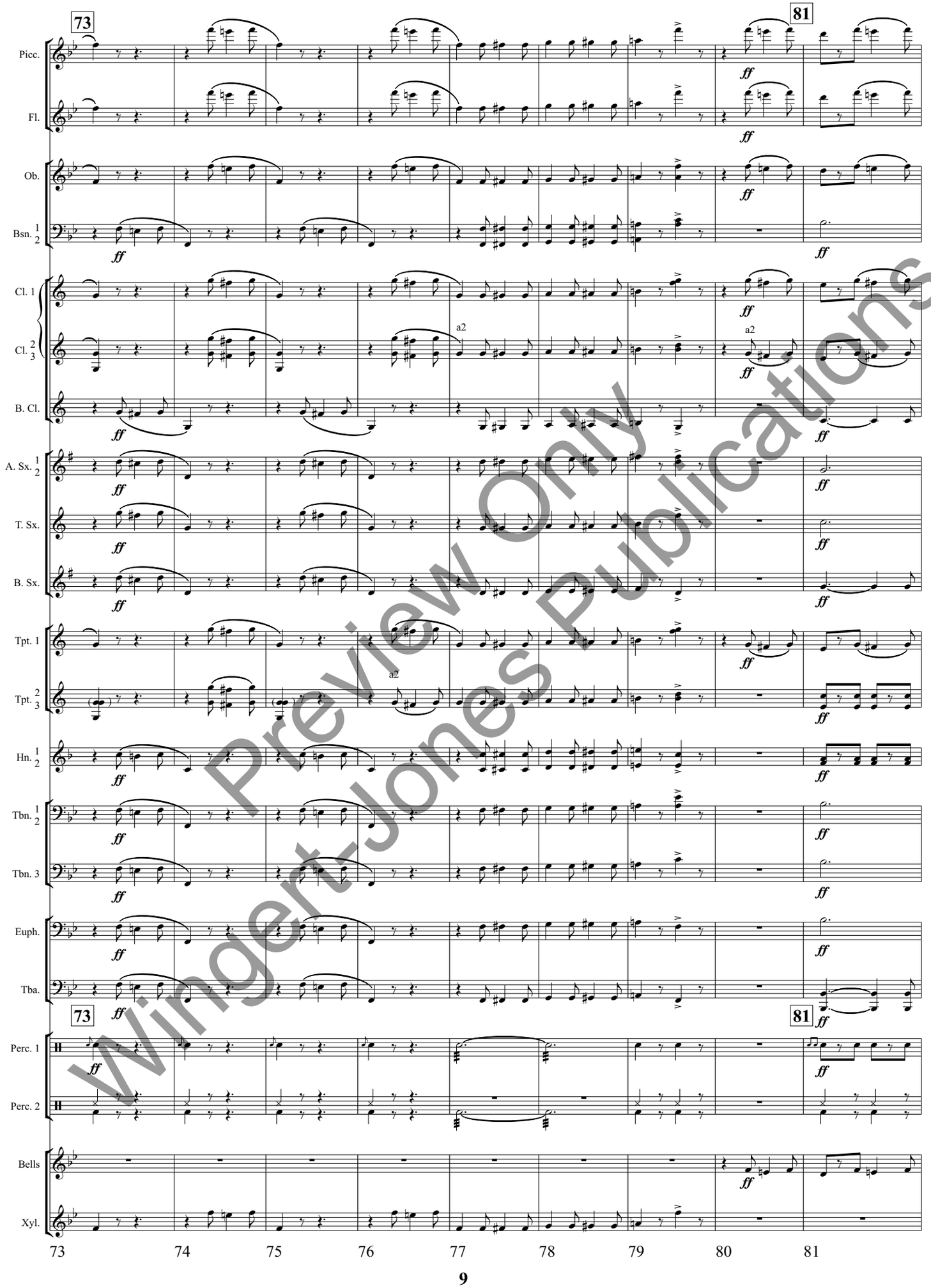

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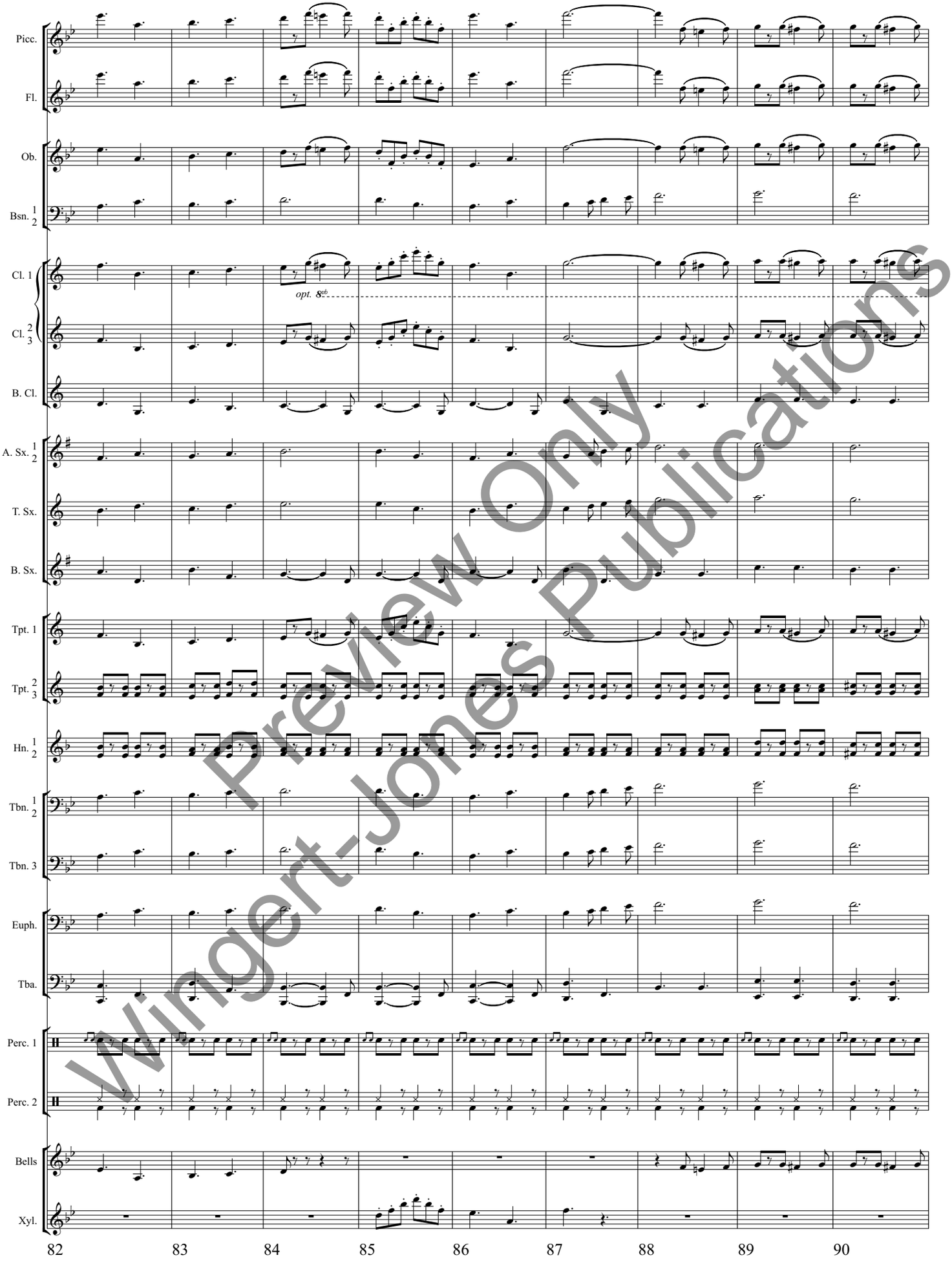

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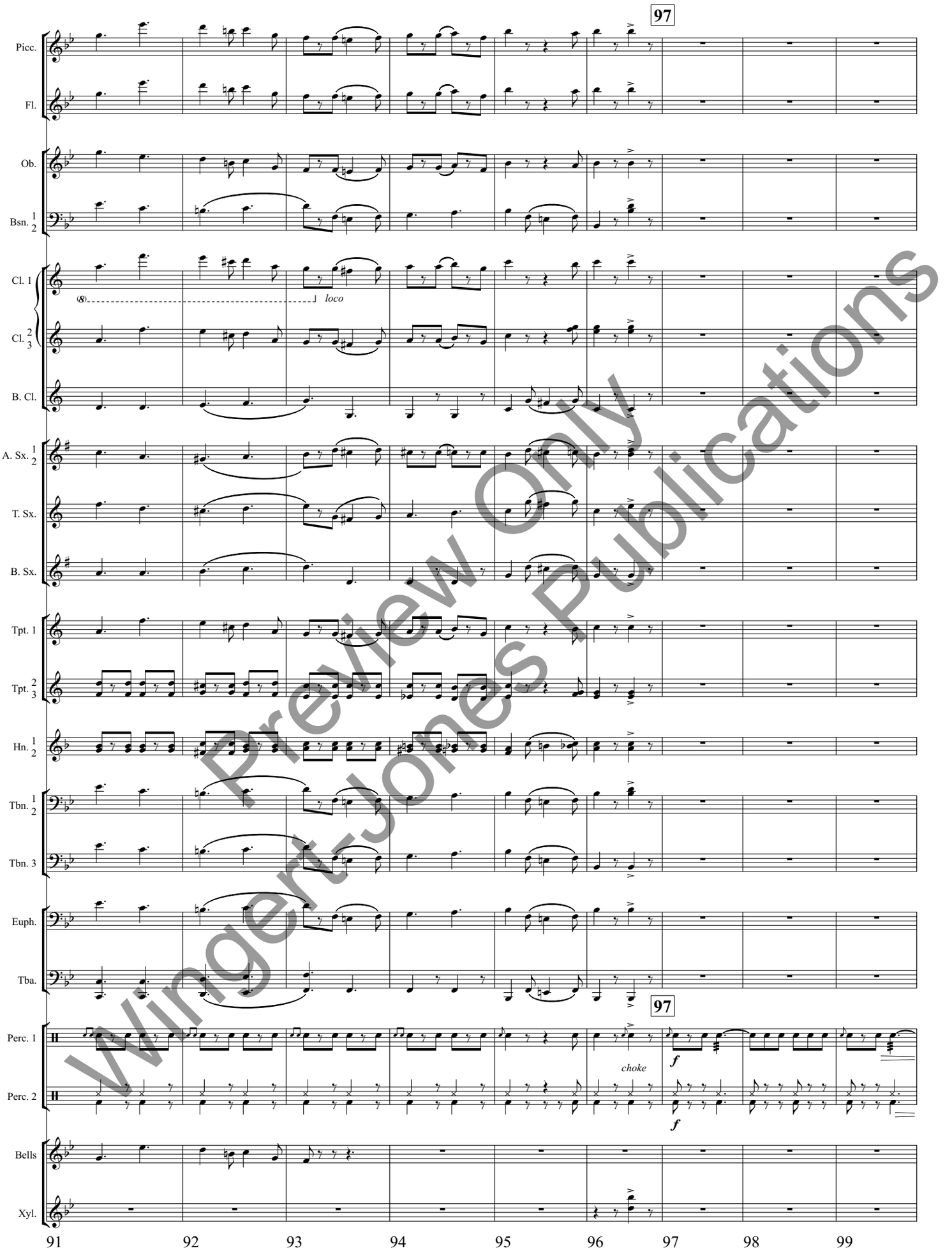

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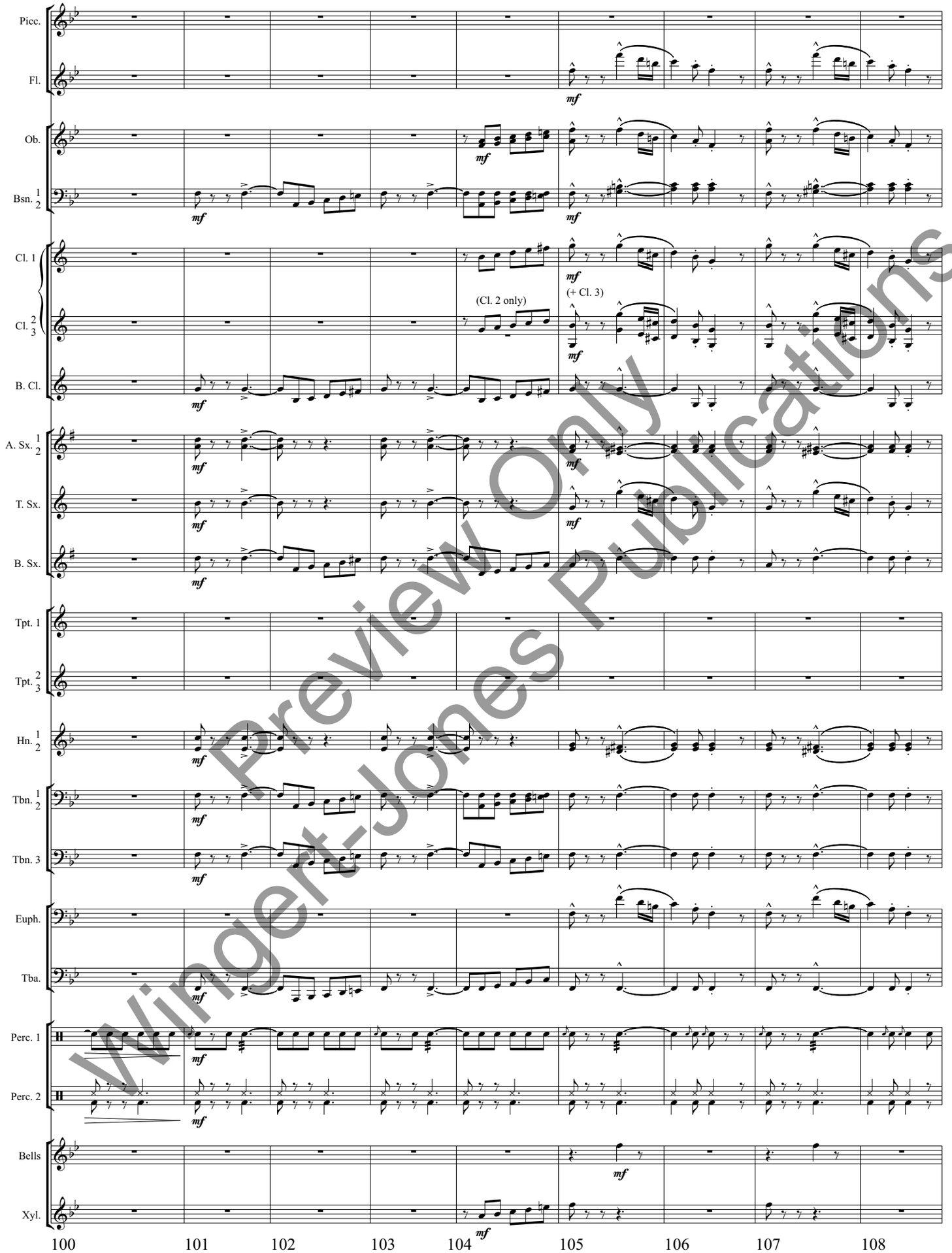

