GRADE LEVEL: 4 (MEDIUM ADVANCED)

MEMOR VITA!

By Brant Karrick

There is nothing more precious on this earth than human life, and every day we wake up to start a new day, we choose how to live our own. *Memor Vita!* is a musical celebration of life, particularly remembering the life of Zachary Joseph Heringer. Zach was diagnosed with cancer when he was 10 years old. He remained positive throughout the many months of treatments and had strong hopes of being cured. He was a vivacious boy who loved sports, the outdoors, and playing the trumpet in band. He was also an excellent student. He was looking forward to joining his high school band with his older sister, Beth, and his friends. However, the cancer continued to spread and at the age of 14, Zach passed away. He fought his cancer with faith, compassion, and an attitude to never give up, and his steadfast optimism left an indelible impression on all who knew him.

The work is cast in three sections and set in an A-B-A, fast-slow-fast form. The spirited melodies of the first and third section reflect the exuberance, joy, and beauty of life. The music should remind the listener to live life to the fullest and make the most of each day. The middle section is based on the beautiful Quaker melody, "How Can I Keep from Singing?" The words to this song embody the very spirit with which Zach lived his life.

"No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging. It sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?"

Instrumentation

1 — Conductor Score
5 — 1st Flute & Piccolo
5 — 2nd Flute
2 — Oboe
2 — Bassoon
4 — 1st B♭ Clarinet
4 — 2nd B♭ Clarinet
4 — 3rd B♭ Clarinet
2 — B♭ Bass Clarinet
2 — 1st E♭ Alto Saxophone
2 — 2nd E♭ Alto Saxophone
2 — B♭ Tenor Saxophone
1 — E♭ Baritone Saxophone
3 — 1st B♭ Trumpet
3 — 2nd B♭ Trumpet
3 — 3rd B♭ Trumpet
2 — 1st F Horn
1 — 2nd F Horn
1 — 3rd F Horn
2 — 1st Trombone
2 — 2nd Trombone
2 — 3rd Trombone
2 — Euphonium
4 — Tuba
Percussion — 7 players:
3 — Mallet Percussion
(Bells/Chimes, Xylophone/Chimes)
2 — Percussion 1
(Snare Drum, Bass Drum)
4 — Percussion 2
(Suspended Cymbal/Temple Blocks, Crash Cymbals/Triangle)
1 — Timpani

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E♭ Alto Clarinet
E♭ Contra Alto Clarinet
B♭ Contra Bass Clarinet
1st E♭ Horn
2nd E♭ Horn
3rd E♭ Horn
1st Trombone in B♭ T.C.
2nd Trombone in B♭ T.C.
3rd Trombone in B♭ T.C.
1st Trombone in B♭ B.C.
2nd Trombone in B♭ B.C.
3rd Trombone in B♭ B.C.
Euphonium in B♭ B.C.
Euphonium T.C.
Tuba in B♭ T.C.
Tuba in B♭ B.C.
Tuba in E♭ T.C.
Tuba in E♭ B.C.
String Bass

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Commissioned by the Pendleton County High School Band, Falmouth, Kentucky
In Loving Memory of Zachary Joseph Heringer

Memor Vita!

FULL SCORE
Duration - 5:45

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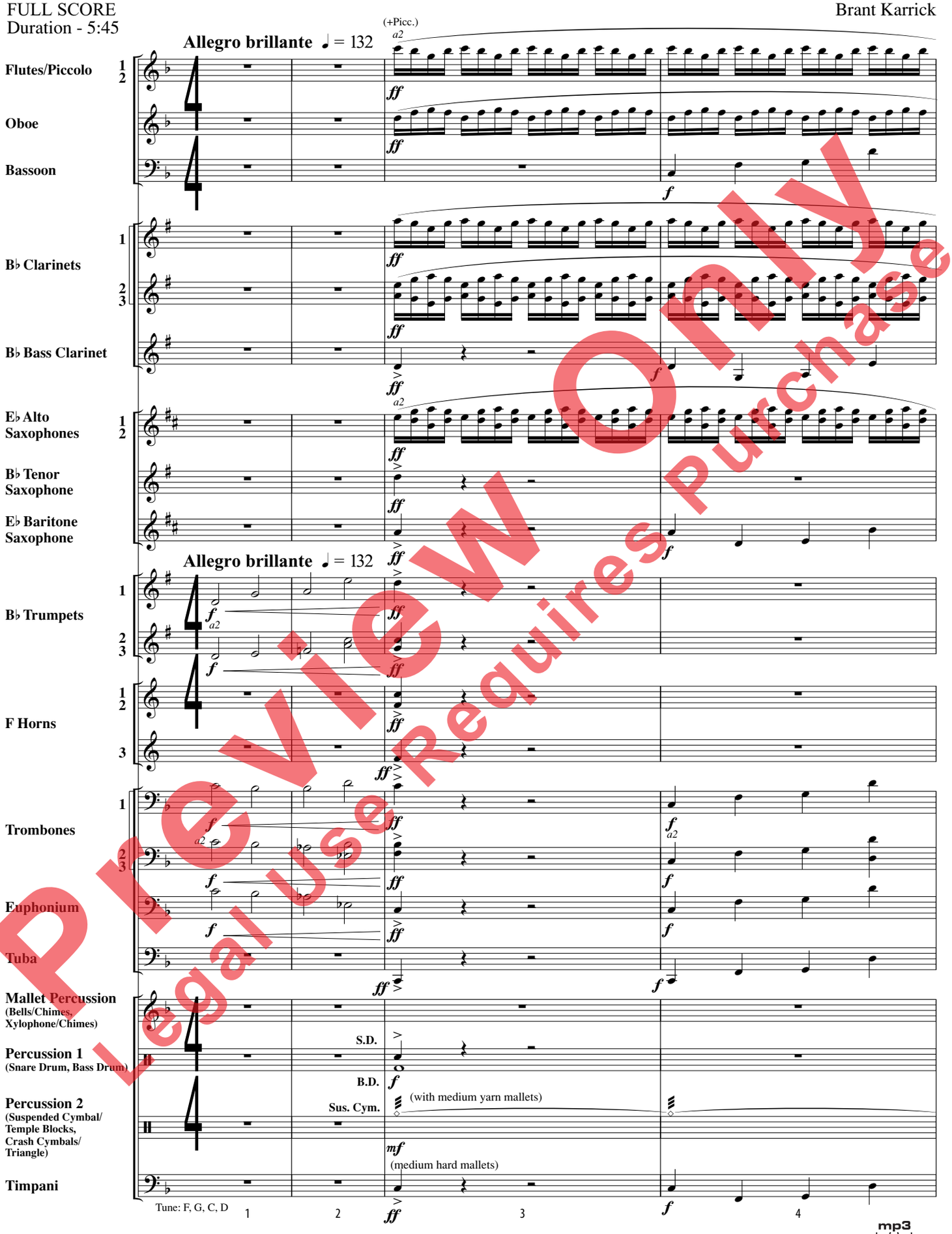

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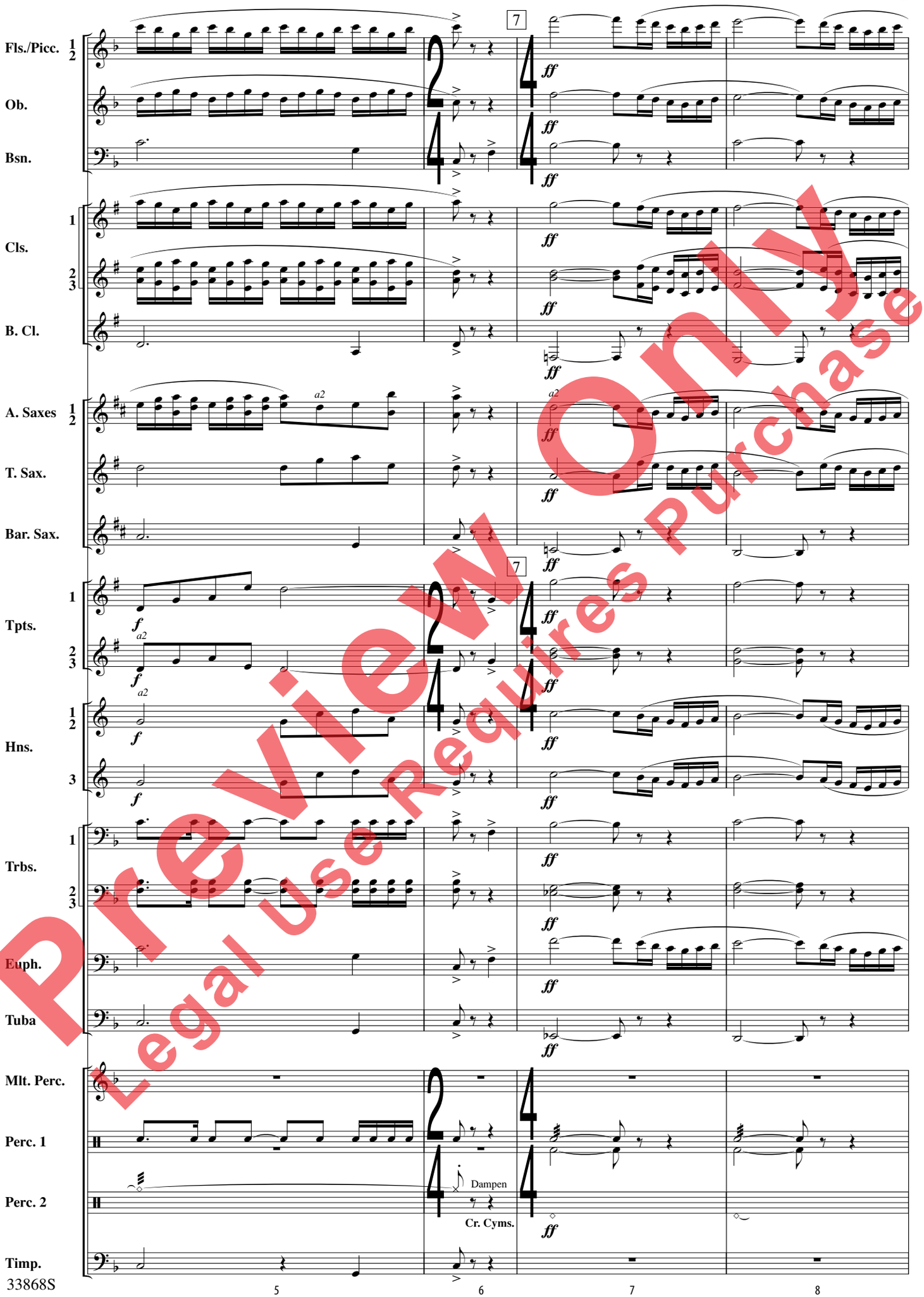

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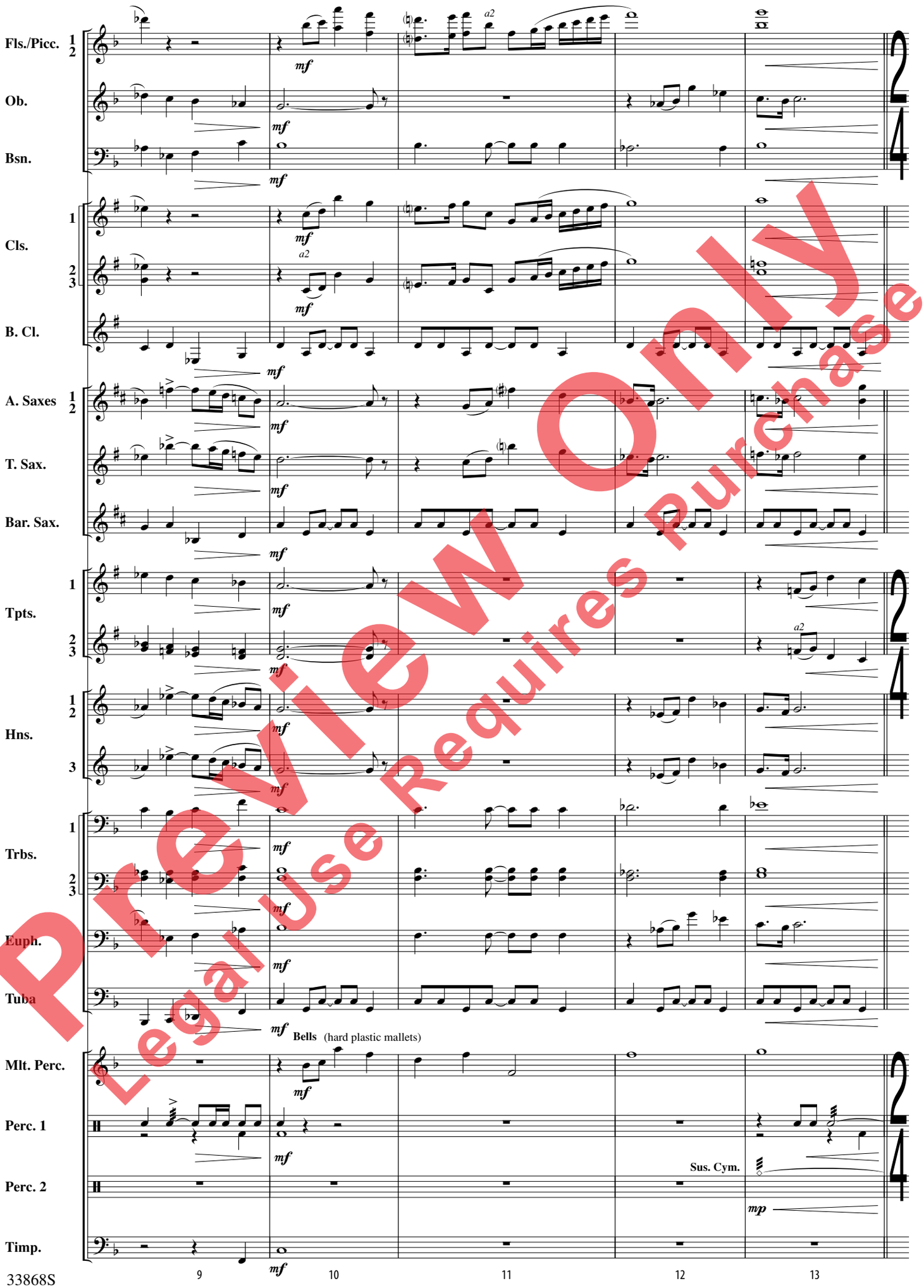

