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ASTERISM

for 16 trombones (12 tenor, 4 bass) (2003 — 6')

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The musical score consists of 16 staves, each representing a different instrument. The instruments are grouped into two sections: Tenor Trombones (Trombone 1 through Trombone 12) and Bass Trombones (Bass Trombone I through Bass Trombone IV). The score is divided into three main sections, each starting with a dynamic *f* and a tempo marking of "Energetic ♩ = 148". The first section uses a 3/4 time signature, the second uses a 2/4 time signature, and the third uses a 3/4 time signature again. The music features complex rhythmic patterns, primarily consisting of eighth-note and sixteenth-note figures. The notation includes various rests and grace notes. The score is set against a light blue background.

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68 **3**
7 1 2 3 4 5 6

68 **3**
7 8 9 10 11 12

mp

68 **3**
I II III IV

mp

12

1
2
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I
II
III
IV

17

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I
II
III
IV

22

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I
II
III
IV

f *mp*
f *mp*
f *mp*
f *mp*
f *mp*
f *mp*

26

1 *cresc.* *sfz* — *f*

2 *cresc.* *sfz* — *f*

3 *cresc.* *sfz* — *f*

4 *cresc.* *sfz* — *f*

5 *cresc.* *sfz* — *f*

6 *cresc.* *f*

7 *cresc* *f*

8 *cresc* *f*

9 *cresc* *sfz*

10 *cresc* *sfz*

11 *cresc* *sfz*

12 *cresc* *sfz*

I *cresc* *sfz*

II *cresc* *sfz*

III *cresc* *sfz*

IV *cresc* *sfz*

A

30

A

2 4 4 3 4

A

2 4 4 3 4

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4 4 2 4 3 4 2 4 3 4

7 8 9 10 11 12

4 4 2 4 3 4

I II III IV

43

1 2 3 4 5 6

mp

7 8 9 10 11 12

mp

1 2 3

IV III II I

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1
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11
12

I
II
III
IV

1 65 13 *mf* cresc. 3 *f*
 2 13 *mf* cresc. 3 *f*
 3 - *mf* cresc. 3 *f*
 4 - *mf* cresc. 3 *f*
 5 - *mf* cresc. 3 *mf* 3 *f*
 6 - - - - *mf* 3 *f*

7 - - - - cresc. *f*
 8 - - - - cresc. *f*
 9 - - *mp* cresc. *f*
 10 - - - - cresc. *f*
 11 - - - - cresc. *f*
 12 - - - - *mp cresc.* *f*

I - - - - cresc. *f*
 II - - - - *mp cresc.* *f*
 III - - - - cresc. *f*
 IV - - - - *mp cresc.* *f*

72 **$\frac{3}{4}$** **$\frac{4}{4}$** **$\frac{2}{4}$** **$\frac{3}{4}$** **$\frac{2}{4}$** **$\frac{4}{4}$**
 1 **$\frac{mp}{f}$** **$\frac{mf}{mf}$**
 2 **$\frac{mp}{f}$** **$\frac{mf}{mf}$**
 3 **$\frac{mp}{f}$** **$\frac{mf}{mf}$**
 4 **$\frac{mp}{f}$** **$\frac{mf}{mf}$**
 5 **$\frac{mp}{f}$** **$\frac{mf}{mf}$**
 6 **$\frac{mp}{f}$**

 $\frac{3}{4}$ **$\frac{4}{4}$** **B** **$\frac{2}{4}$** **$\frac{3}{4}$** **$\frac{2}{4}$**
 7 **$\frac{mf}{mf}$**
 8 **$\frac{mf}{mf}$**
 9
 10
 11
 12

 $\frac{3}{4}$ **$\frac{4}{4}$** **B** **$\frac{2}{4}$** **$\frac{3}{4}$** **$\frac{2}{4}$**
 I
 II
 III
 IV

1 2 3 4 5 6

80 4/4 3/4 4/4 3/4 4/4

mf f f f f f

7 8 9 10 11 12

4/4 3/4 4/4 3/4 4/4 3/4

f f f f f f

I II III IV

mf f f f