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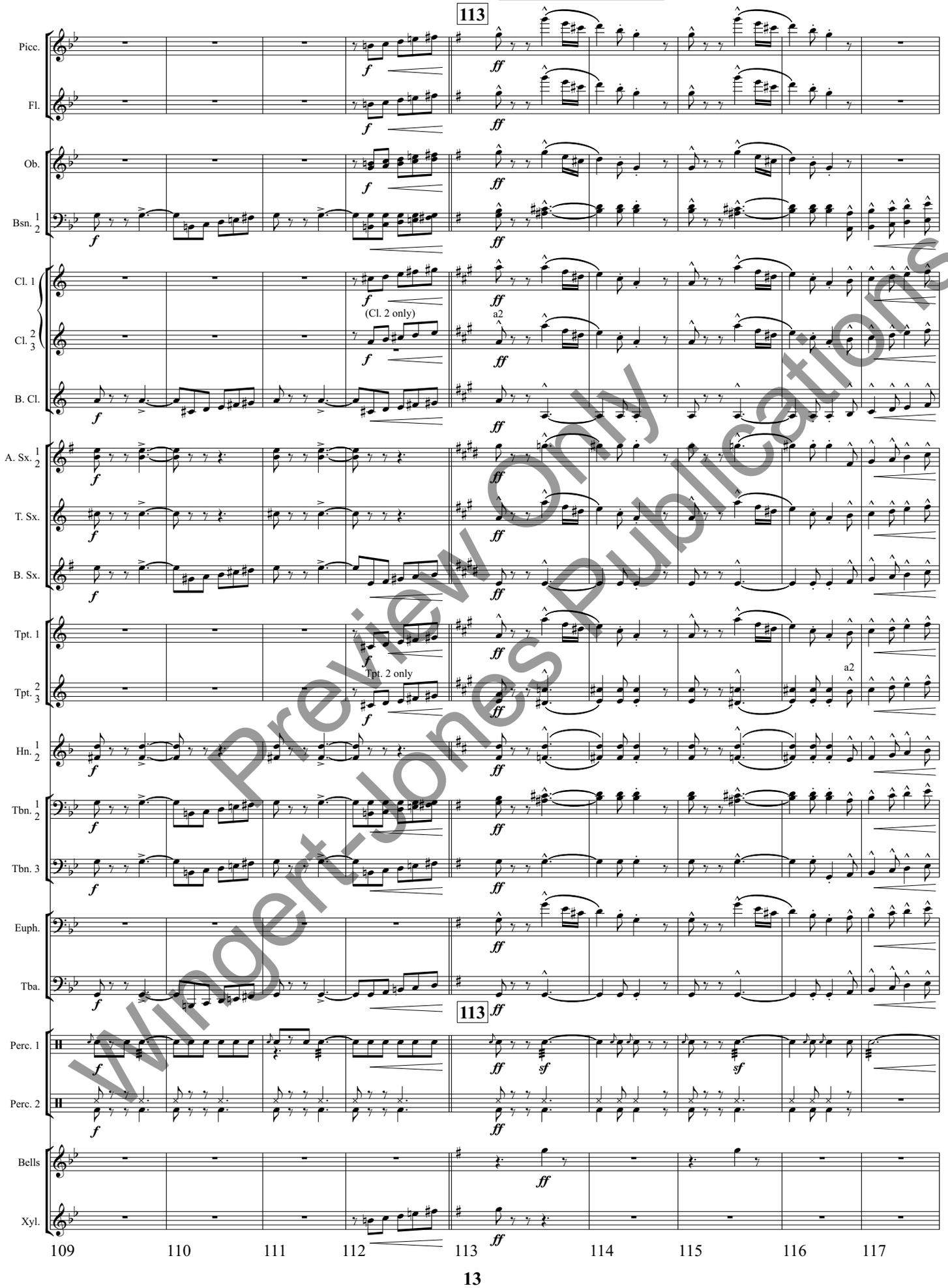

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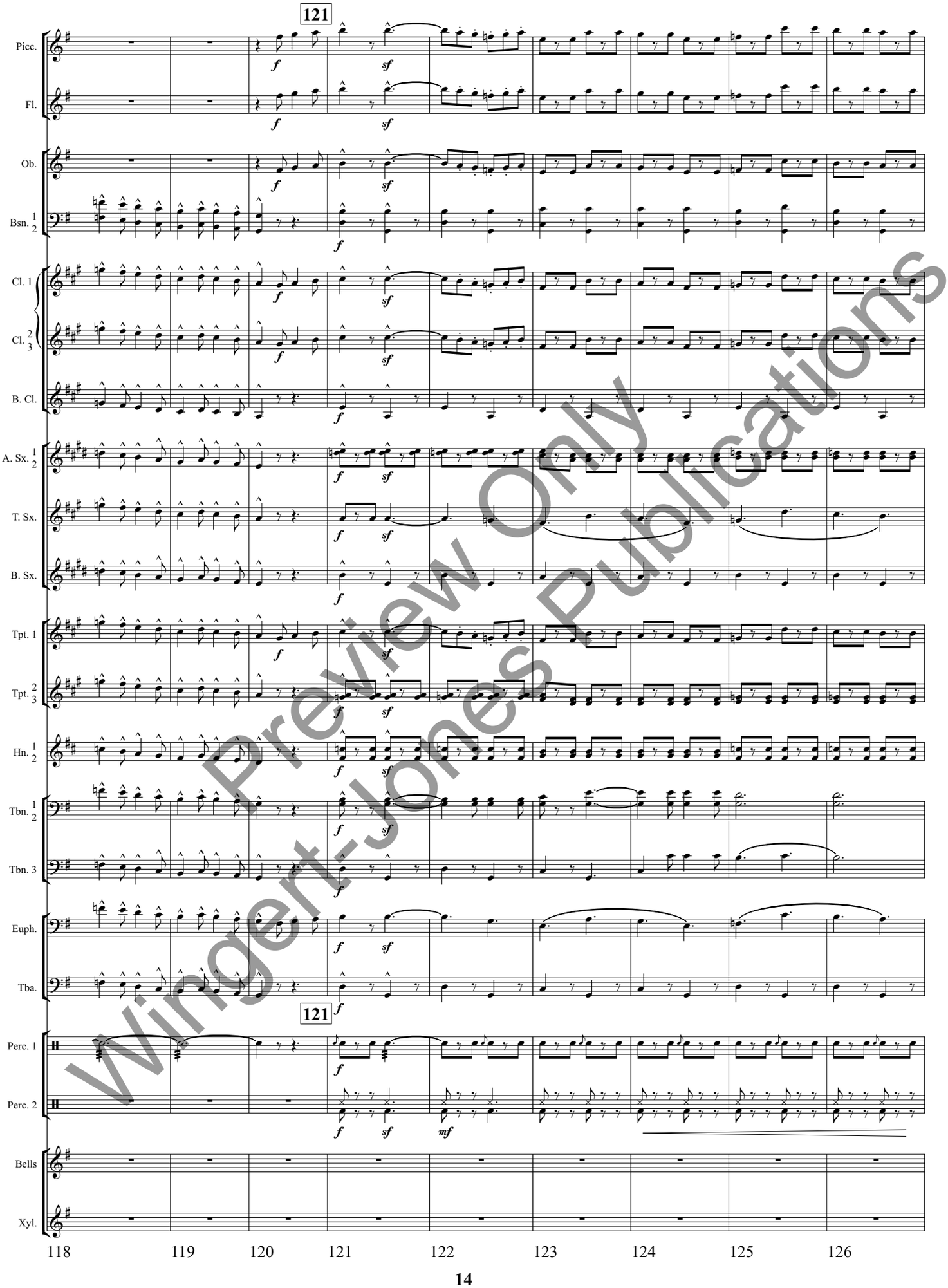

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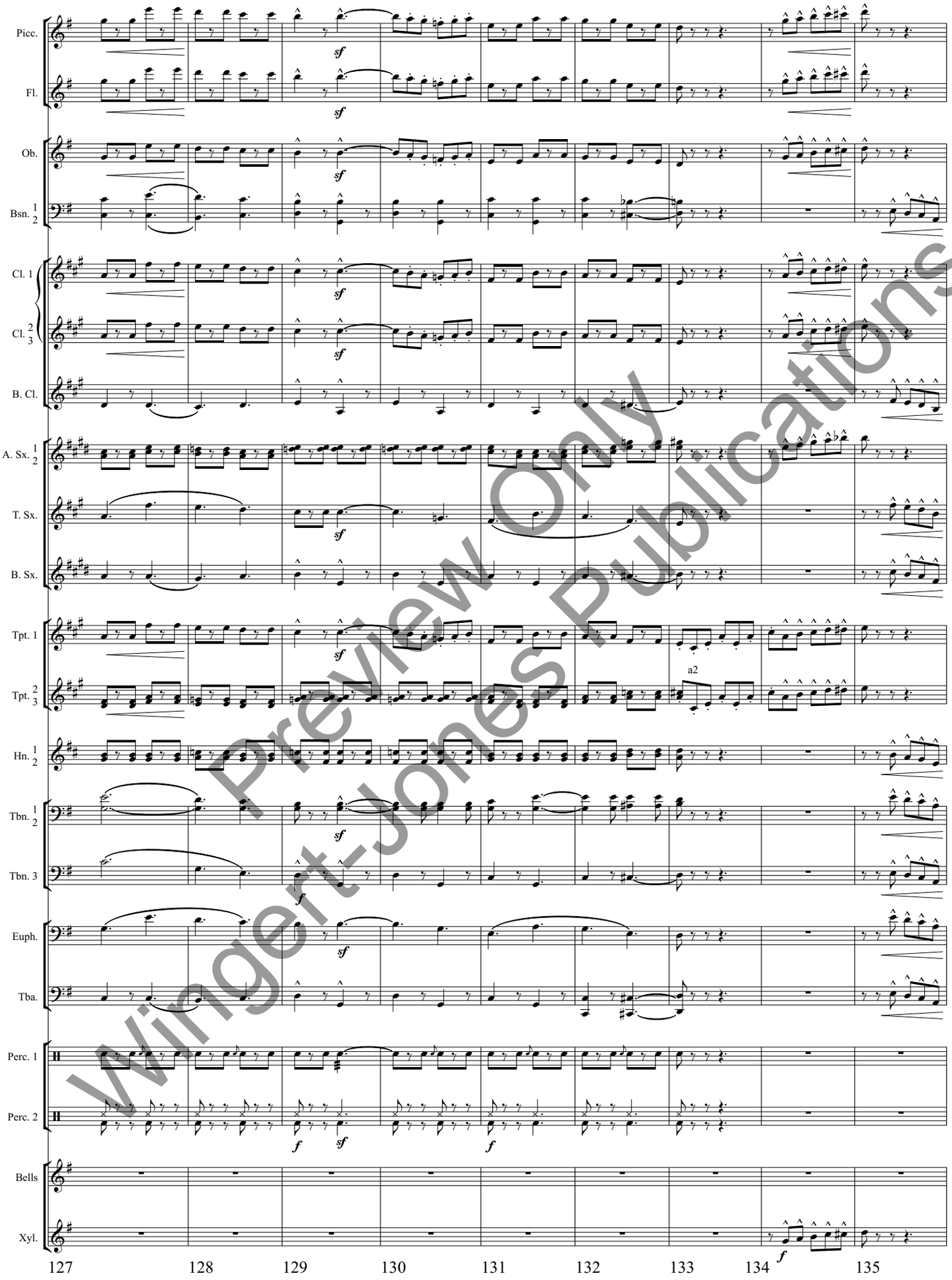

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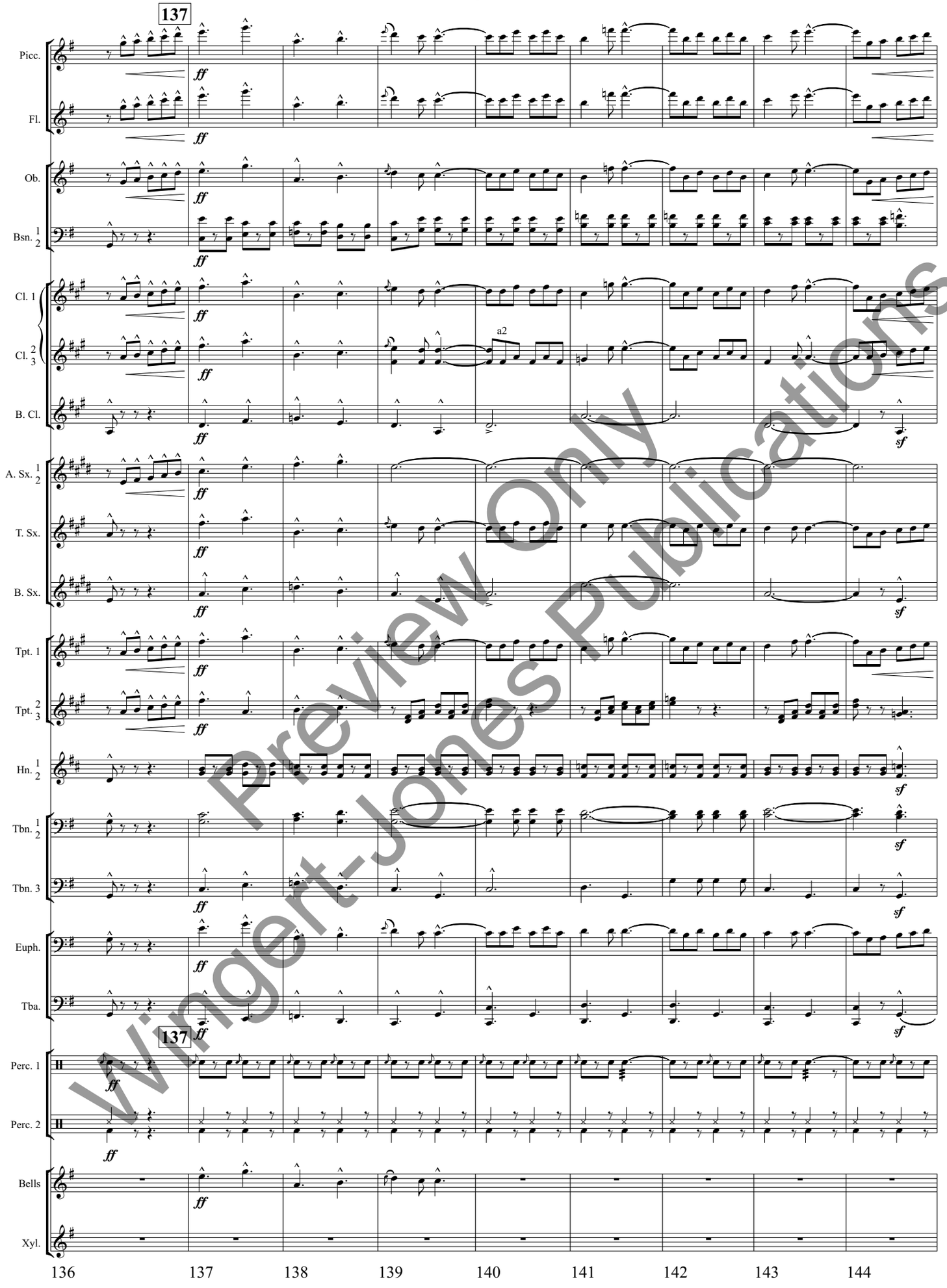