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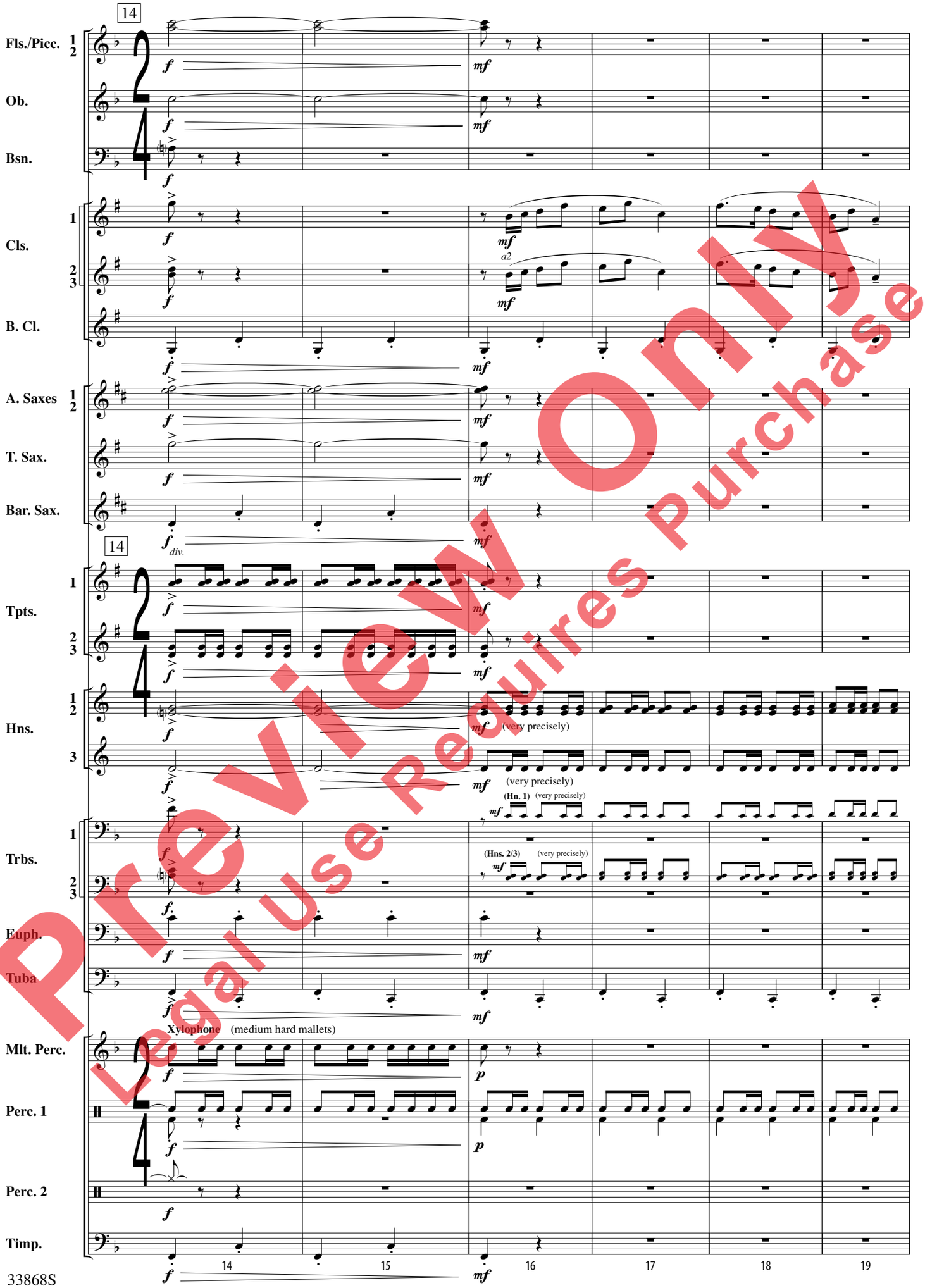

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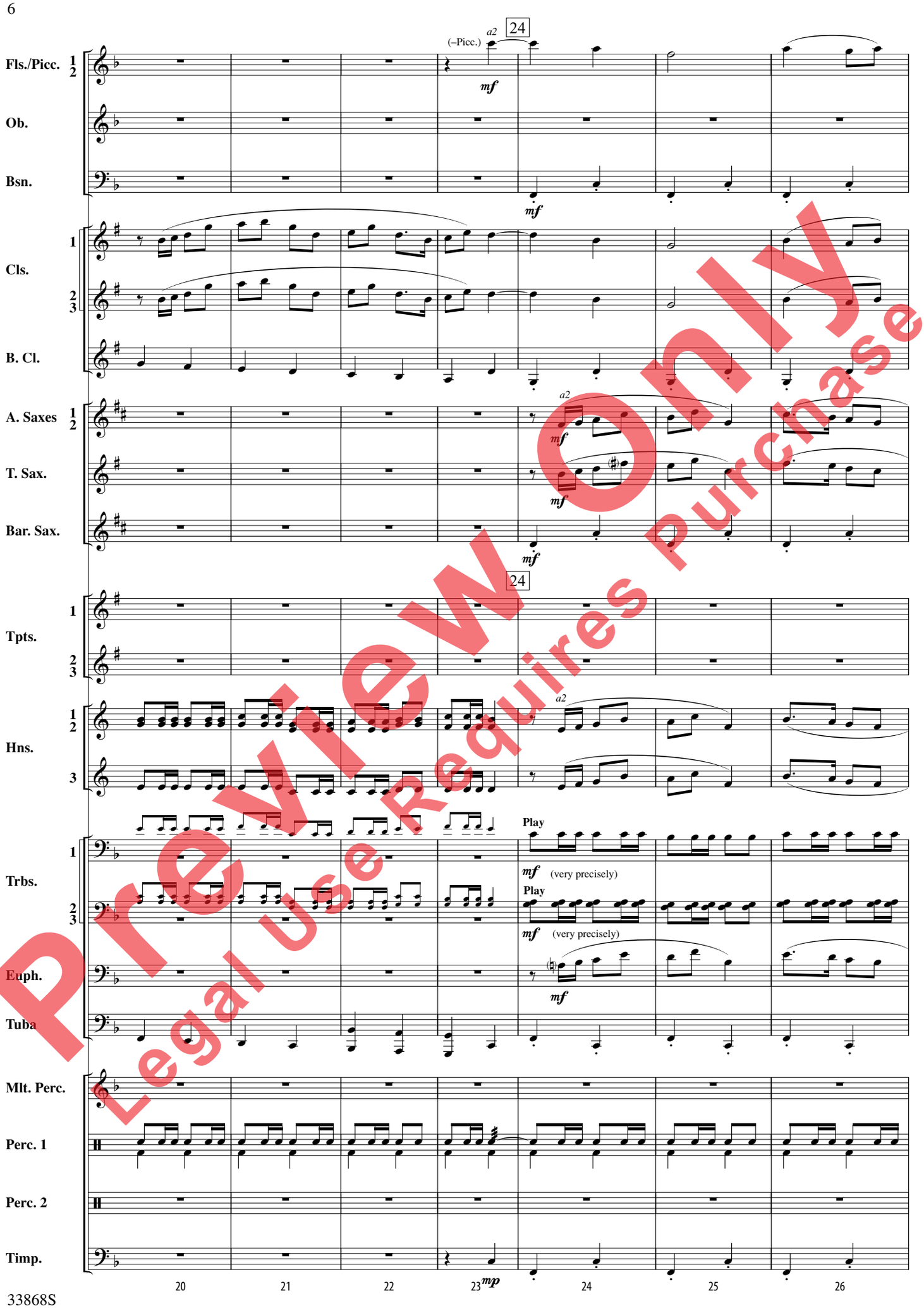

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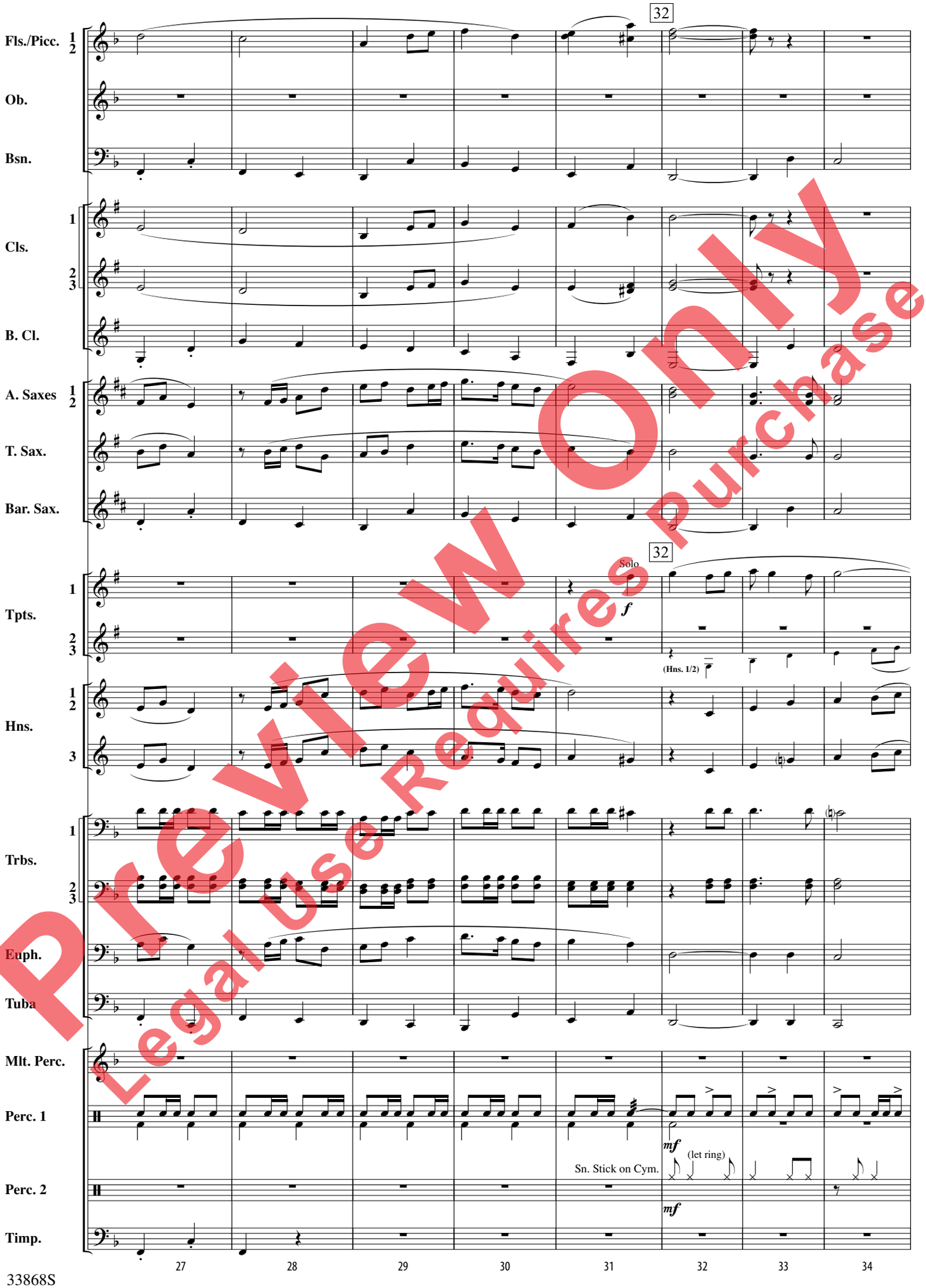

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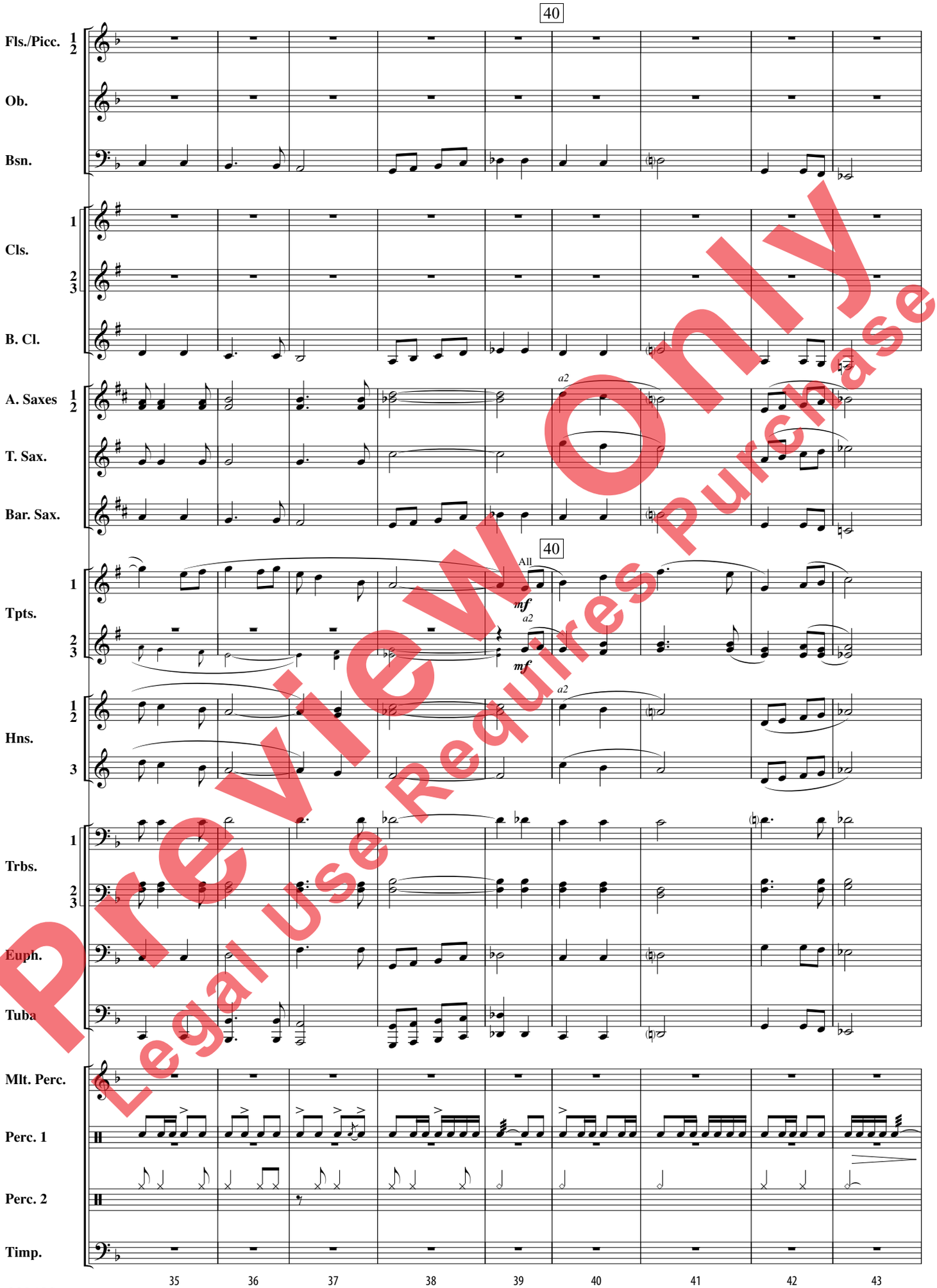

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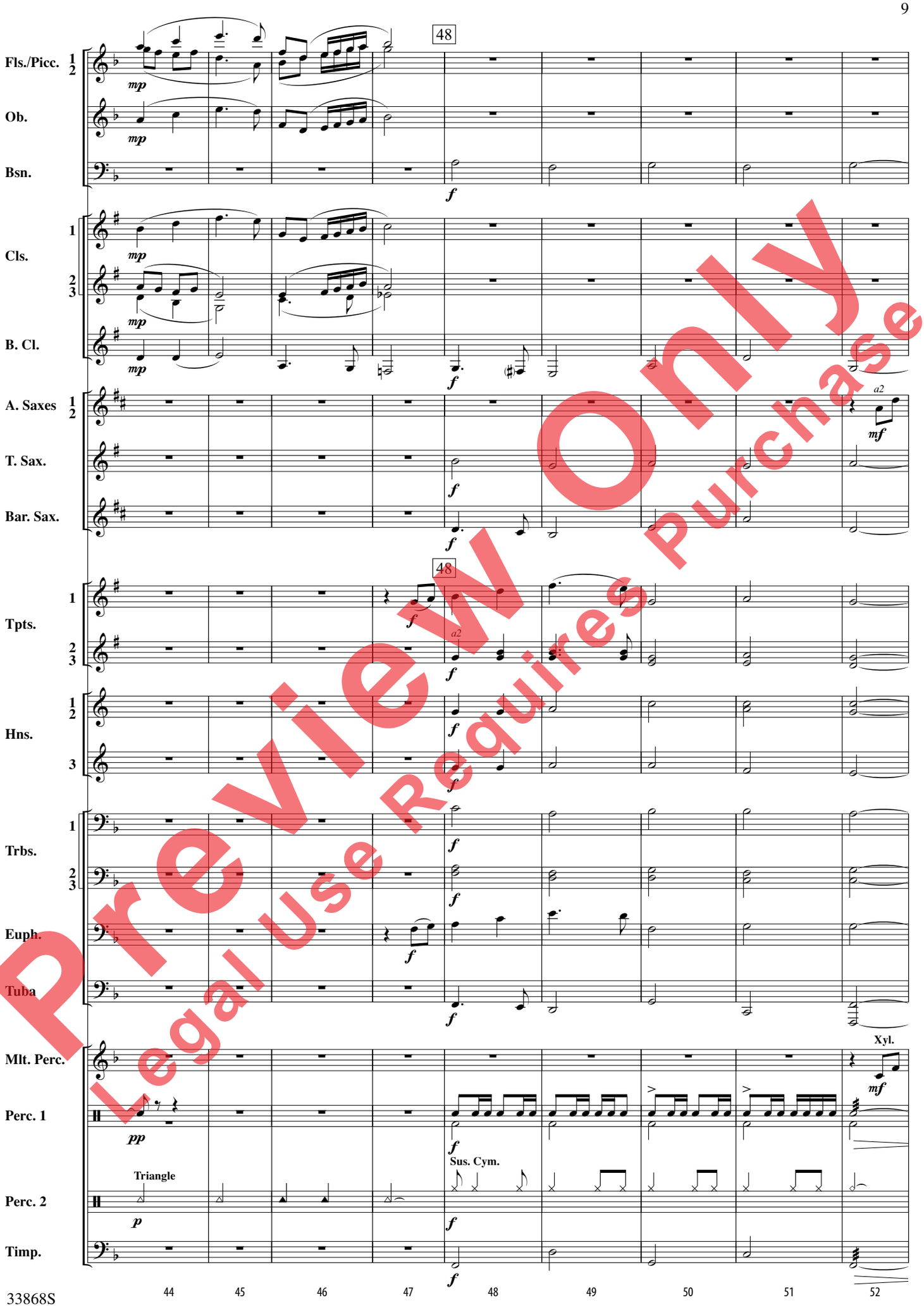

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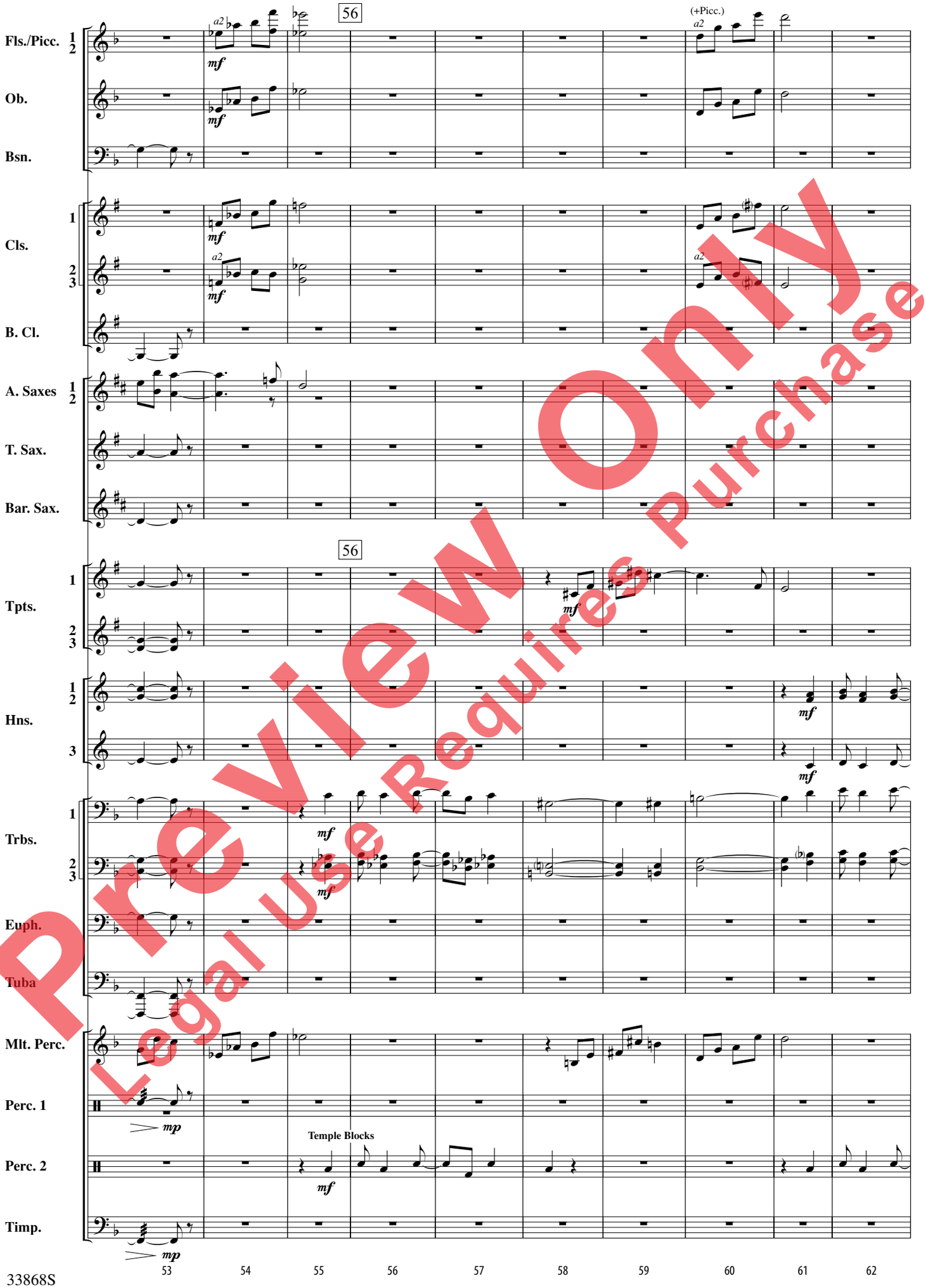

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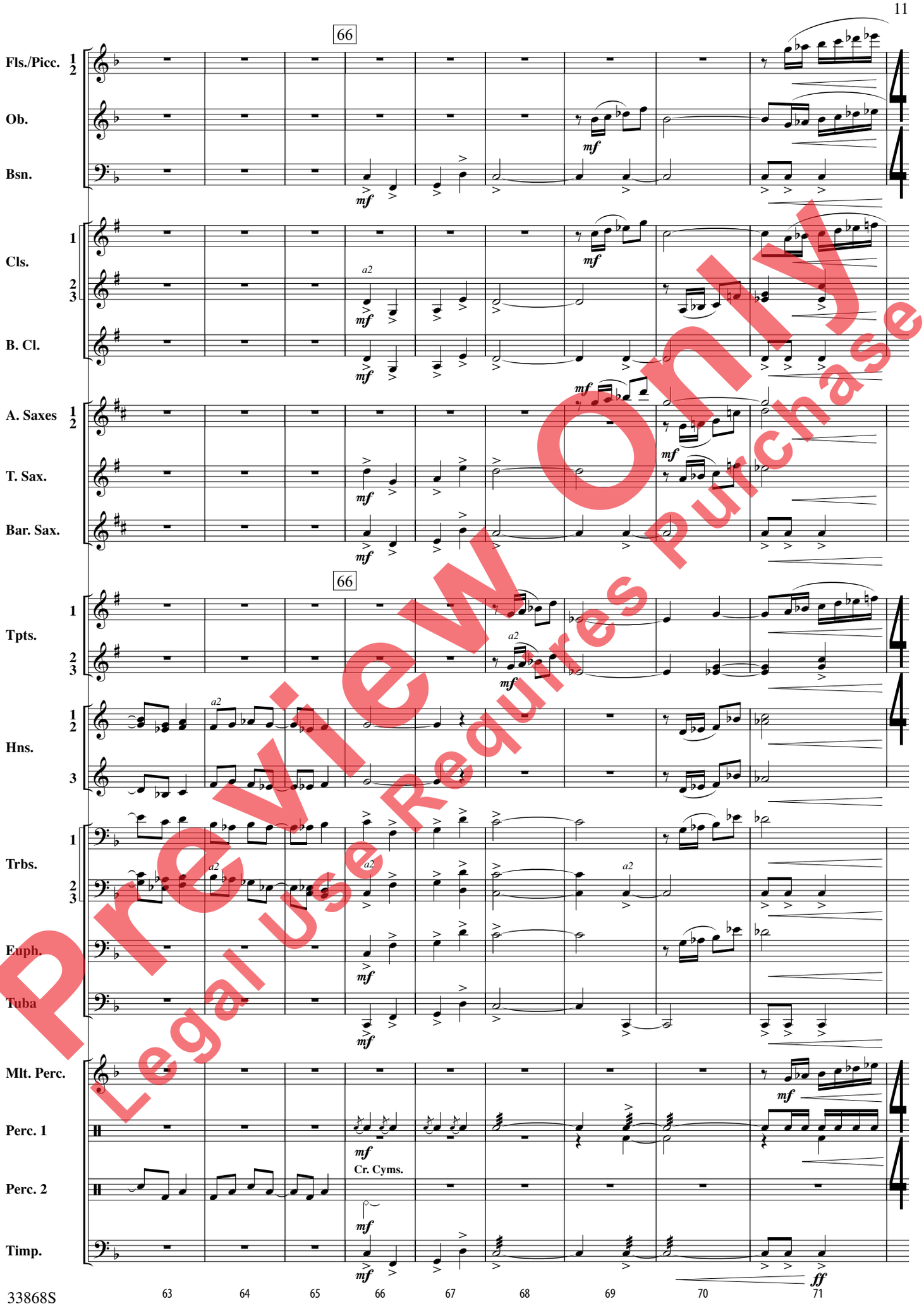

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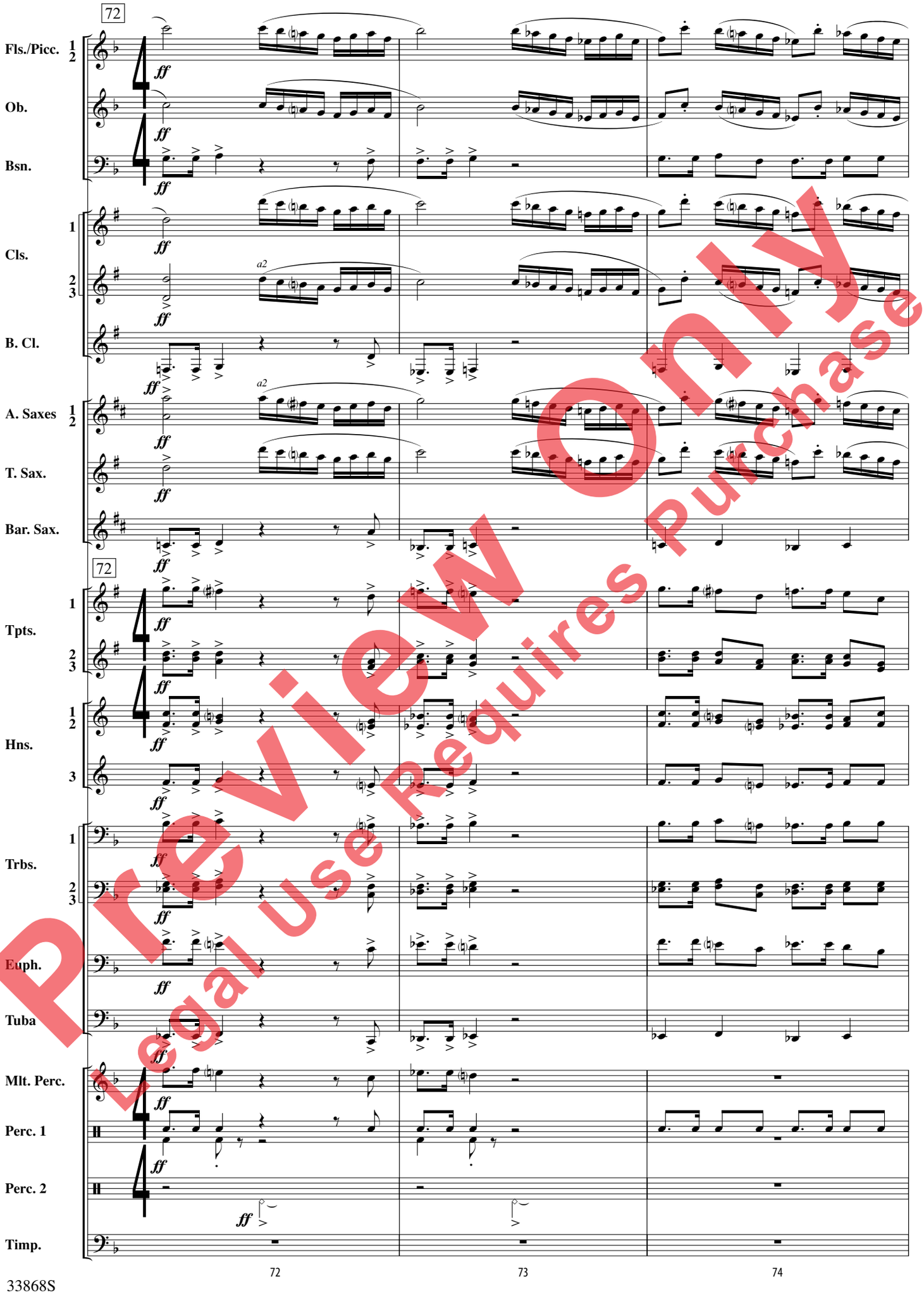