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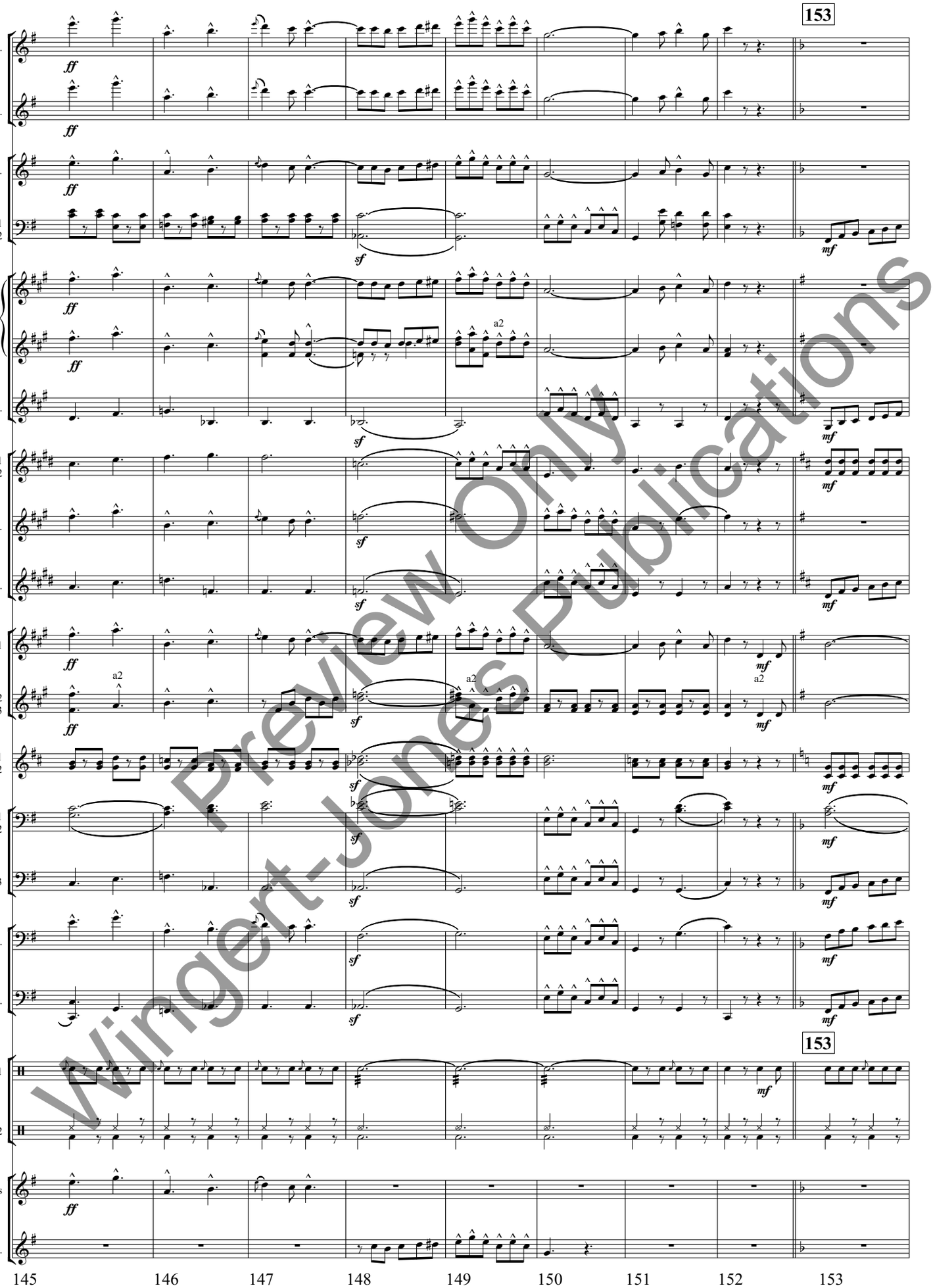

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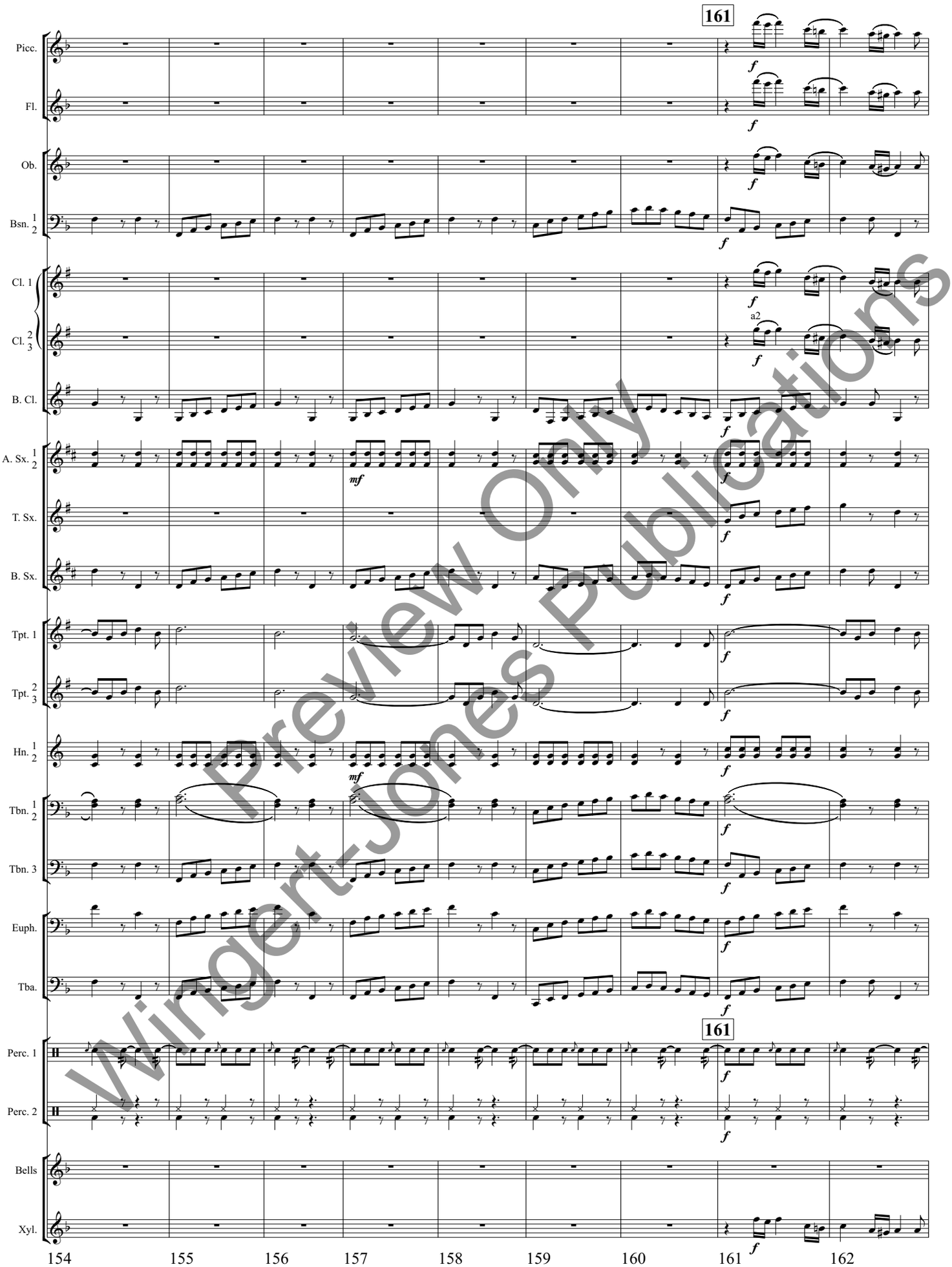

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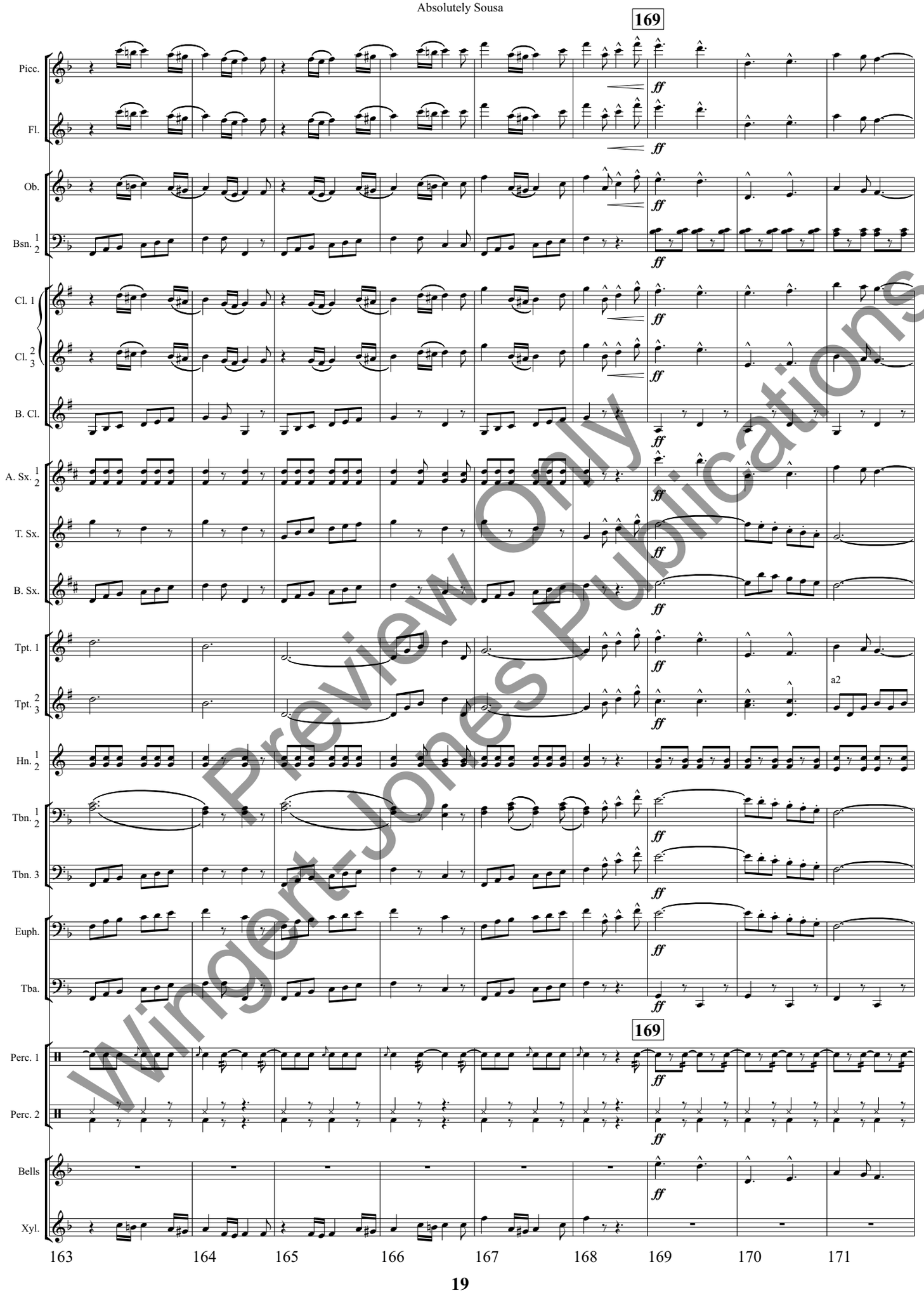

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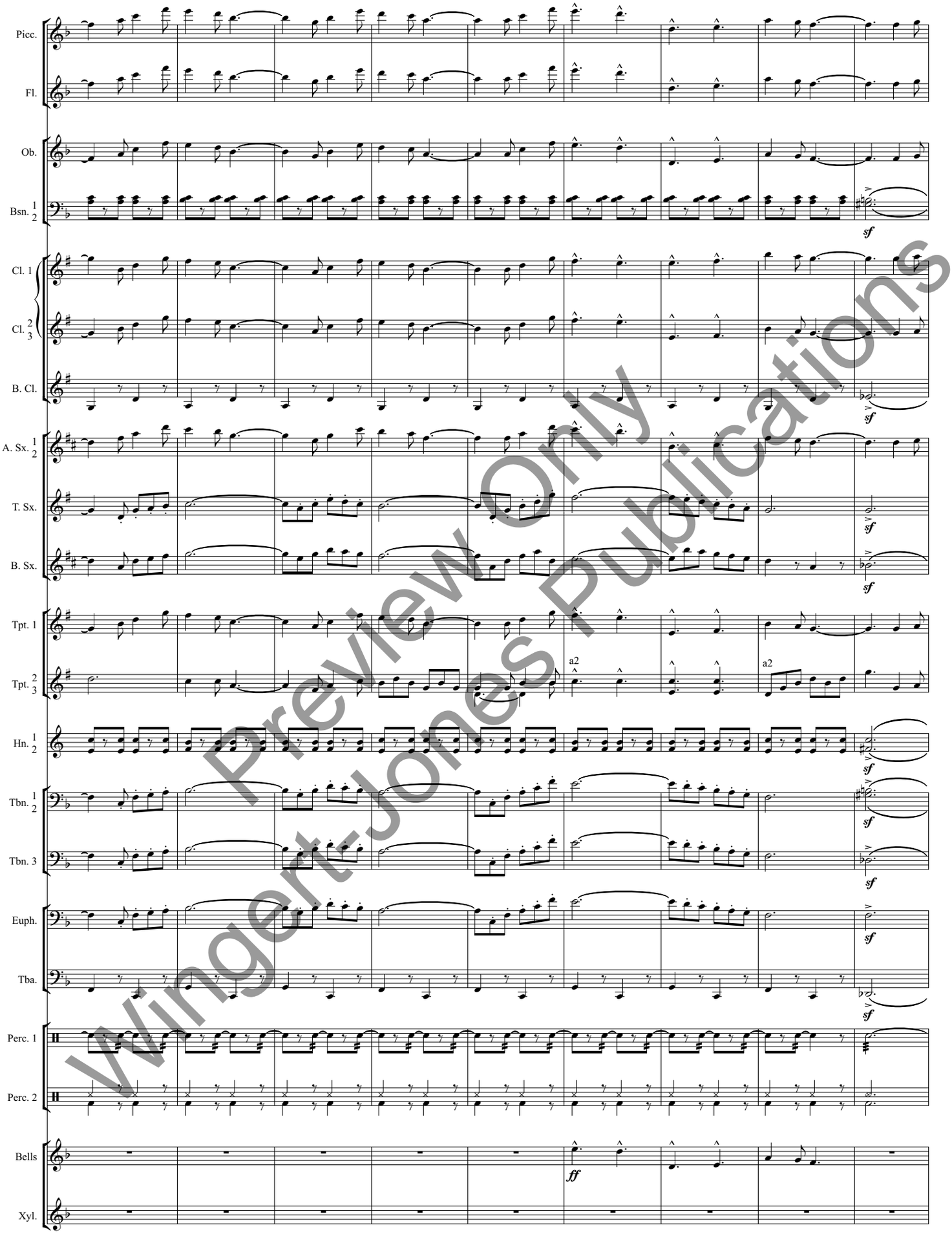