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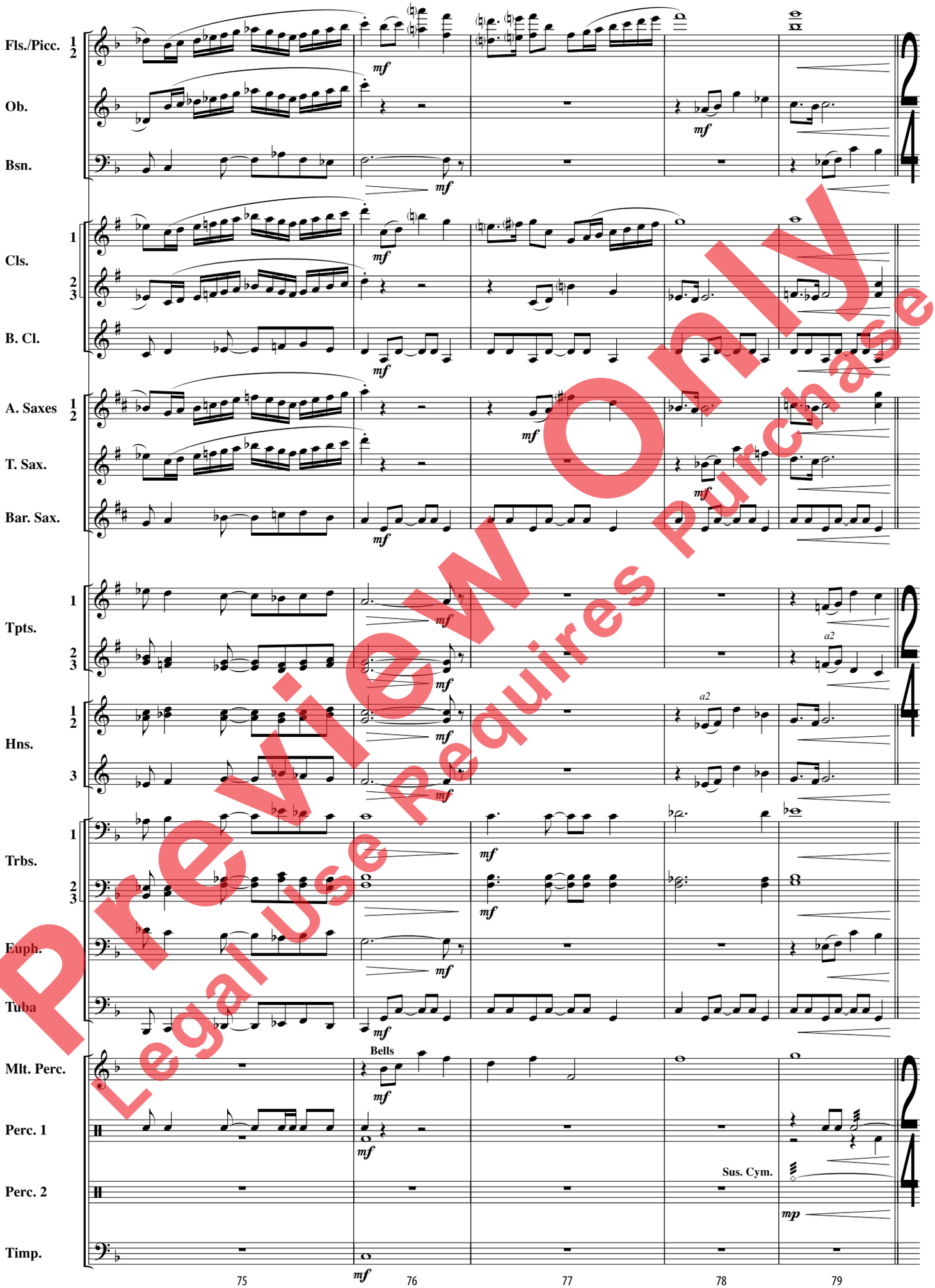

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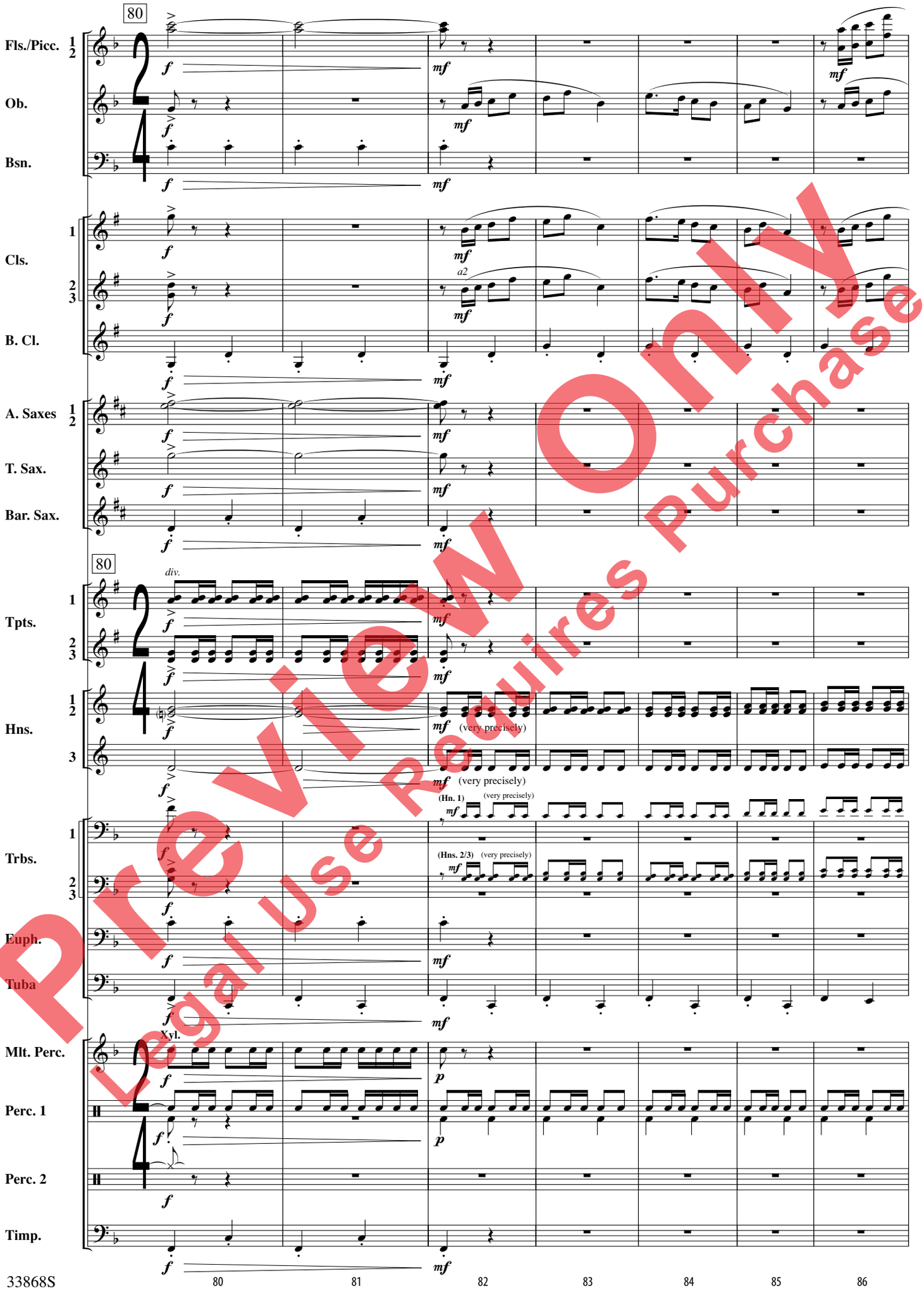

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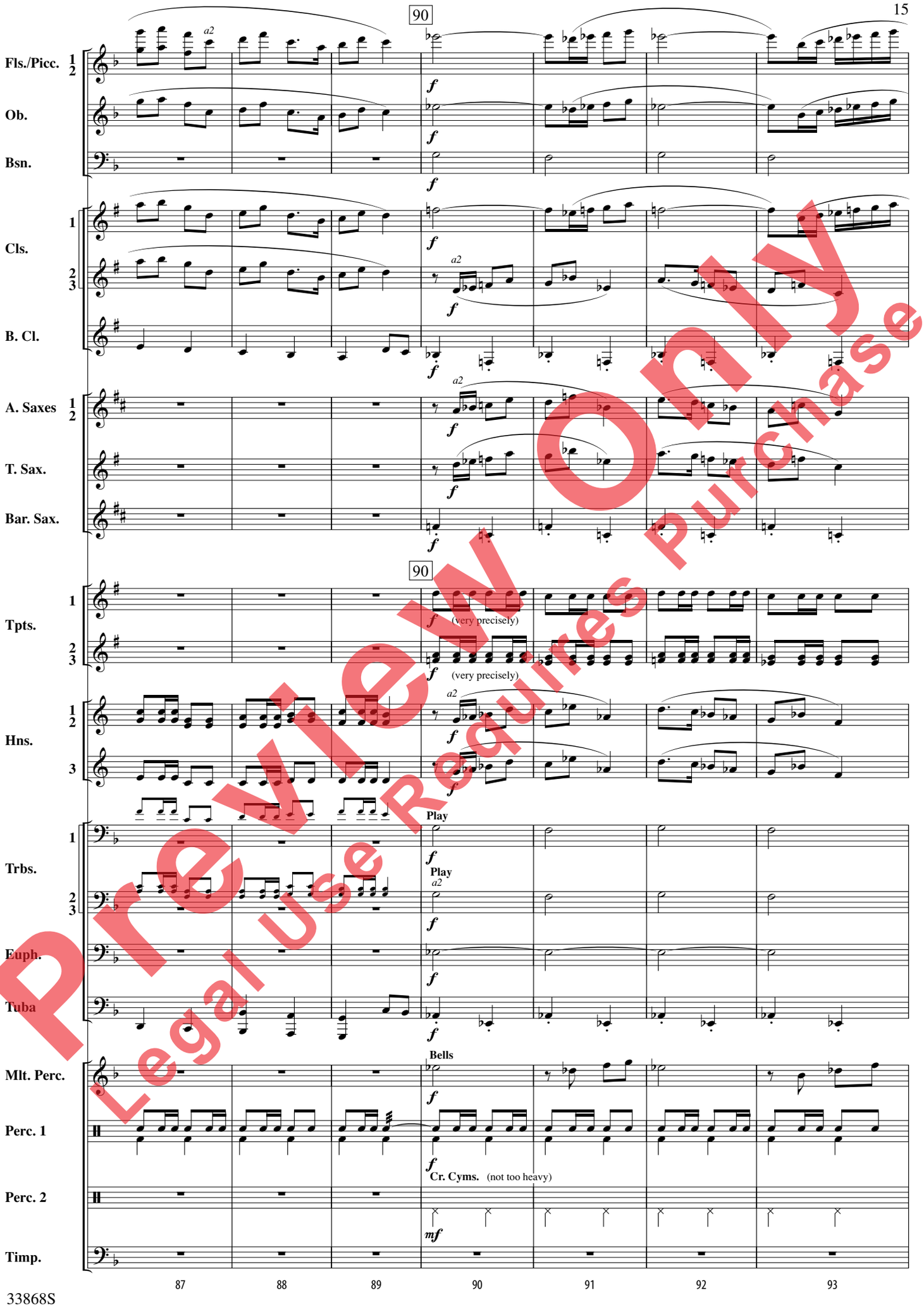

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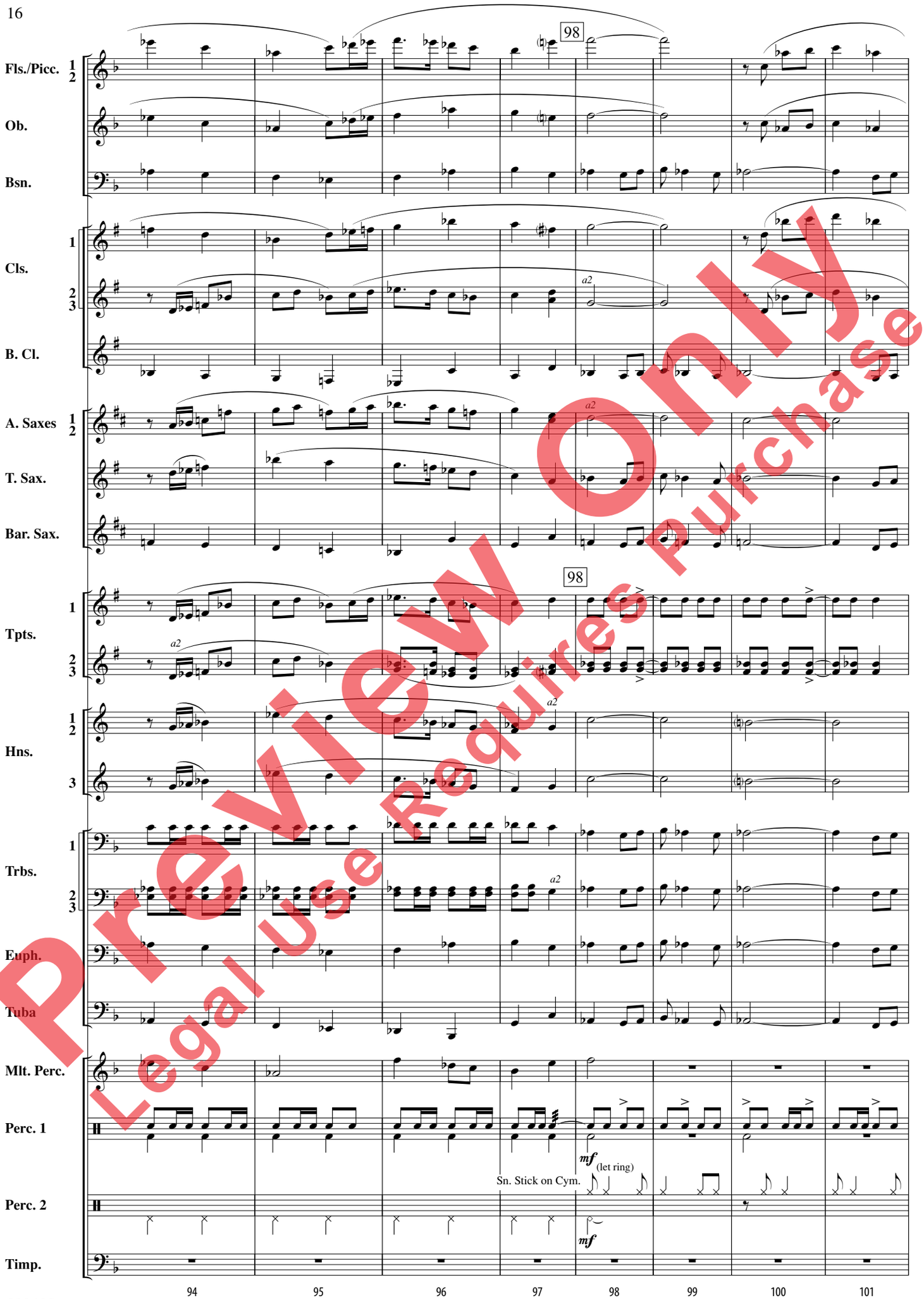

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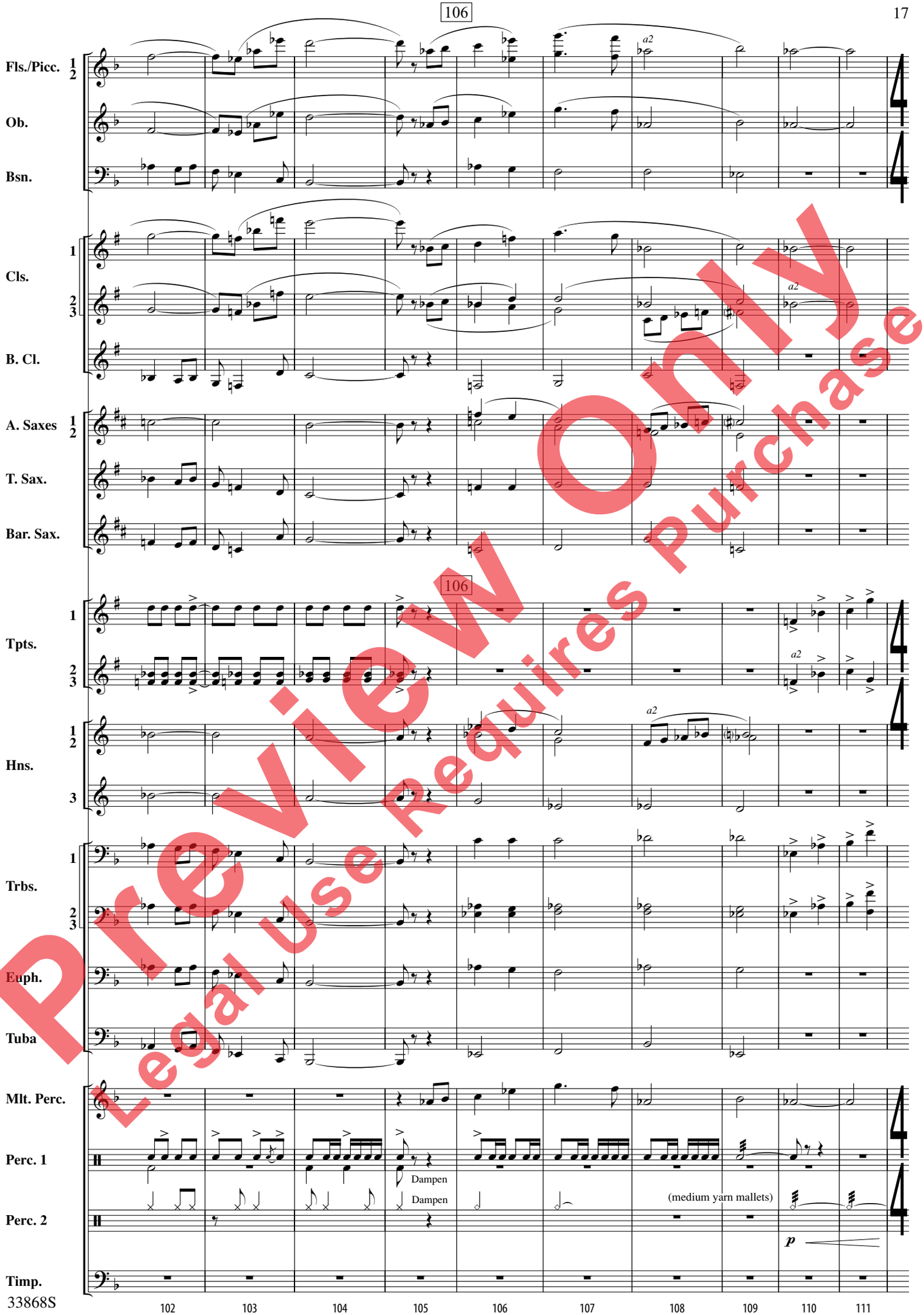

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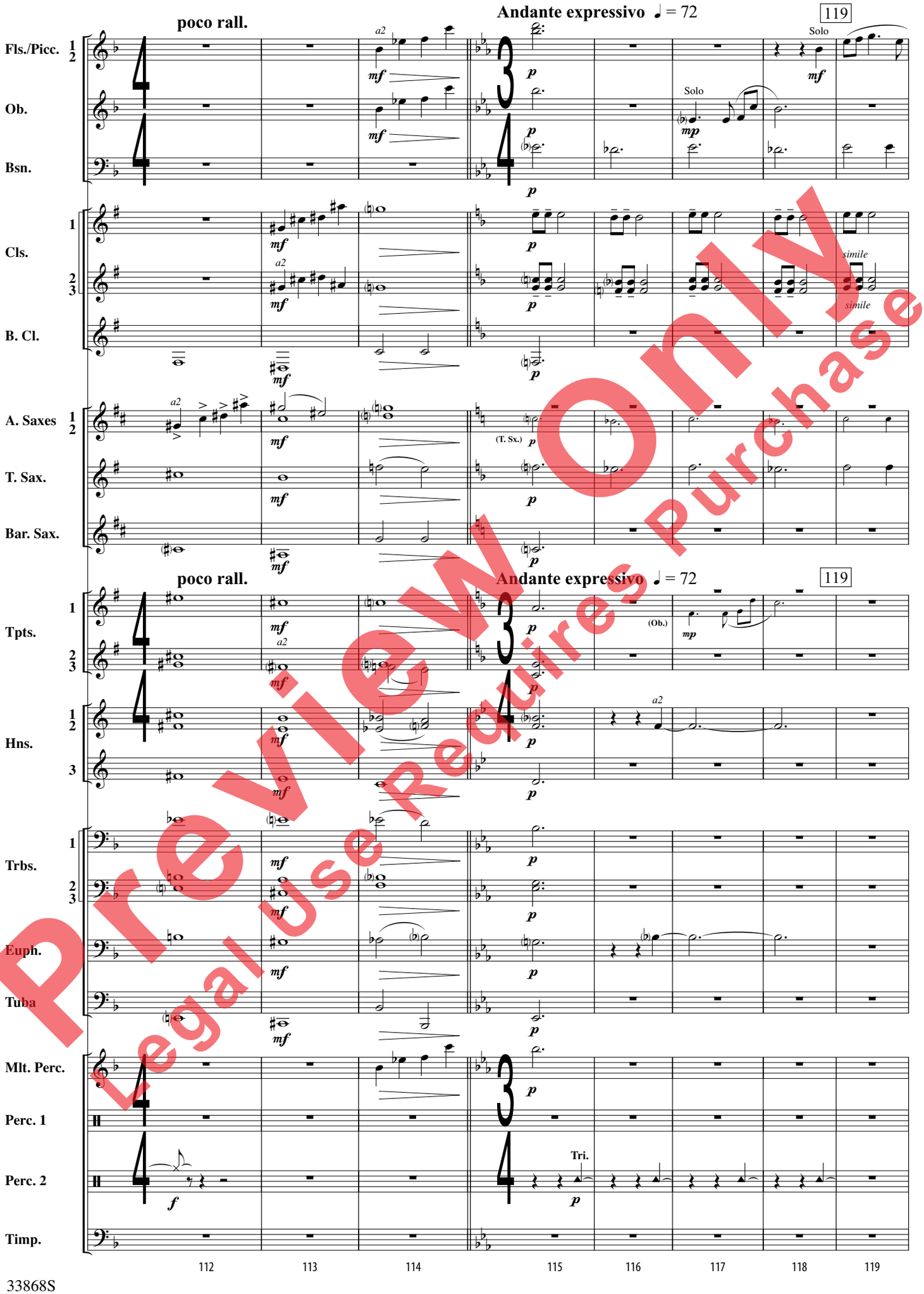

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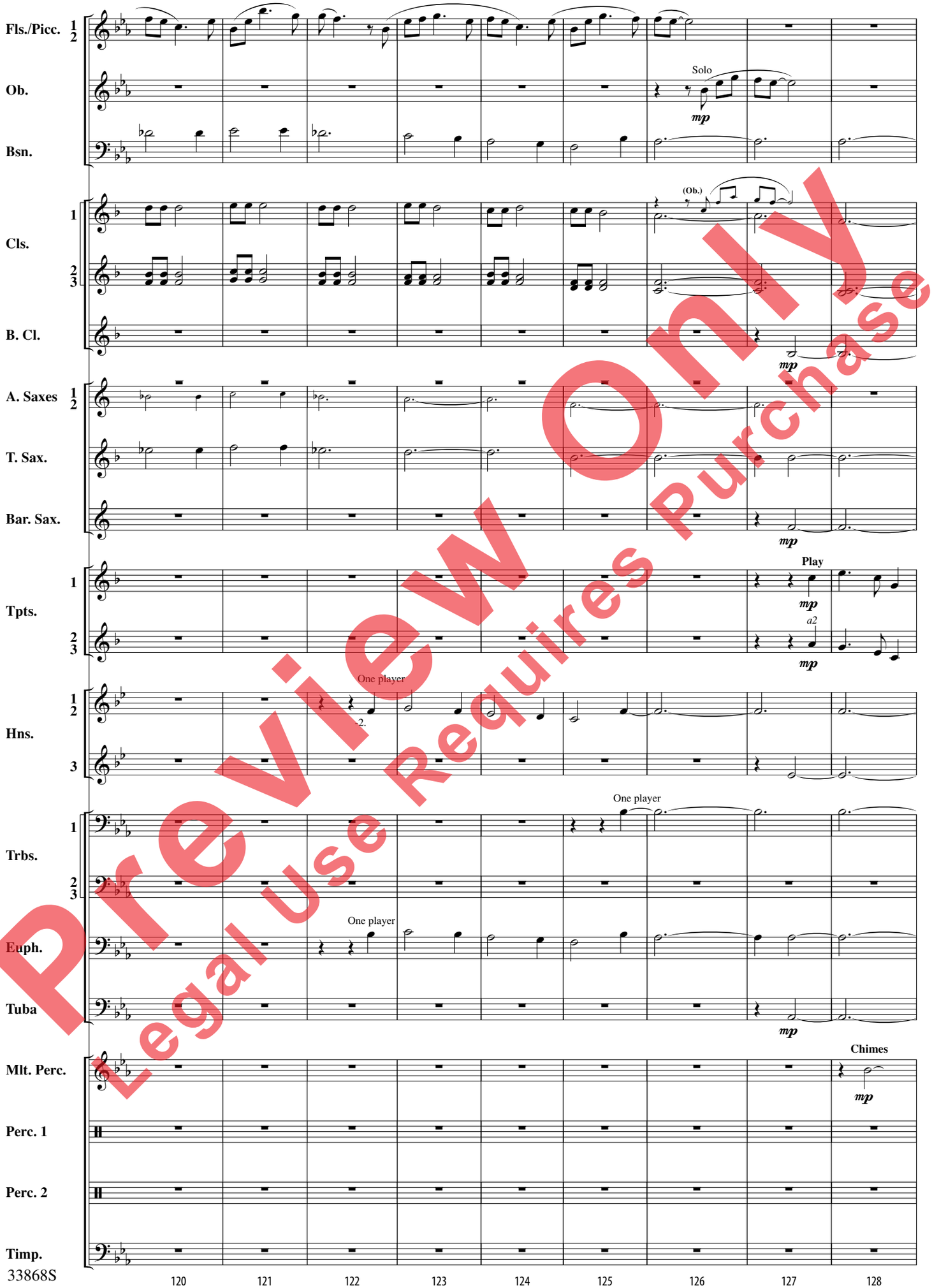