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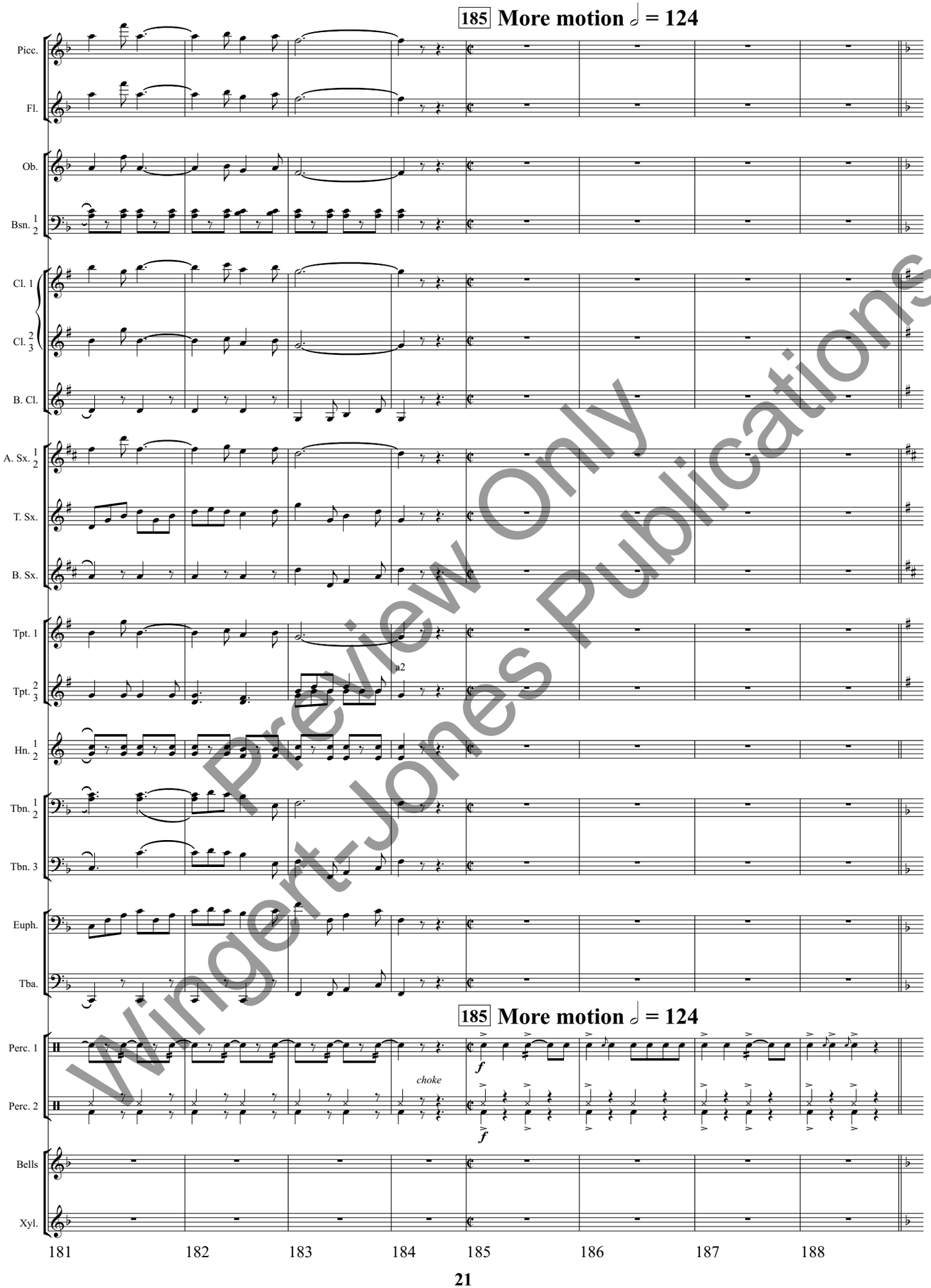

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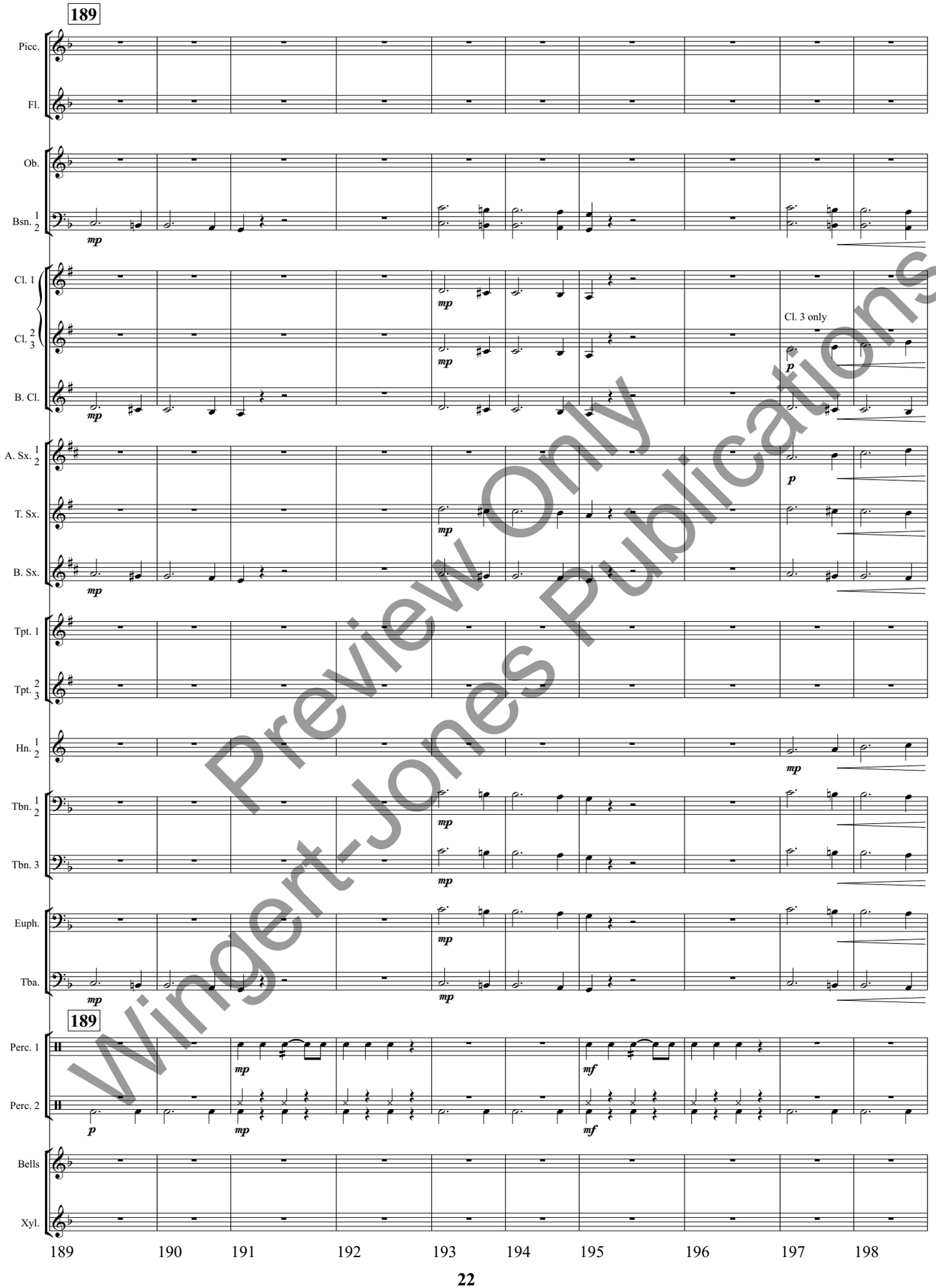

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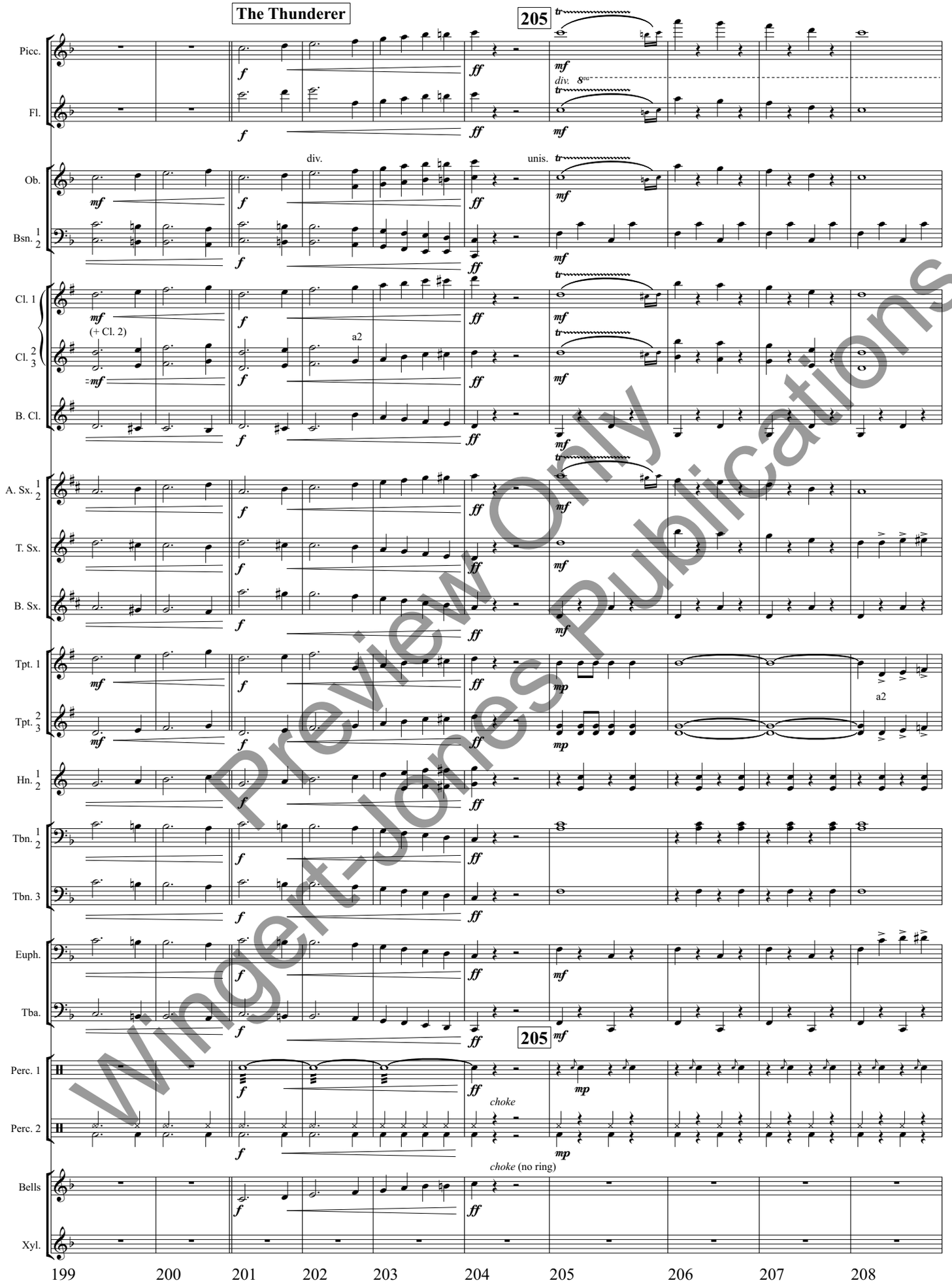

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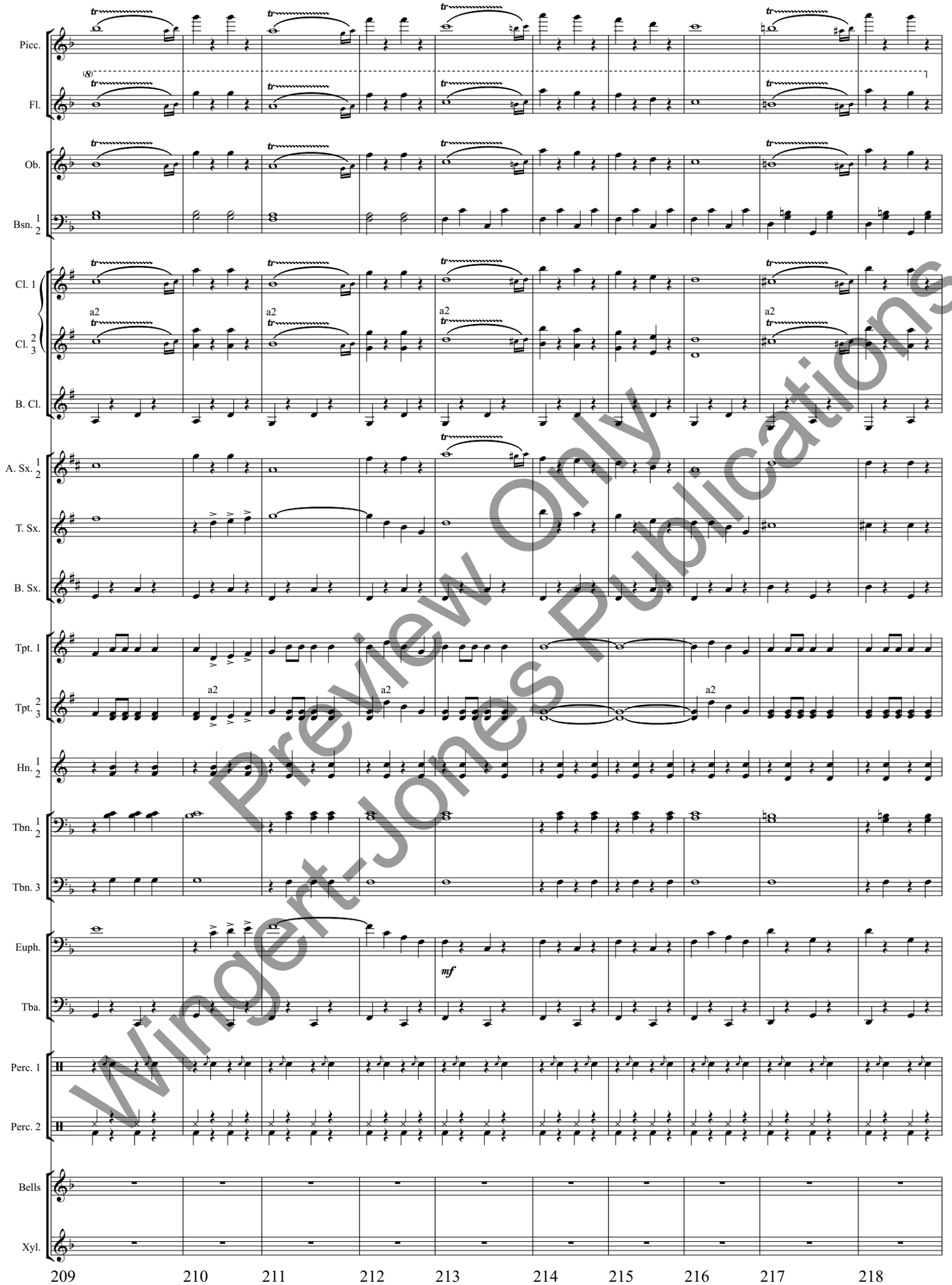