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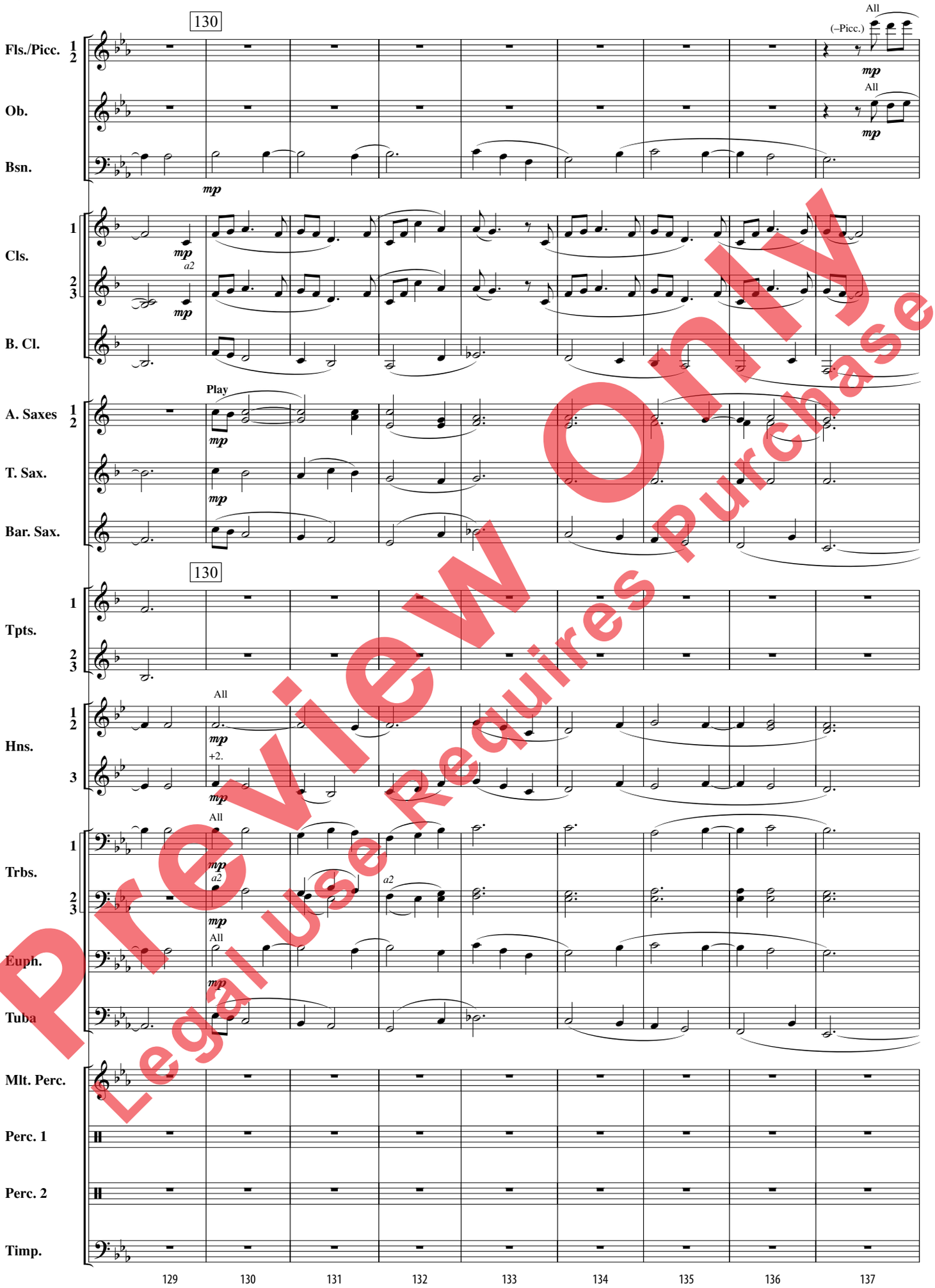

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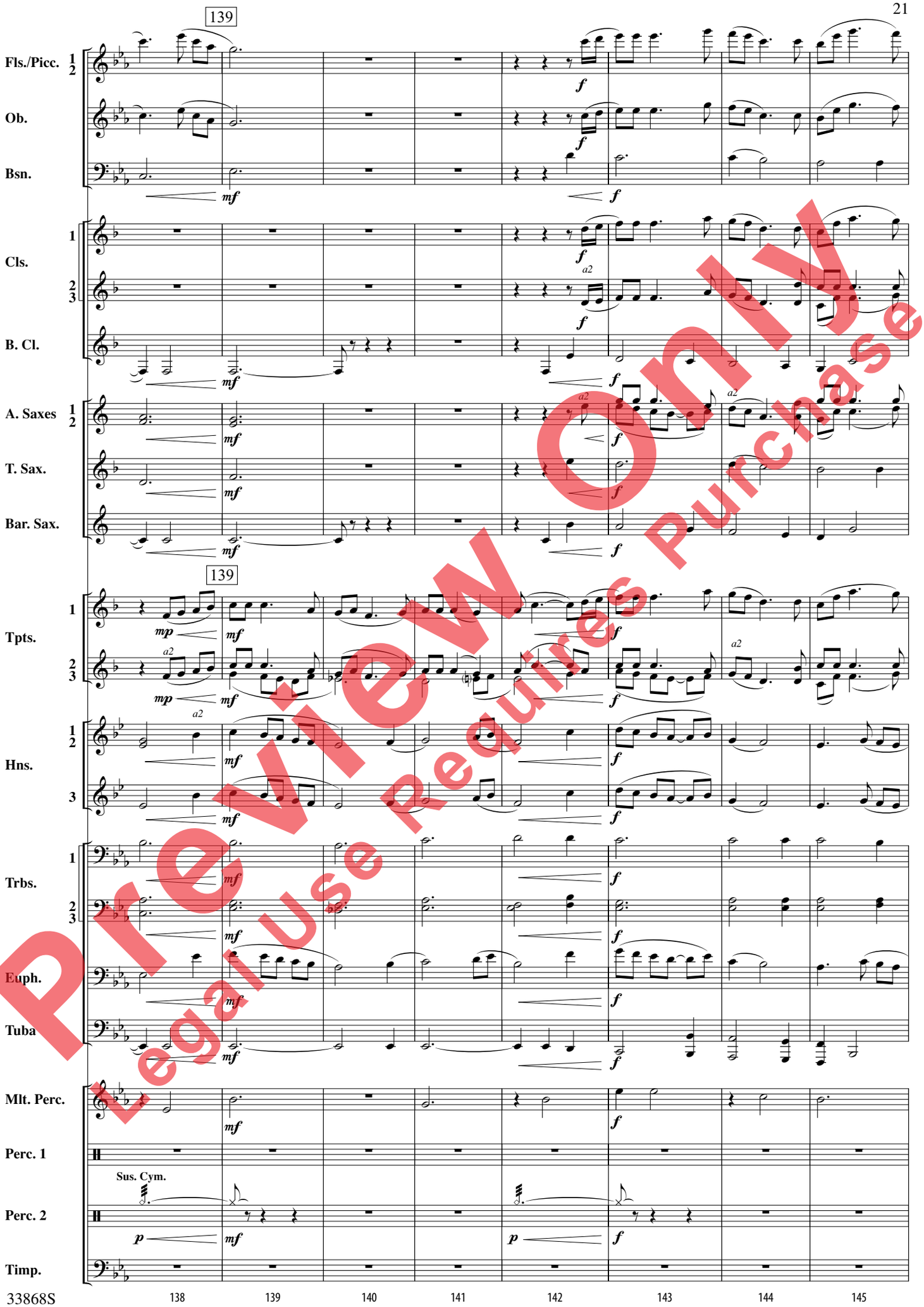

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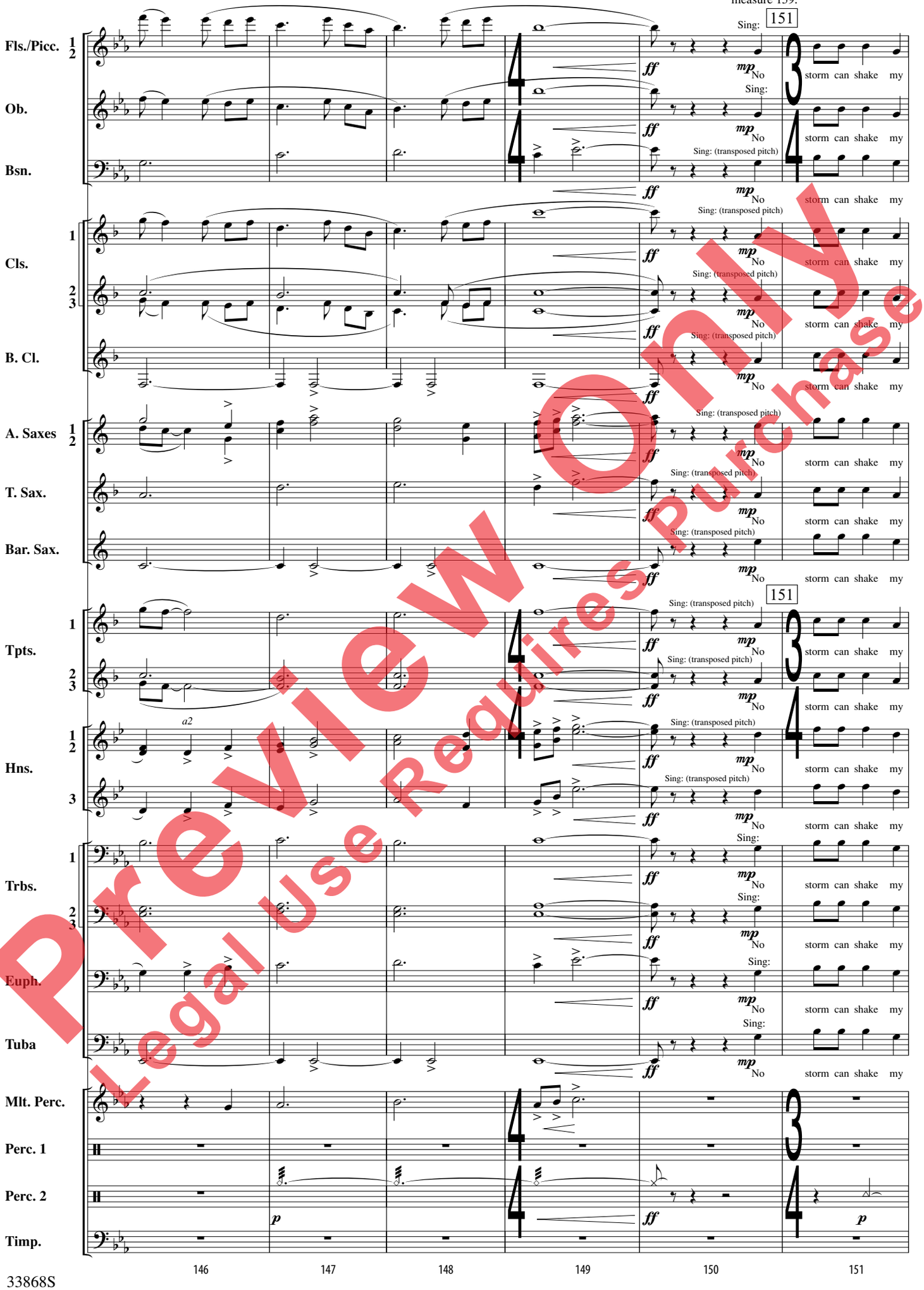

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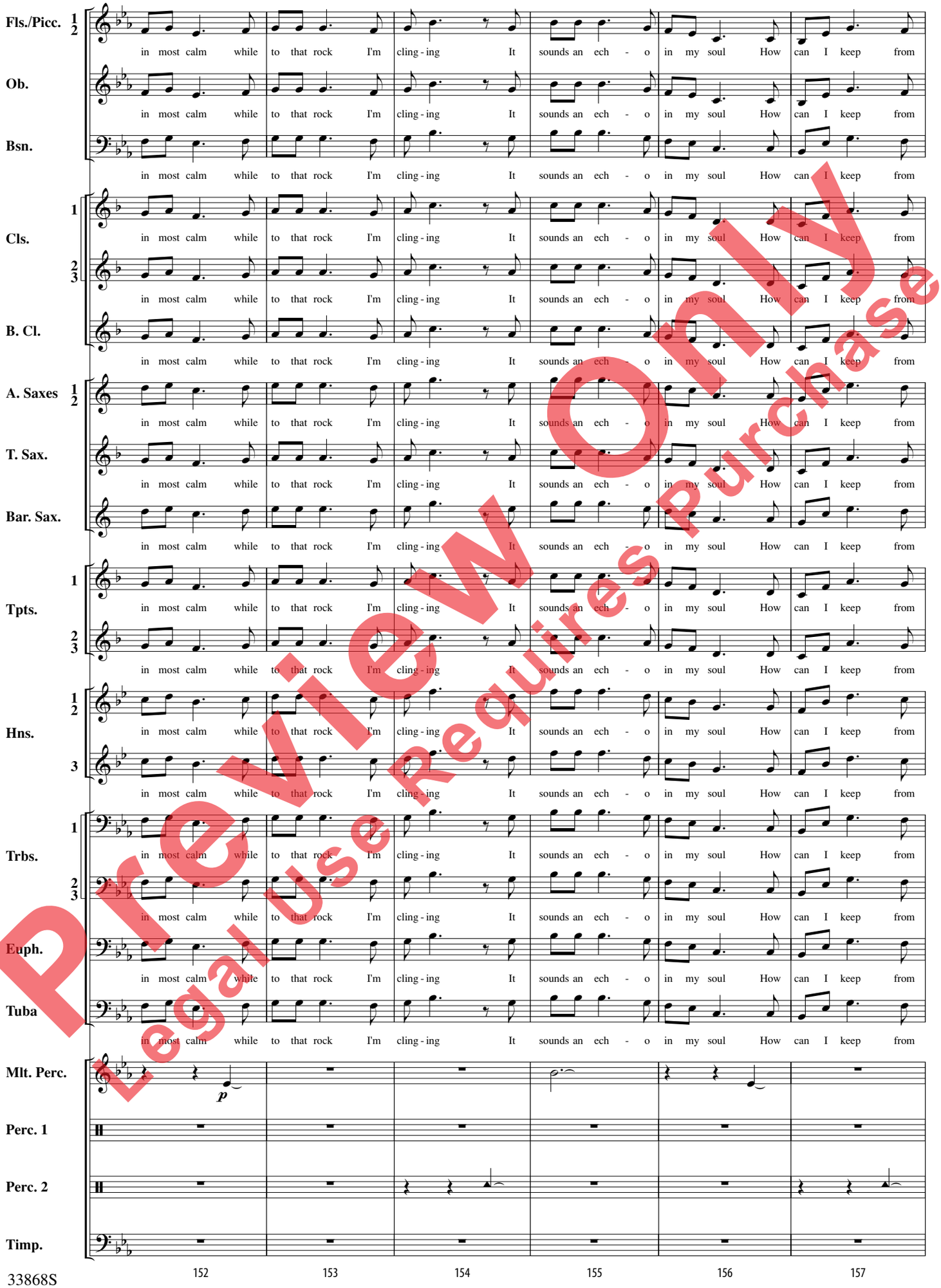

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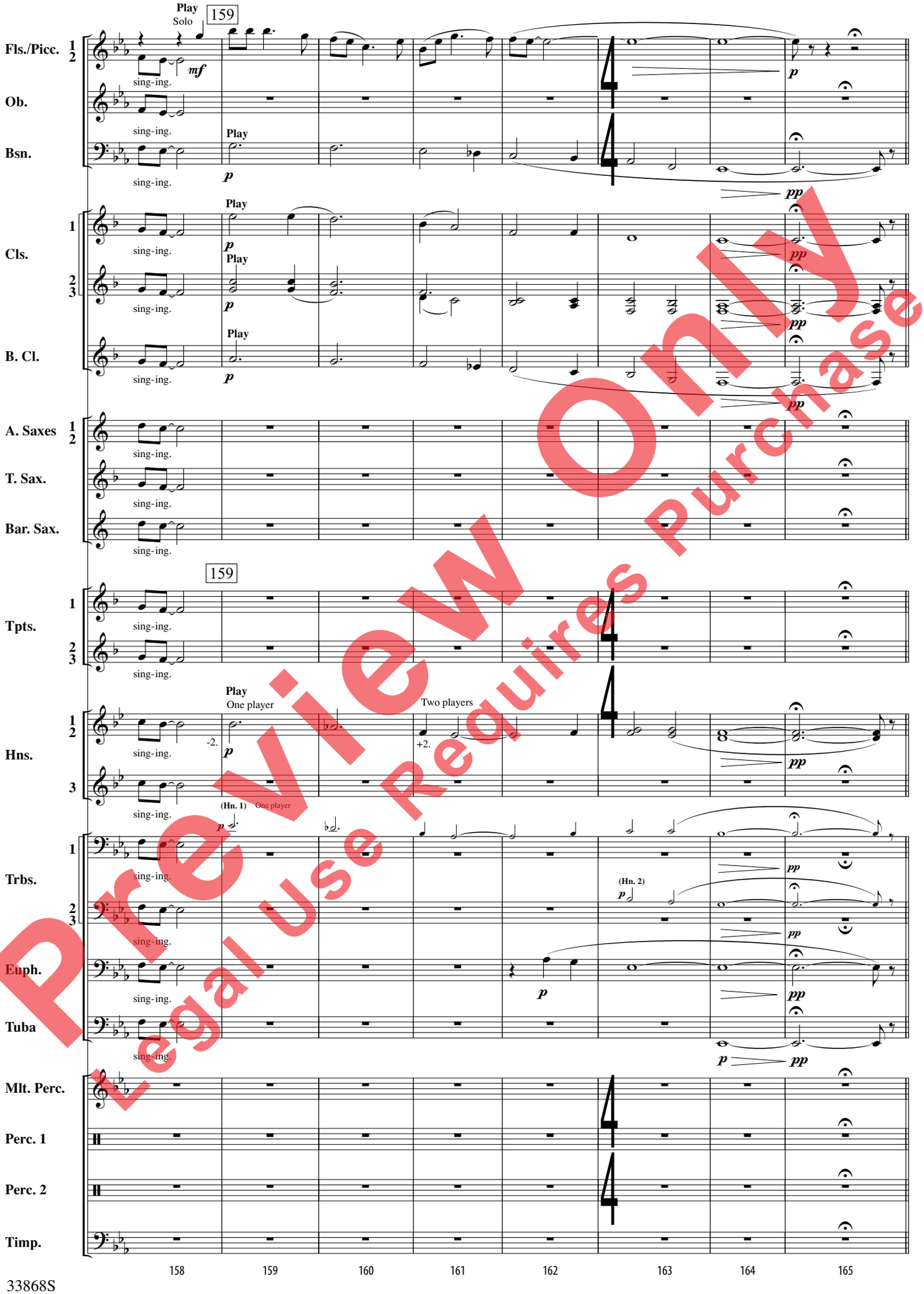

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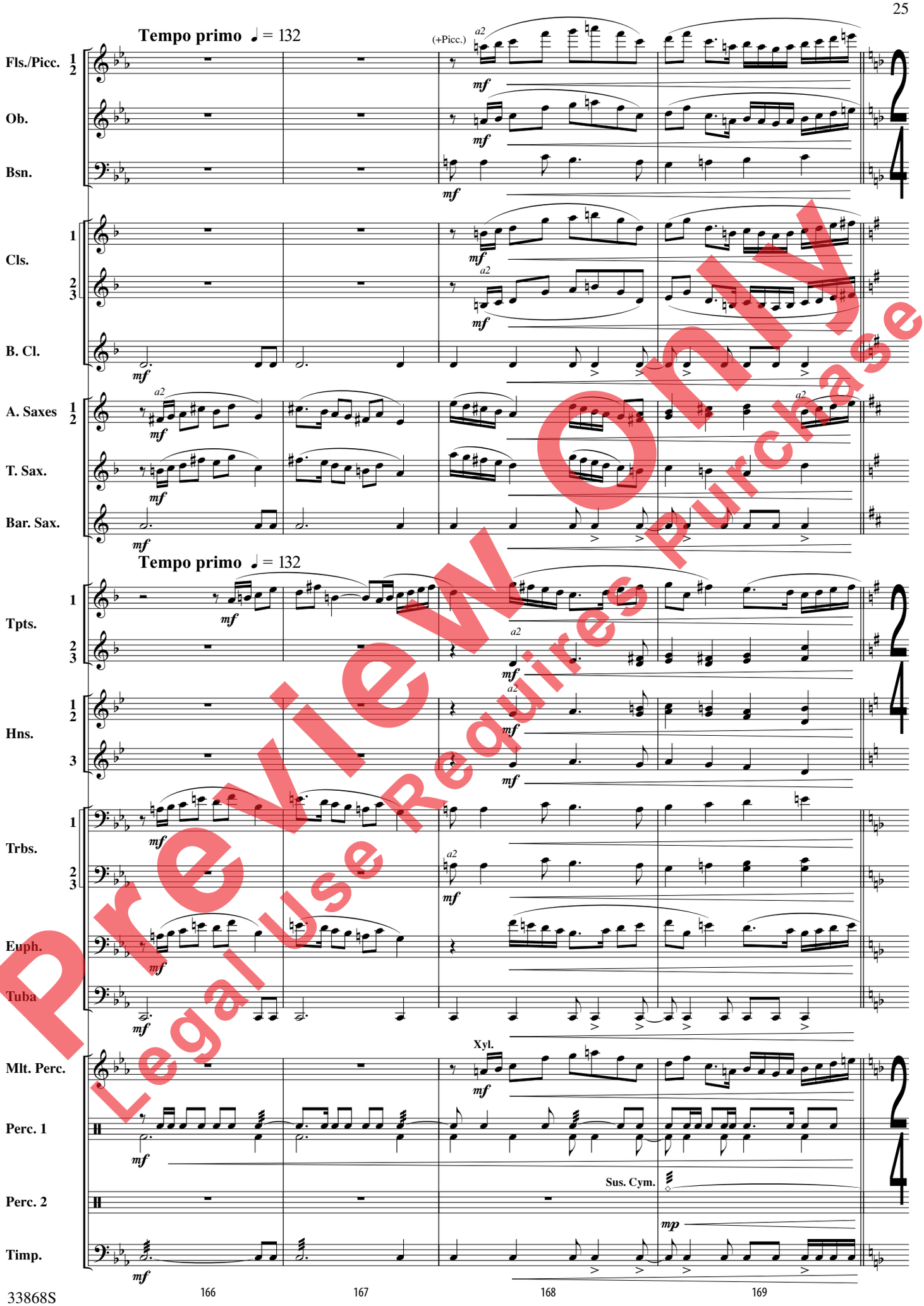

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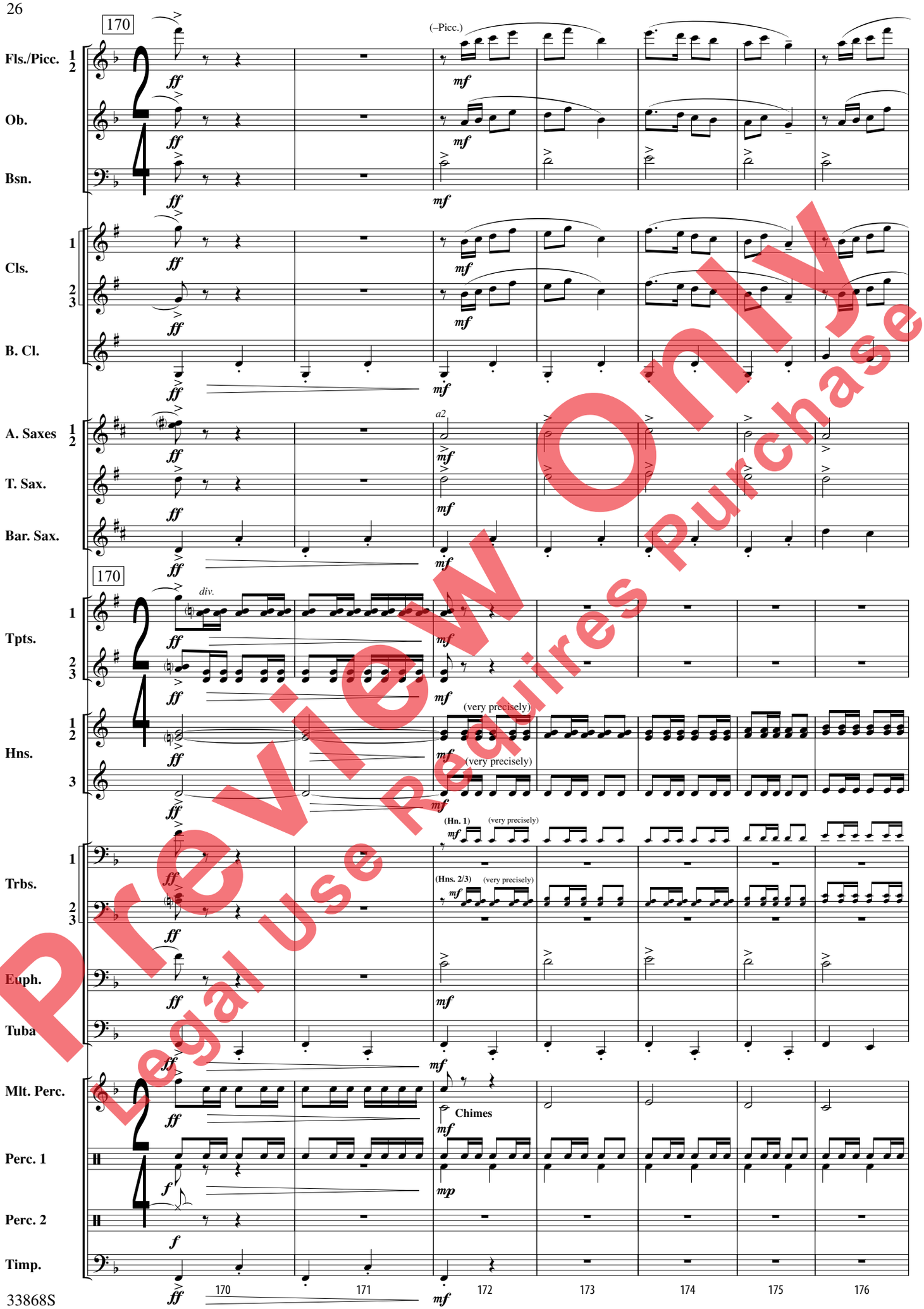

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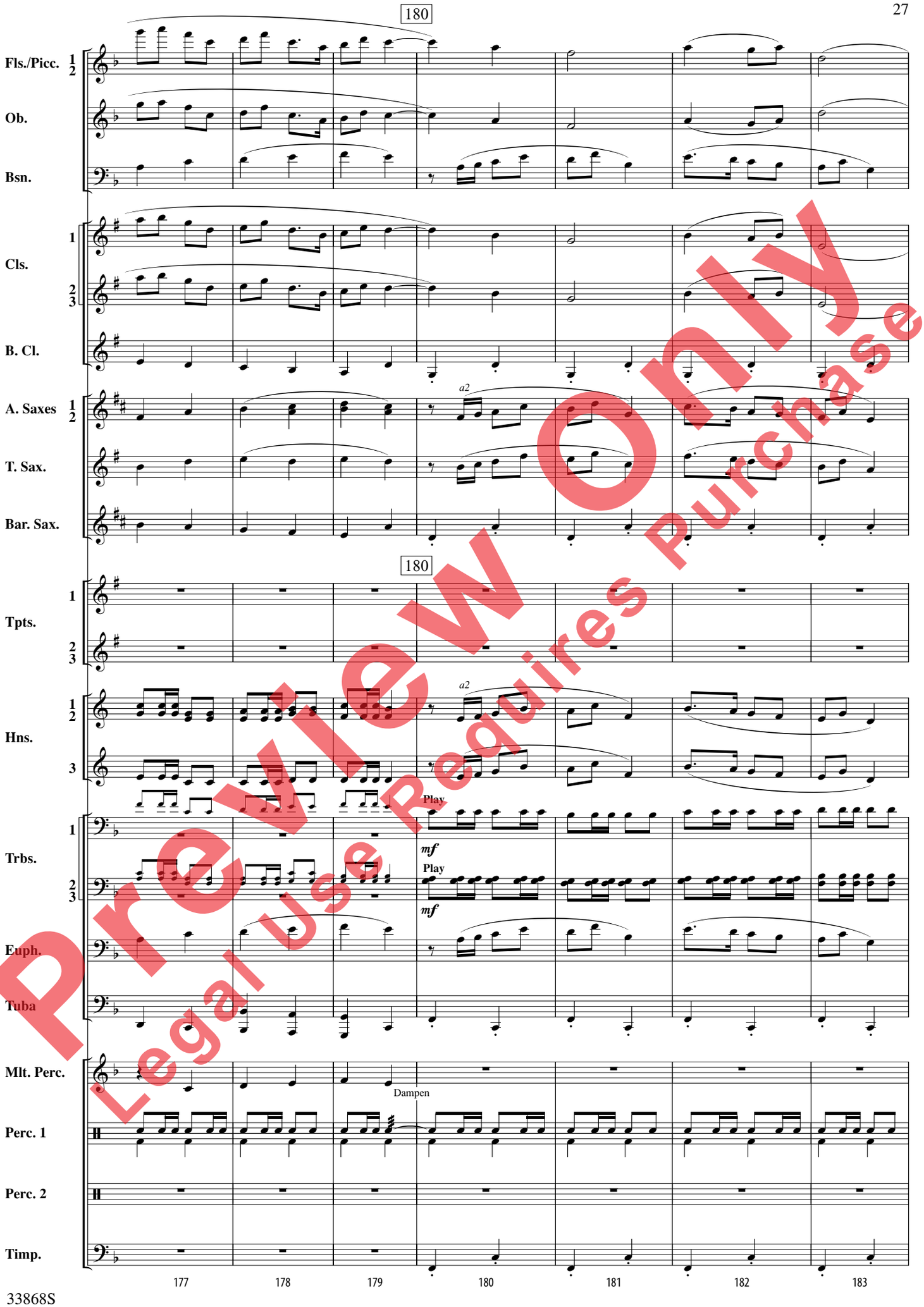