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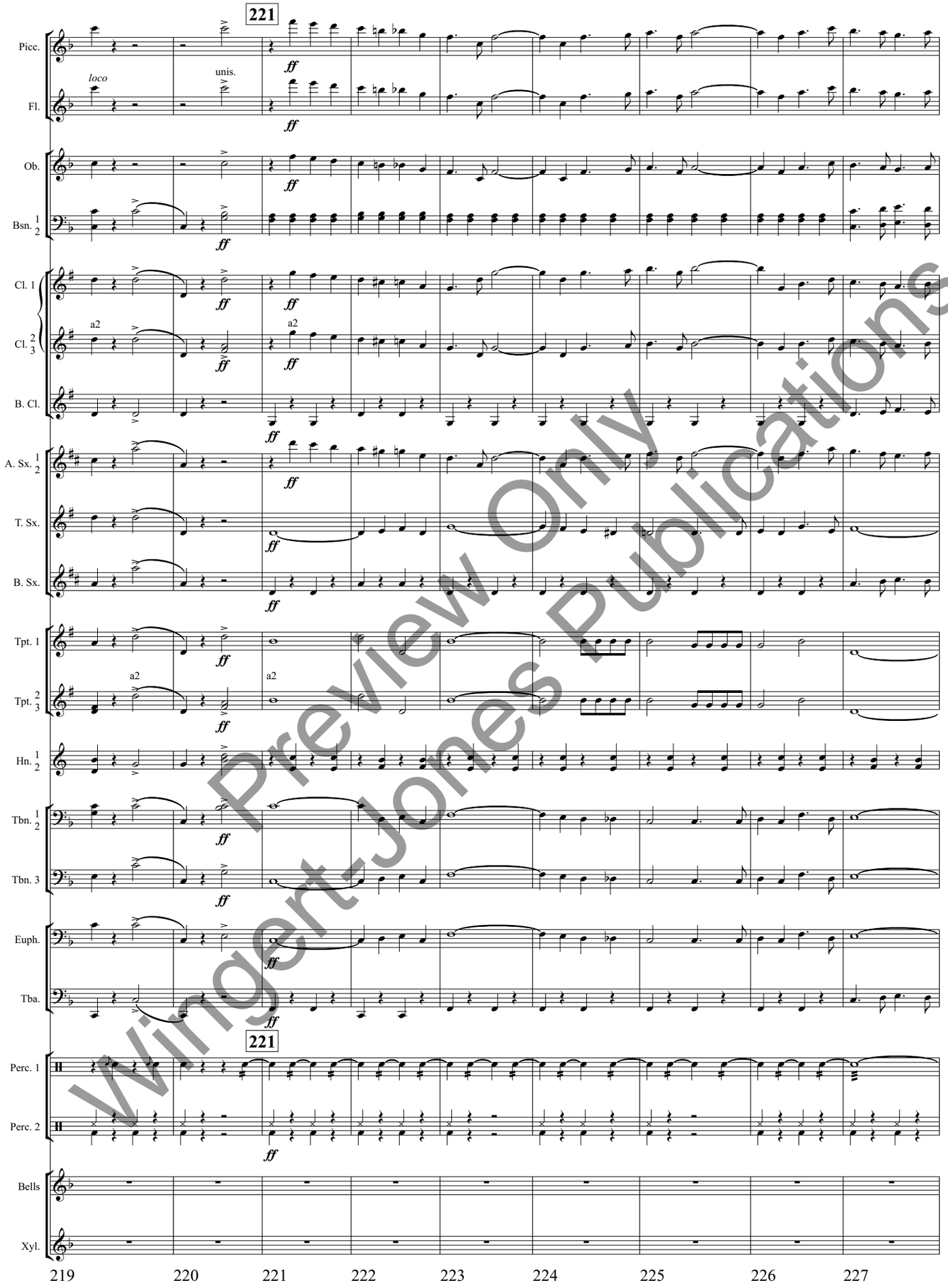

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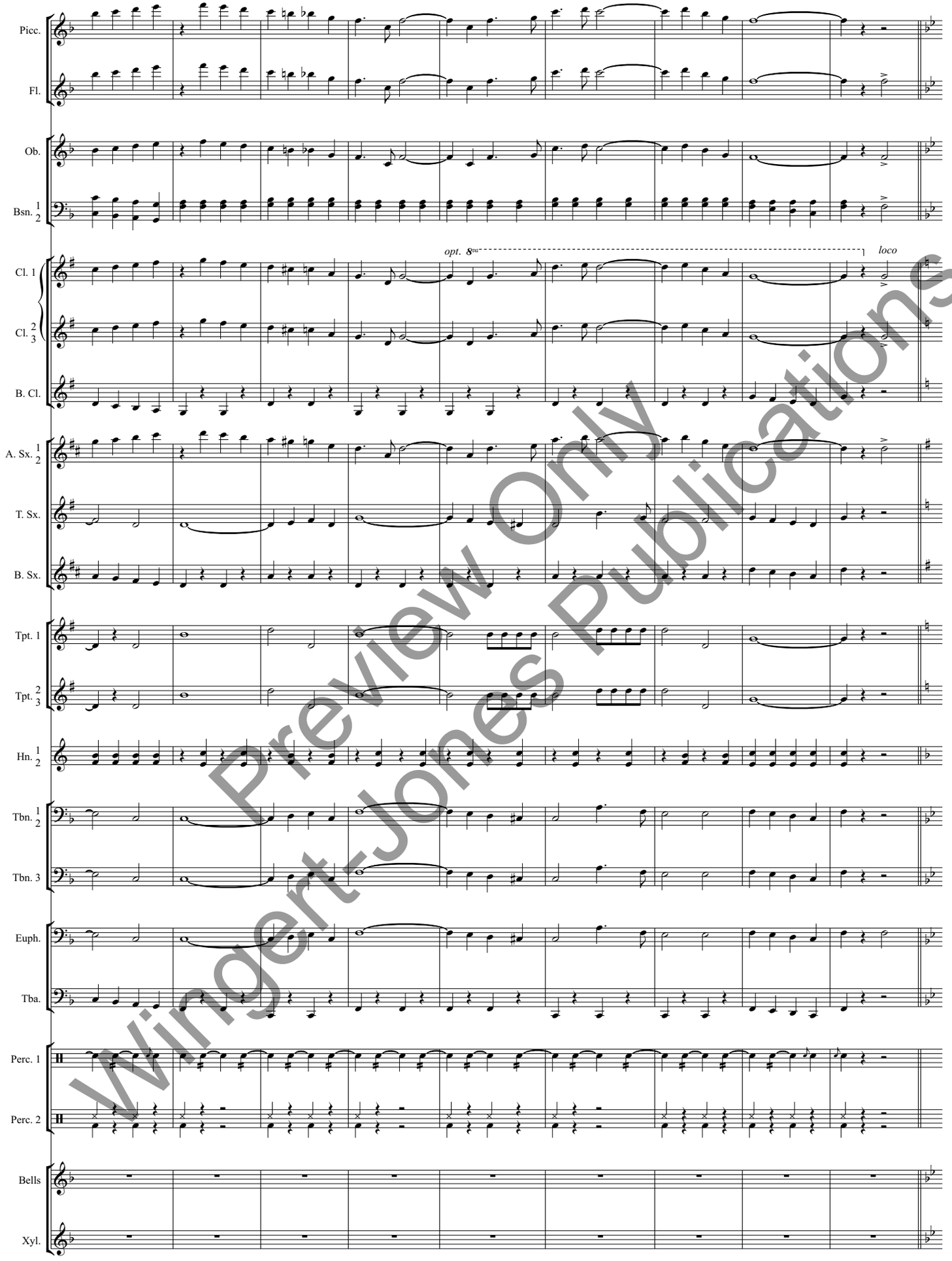

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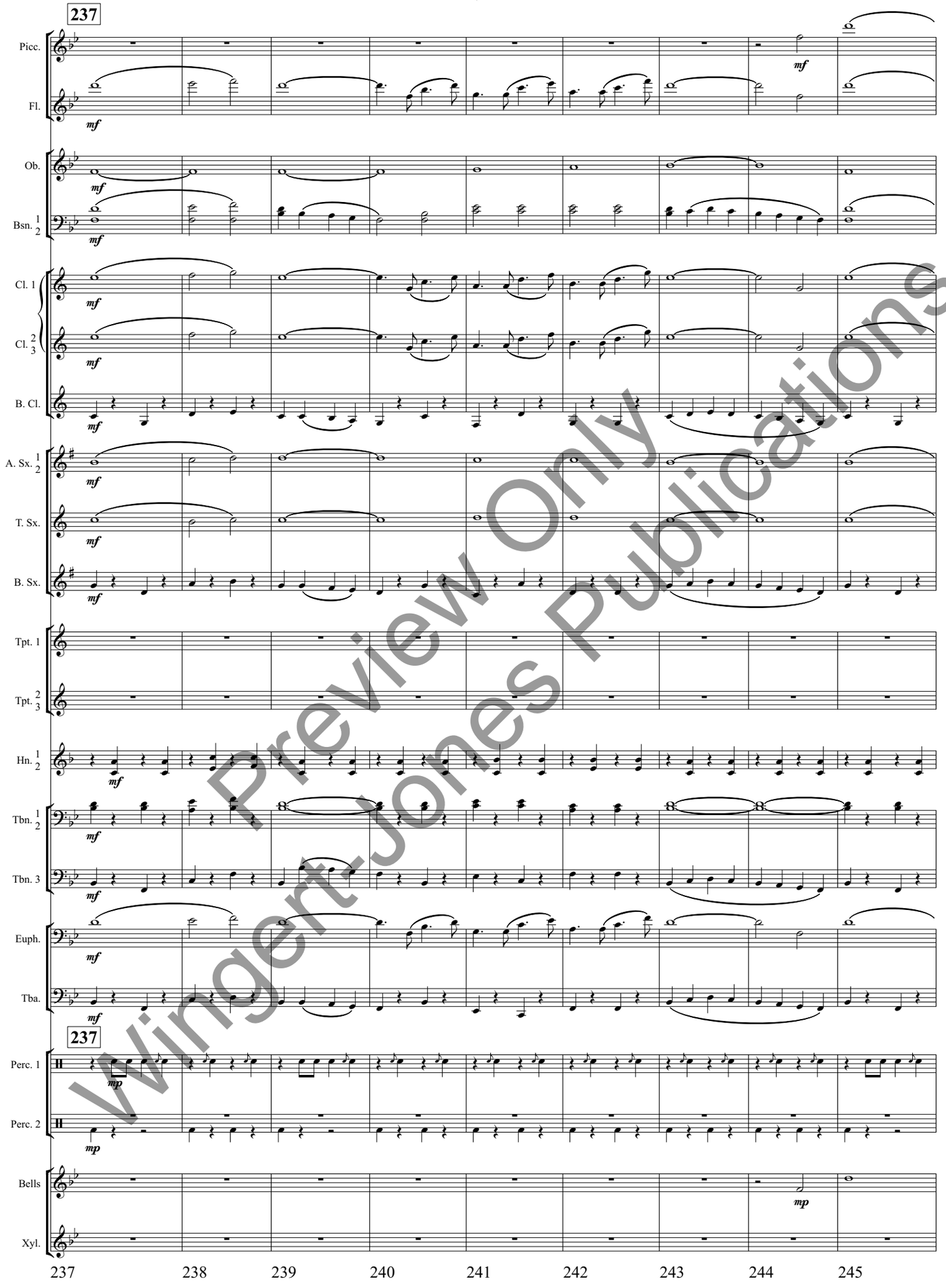

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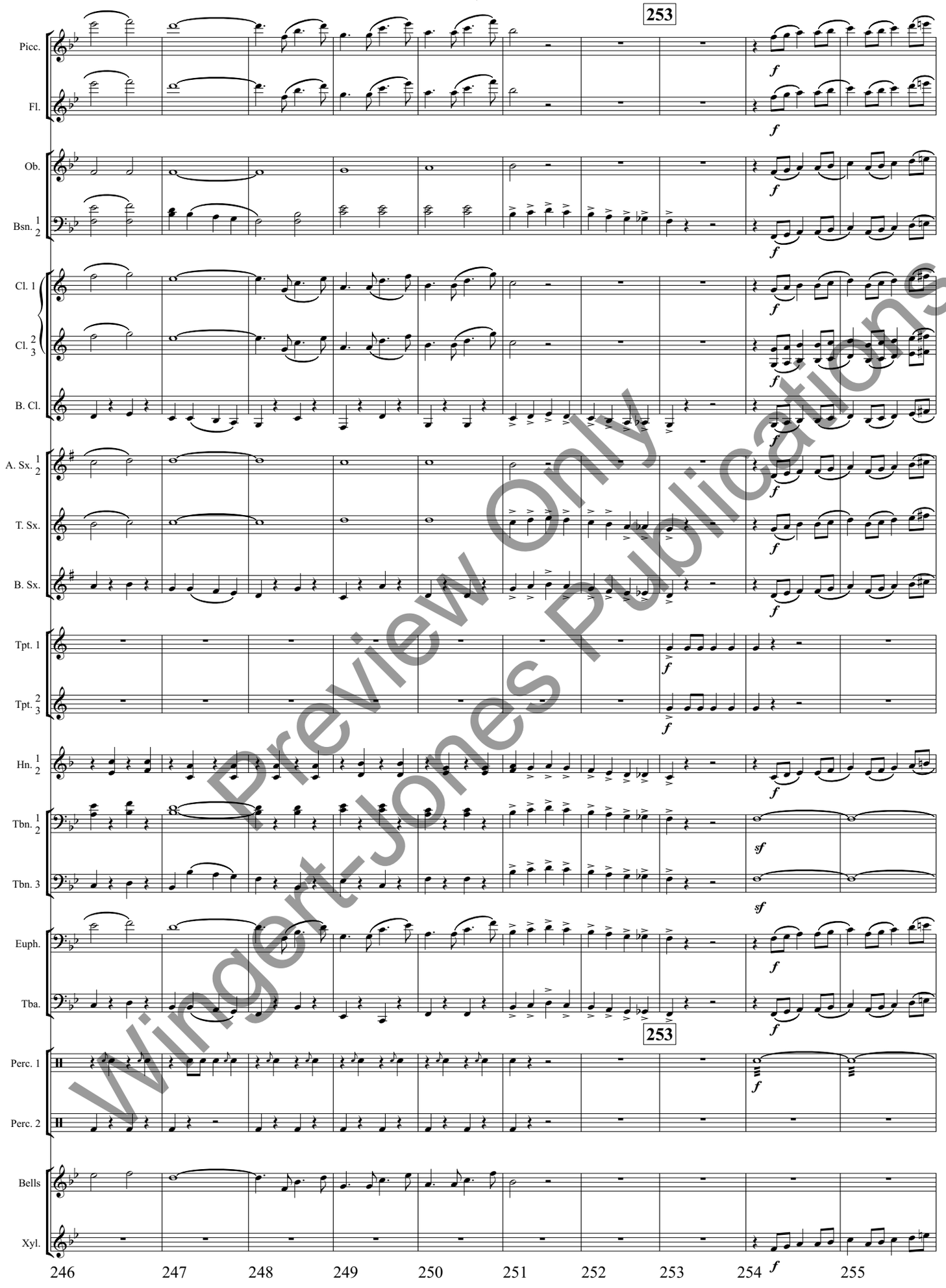

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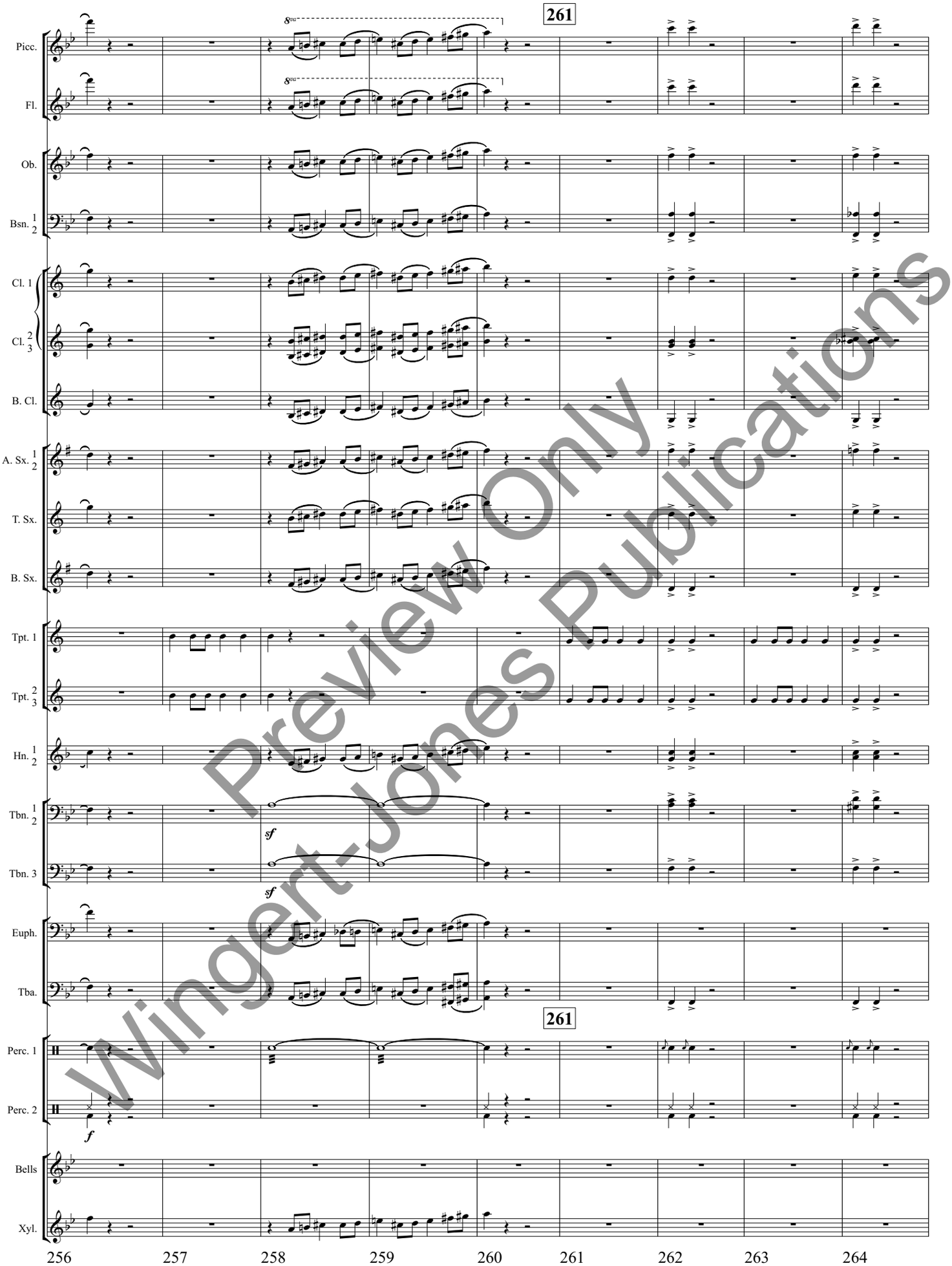

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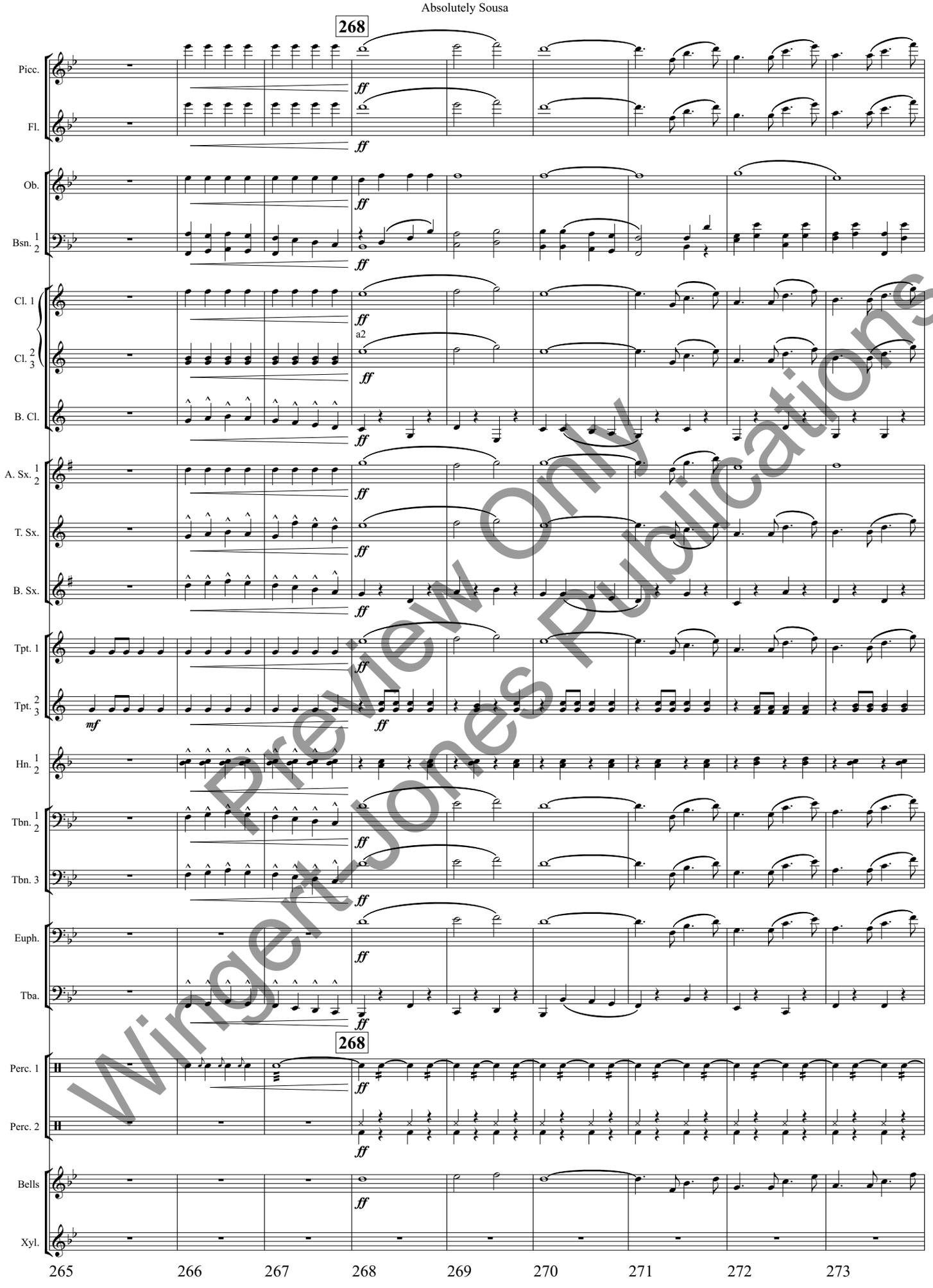

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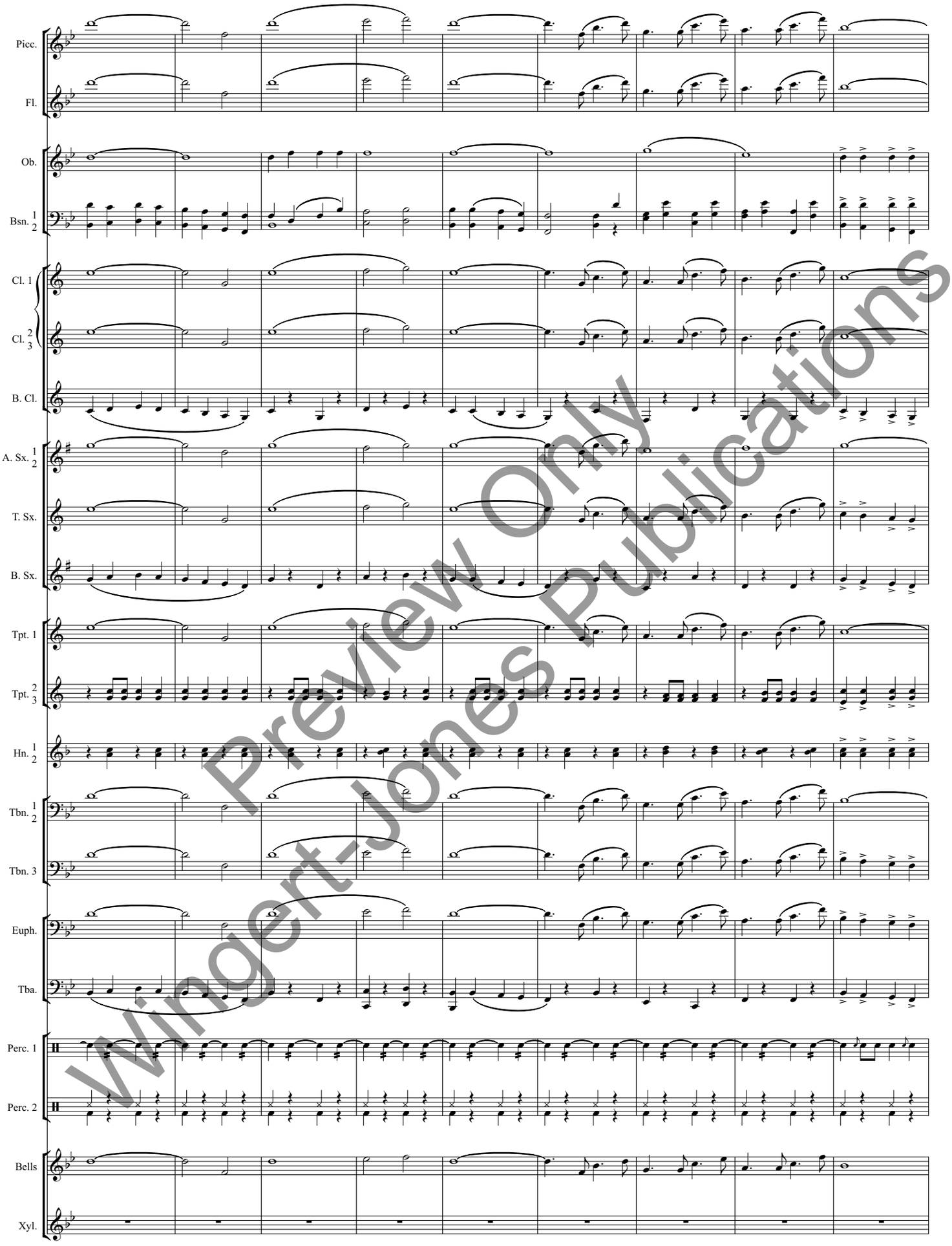

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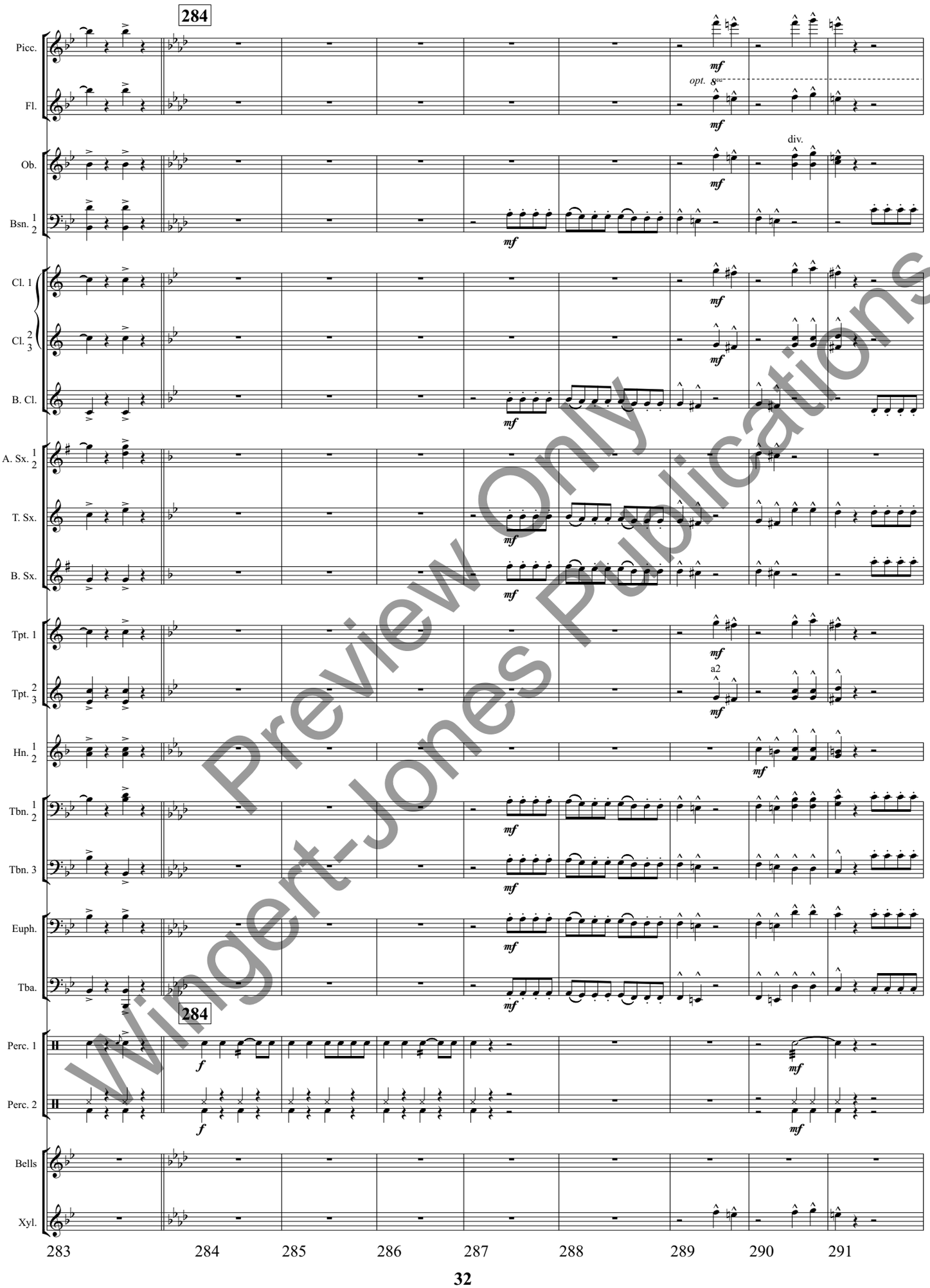

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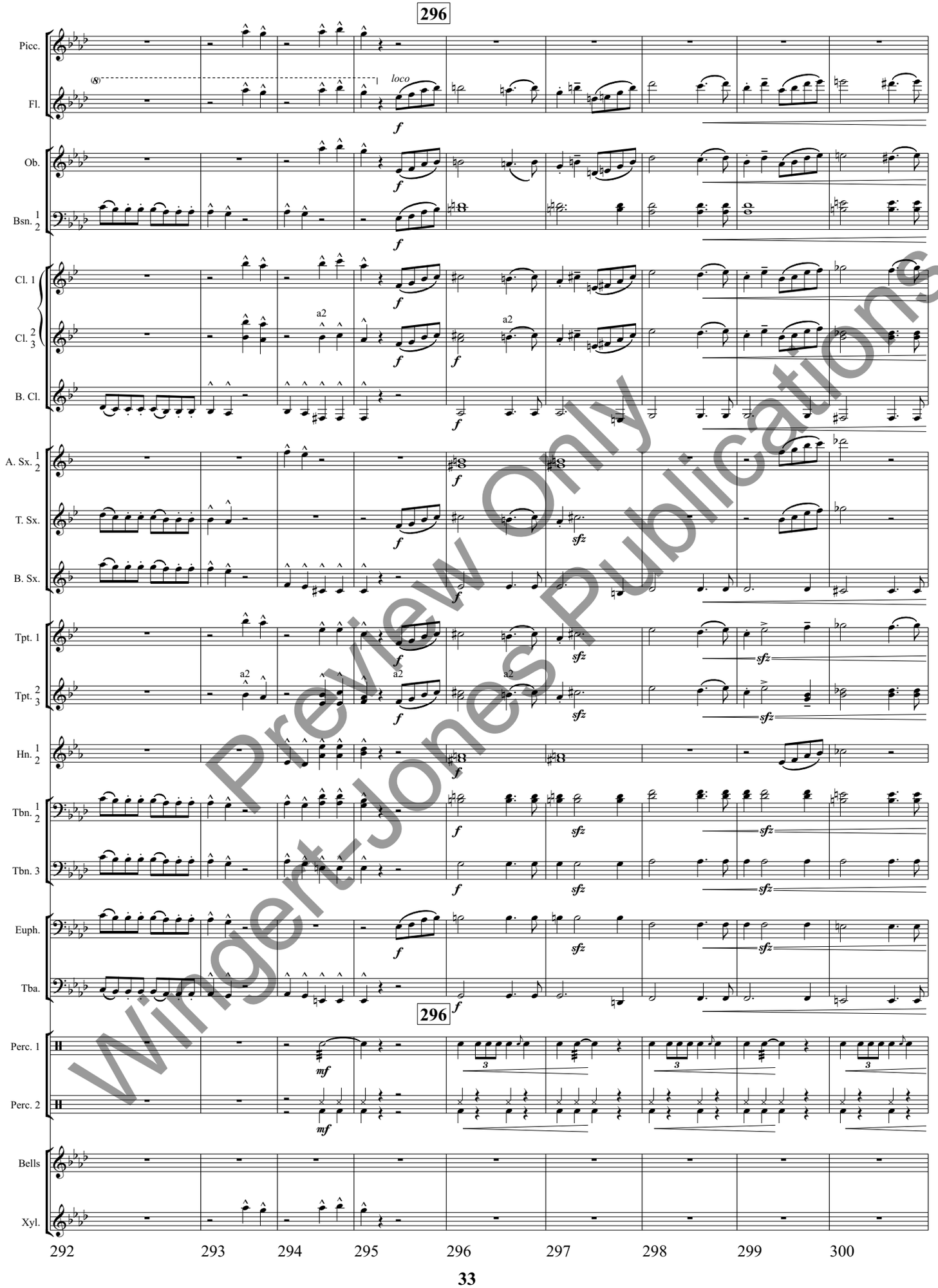

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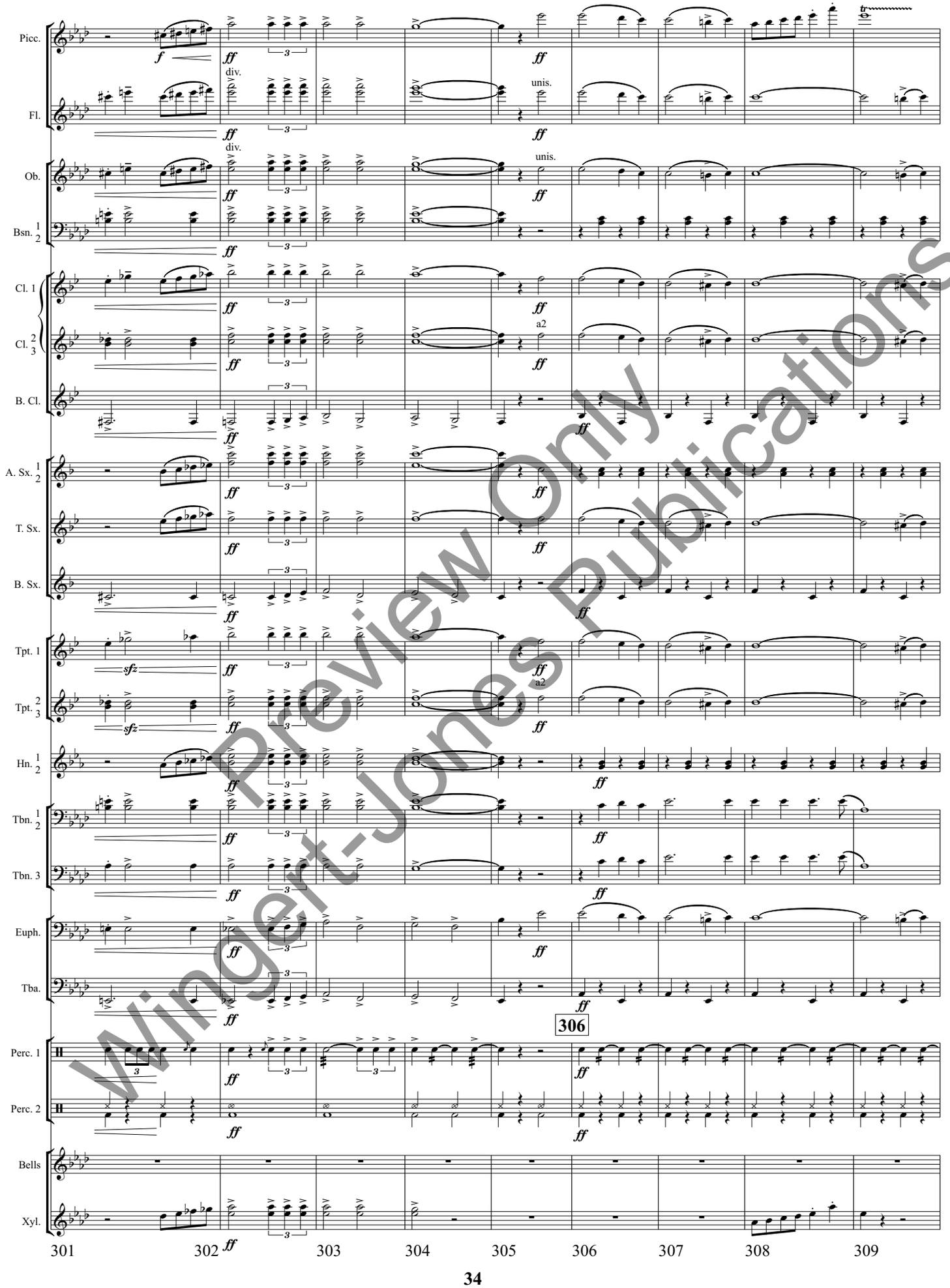

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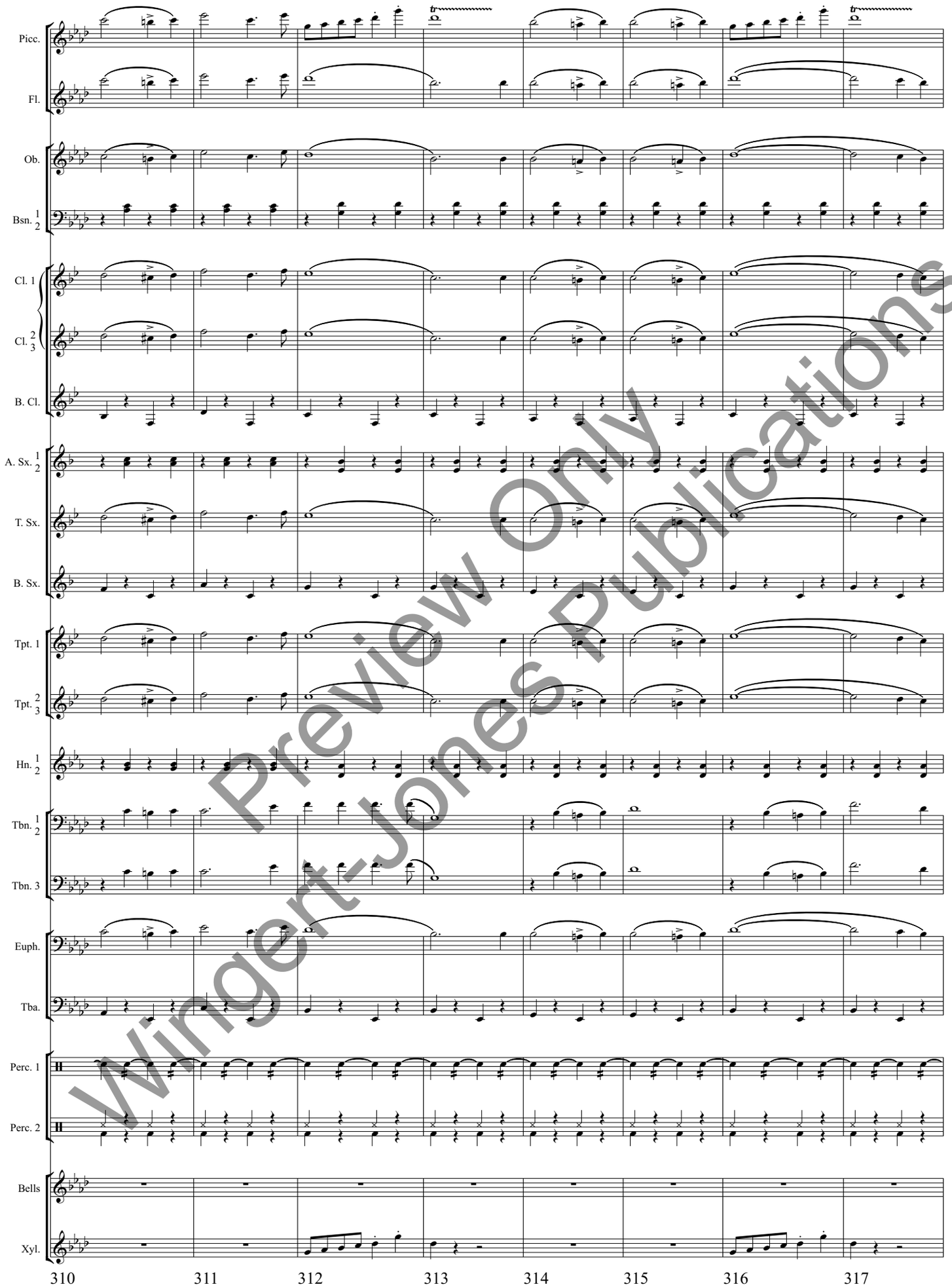

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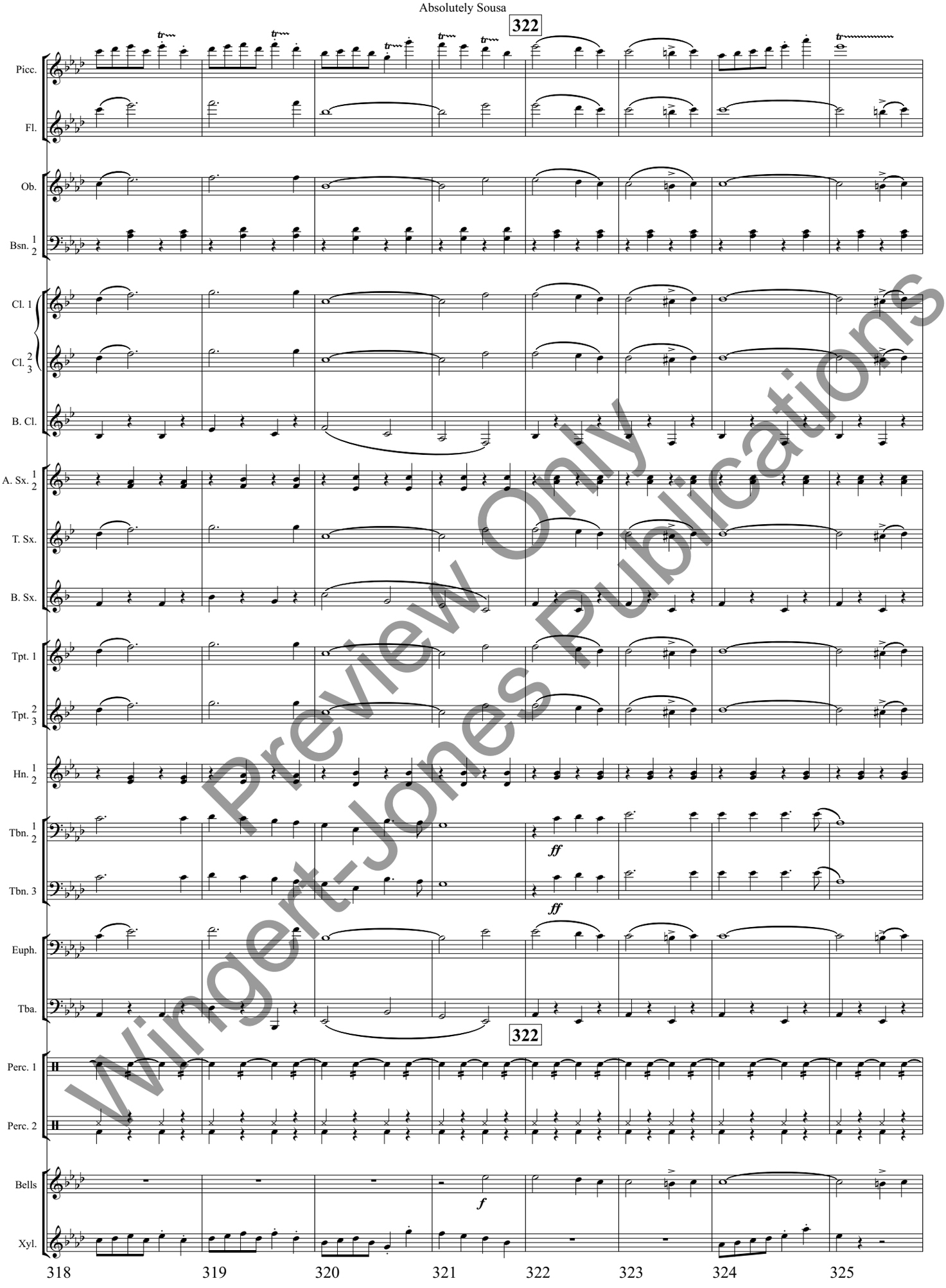

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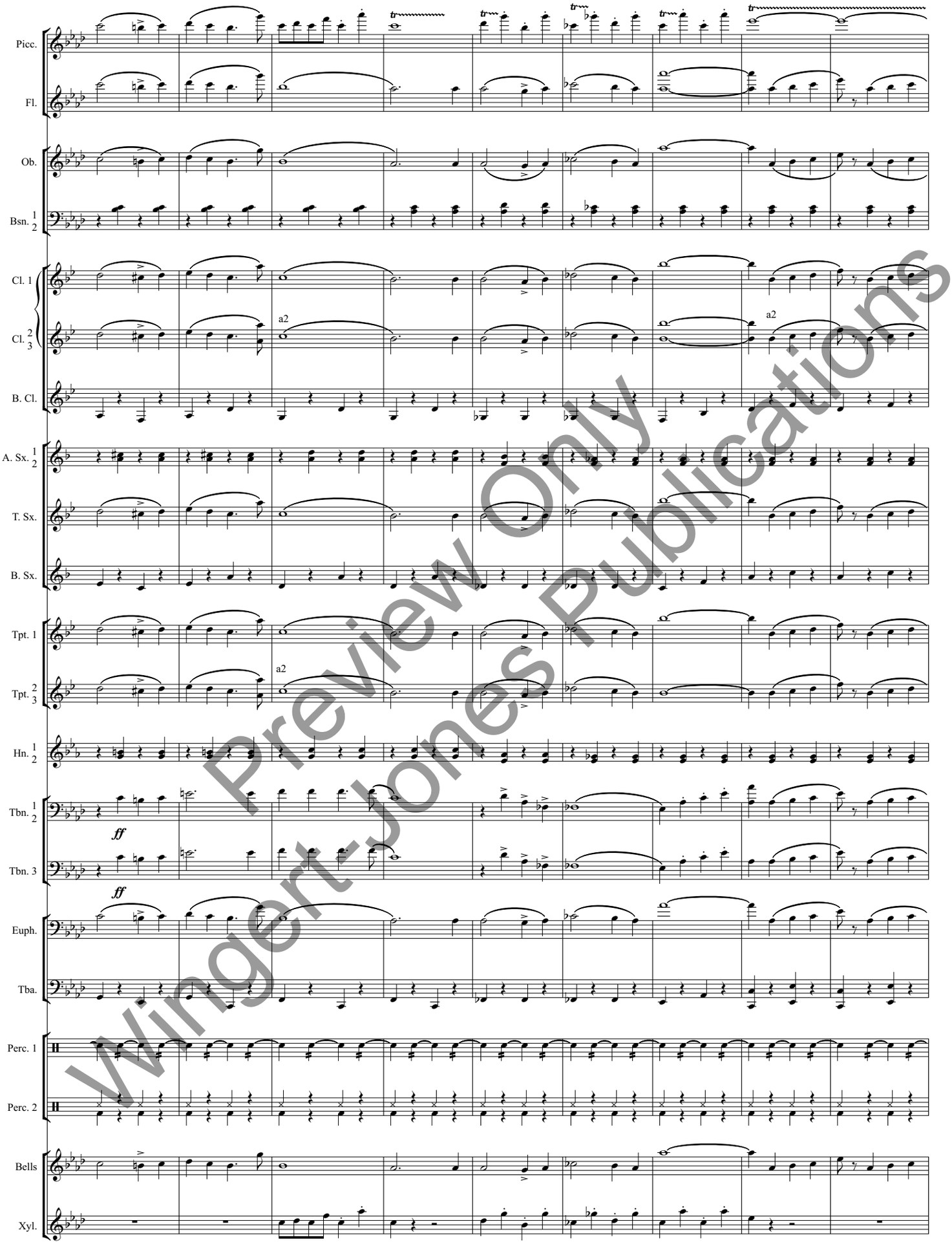

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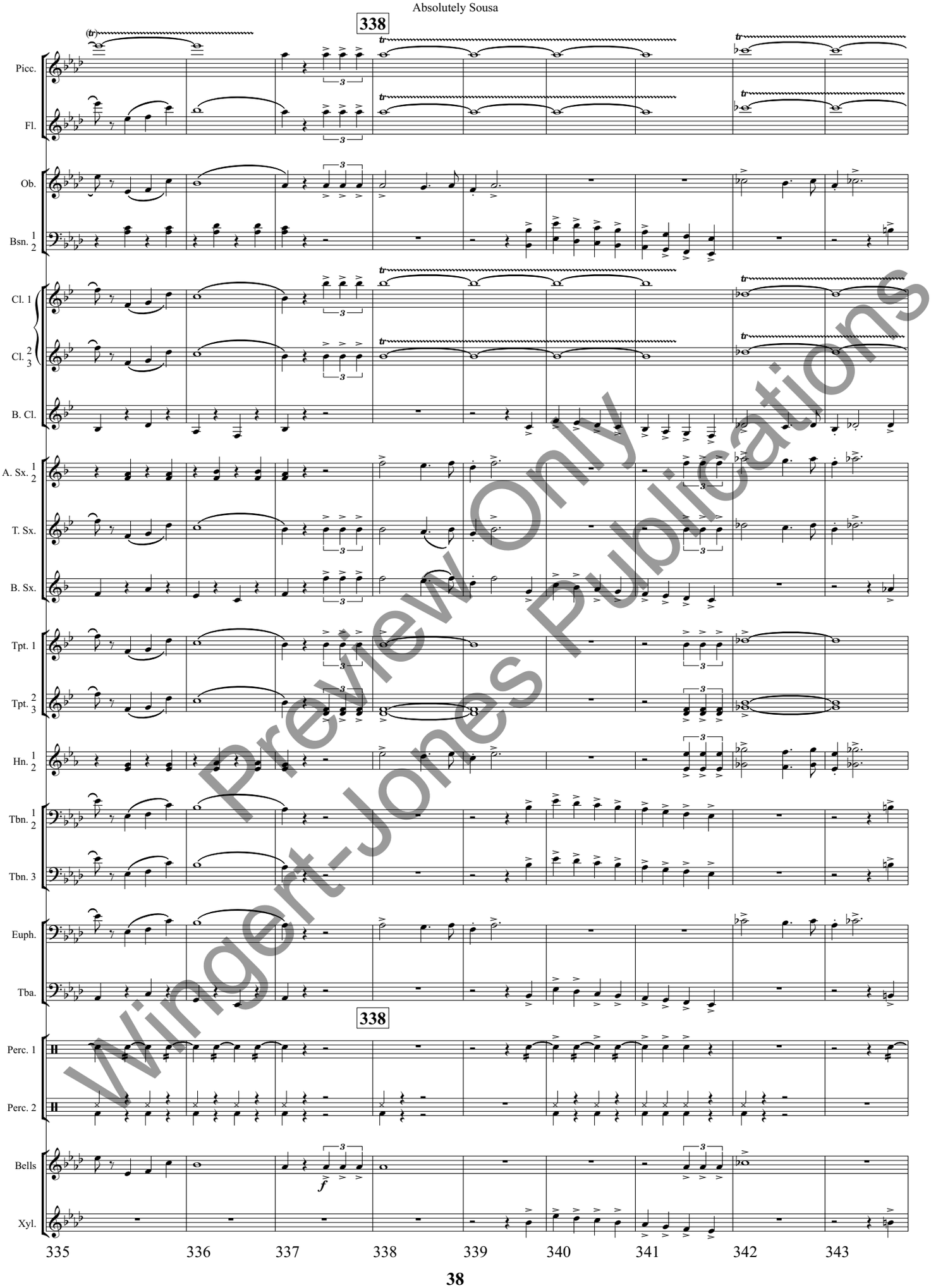

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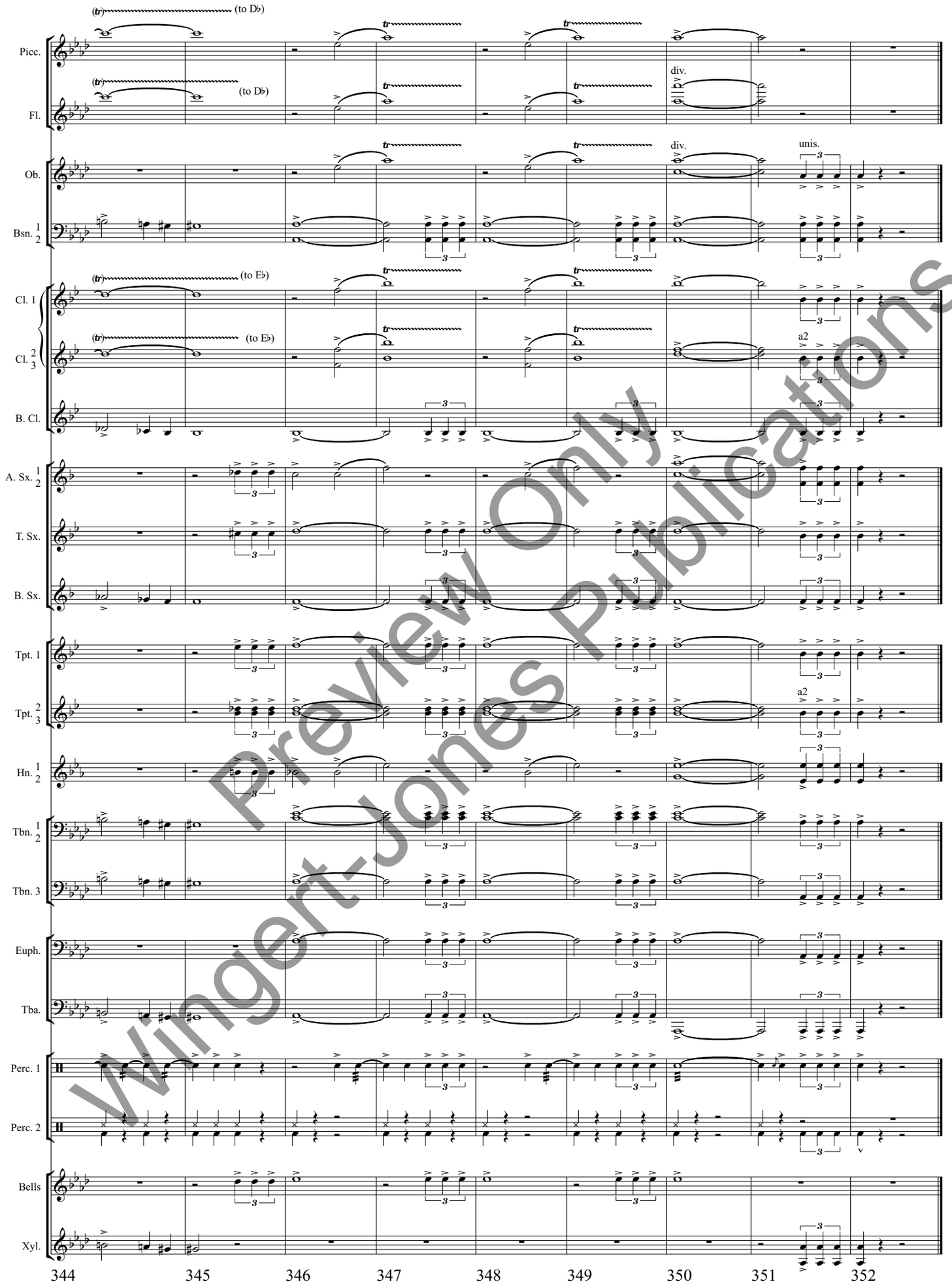

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