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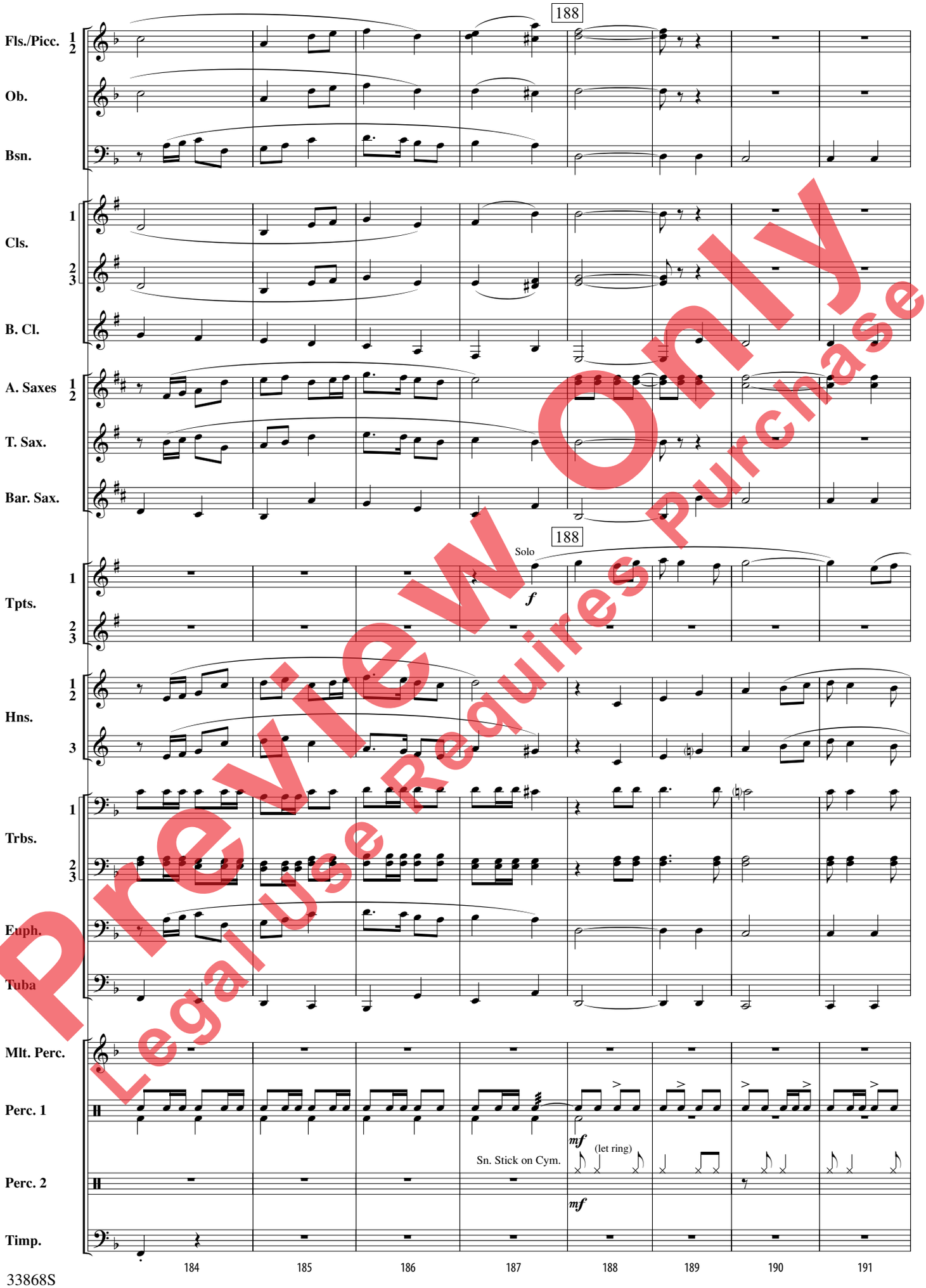

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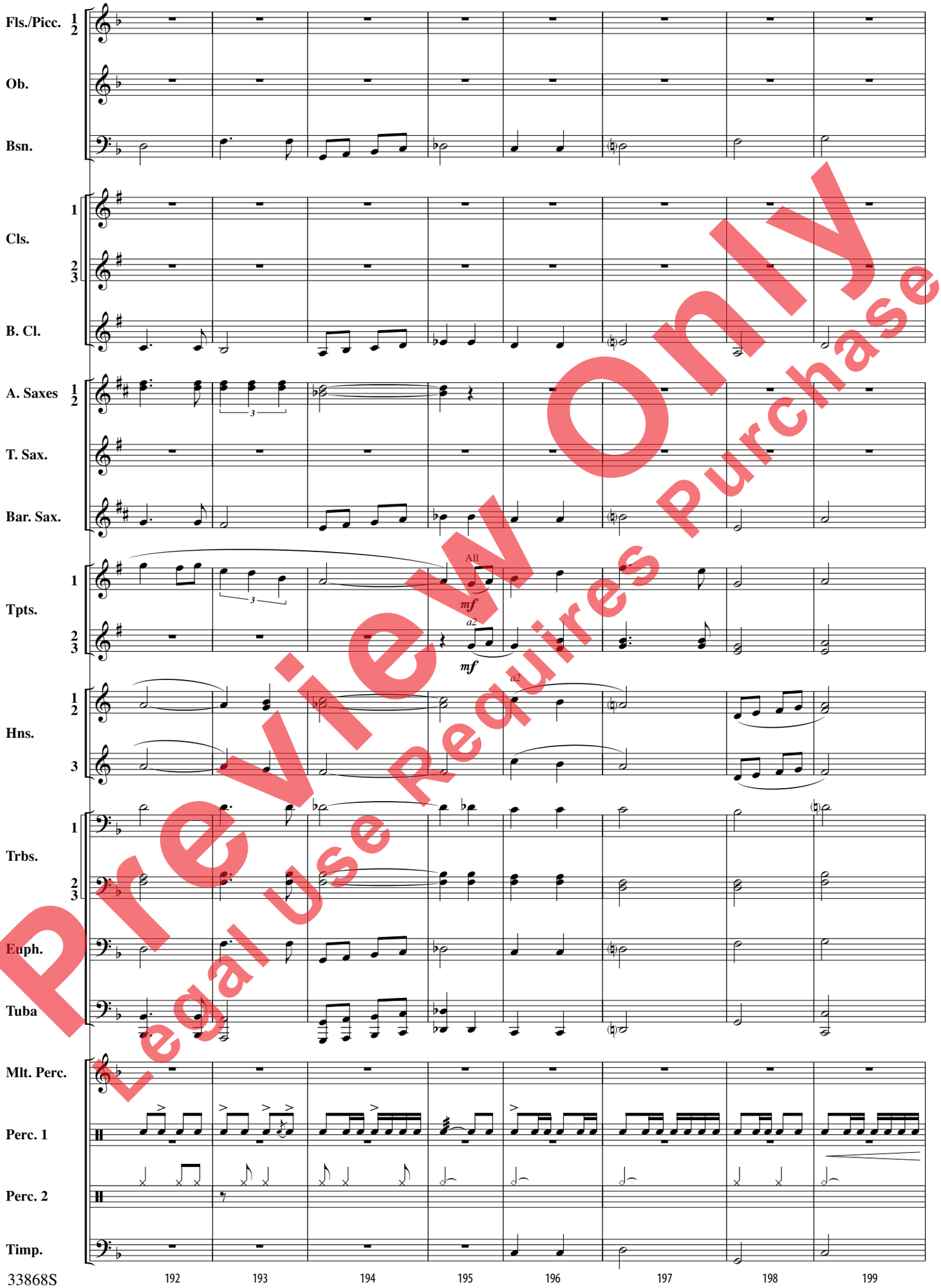

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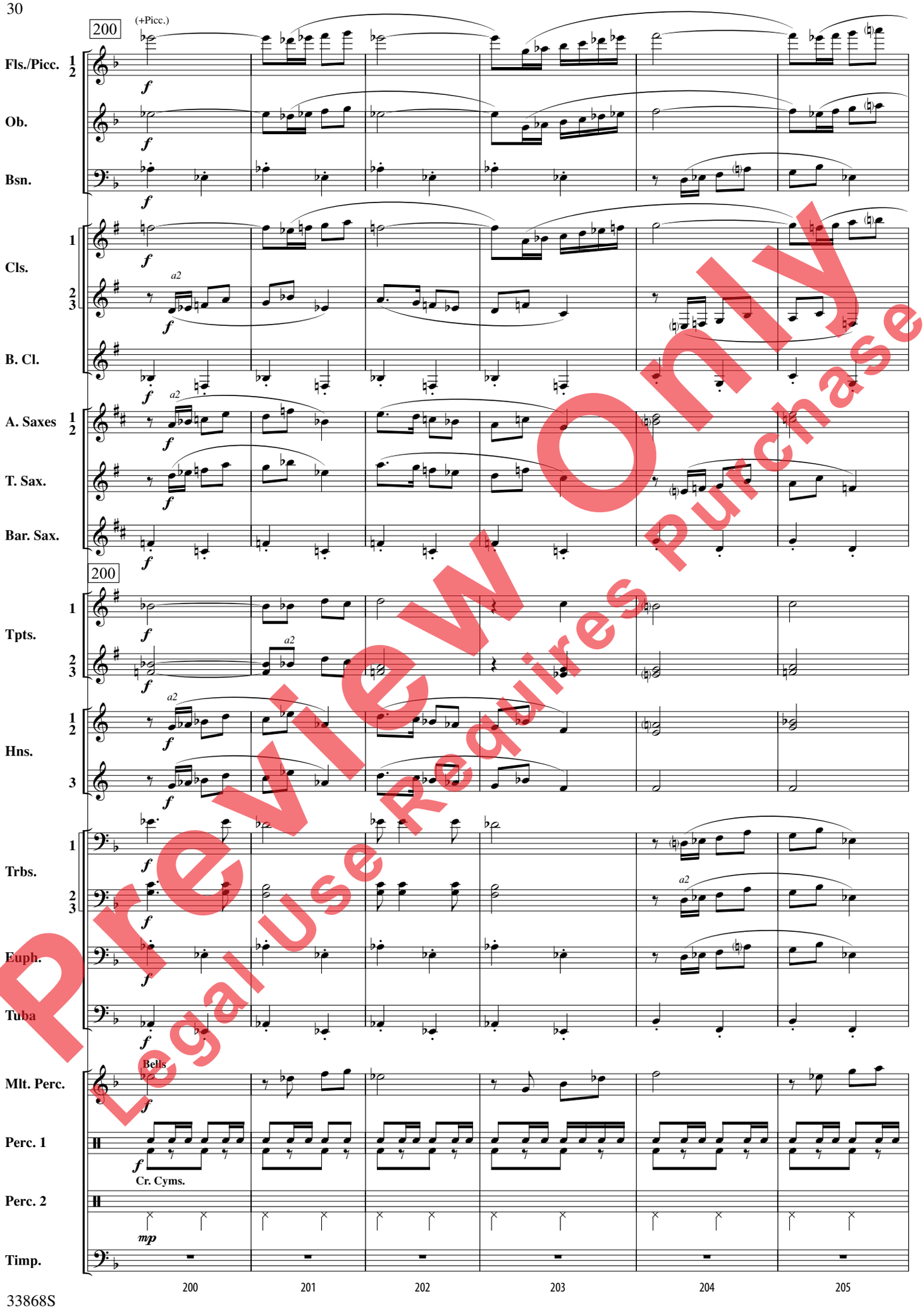

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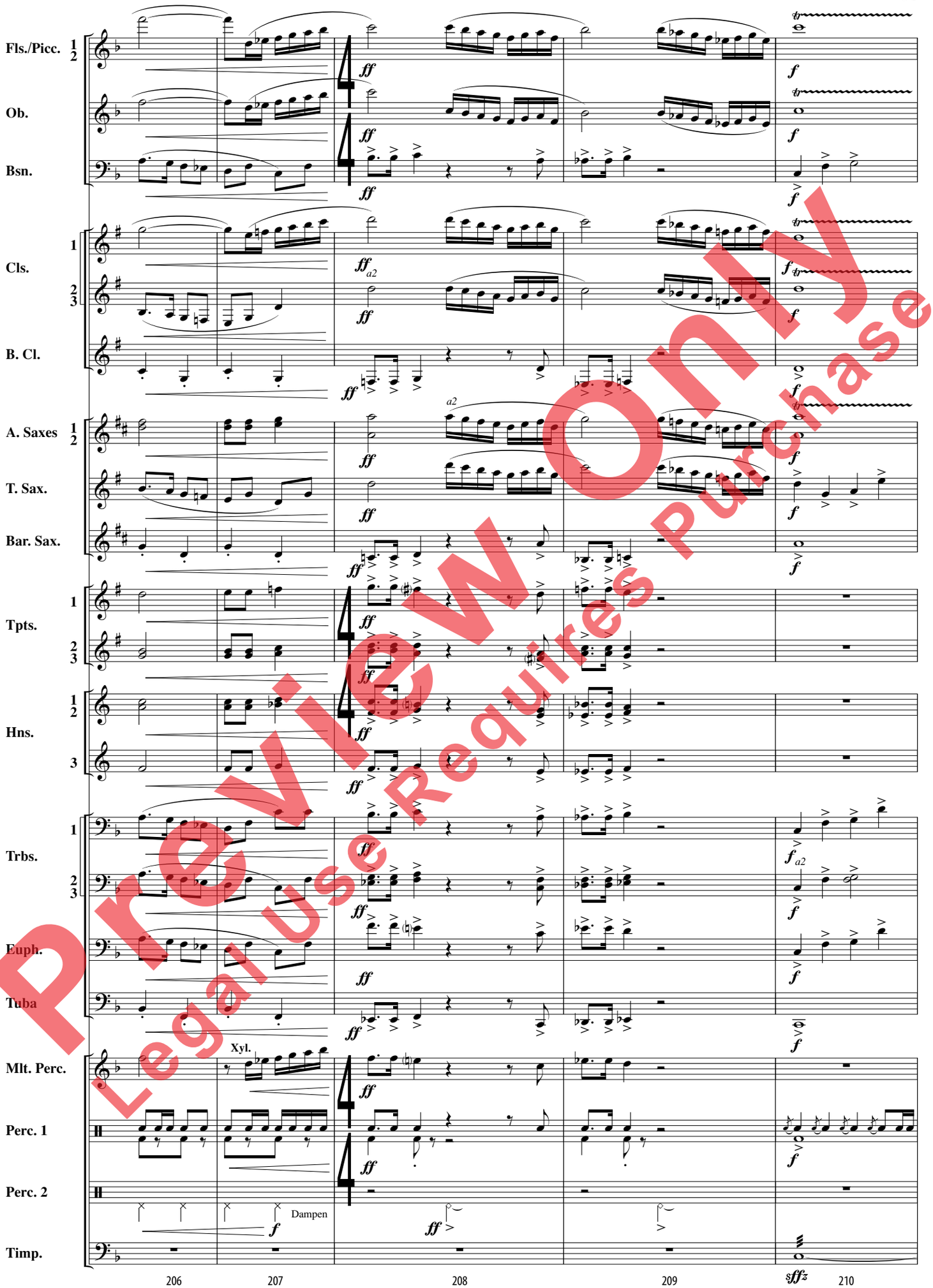

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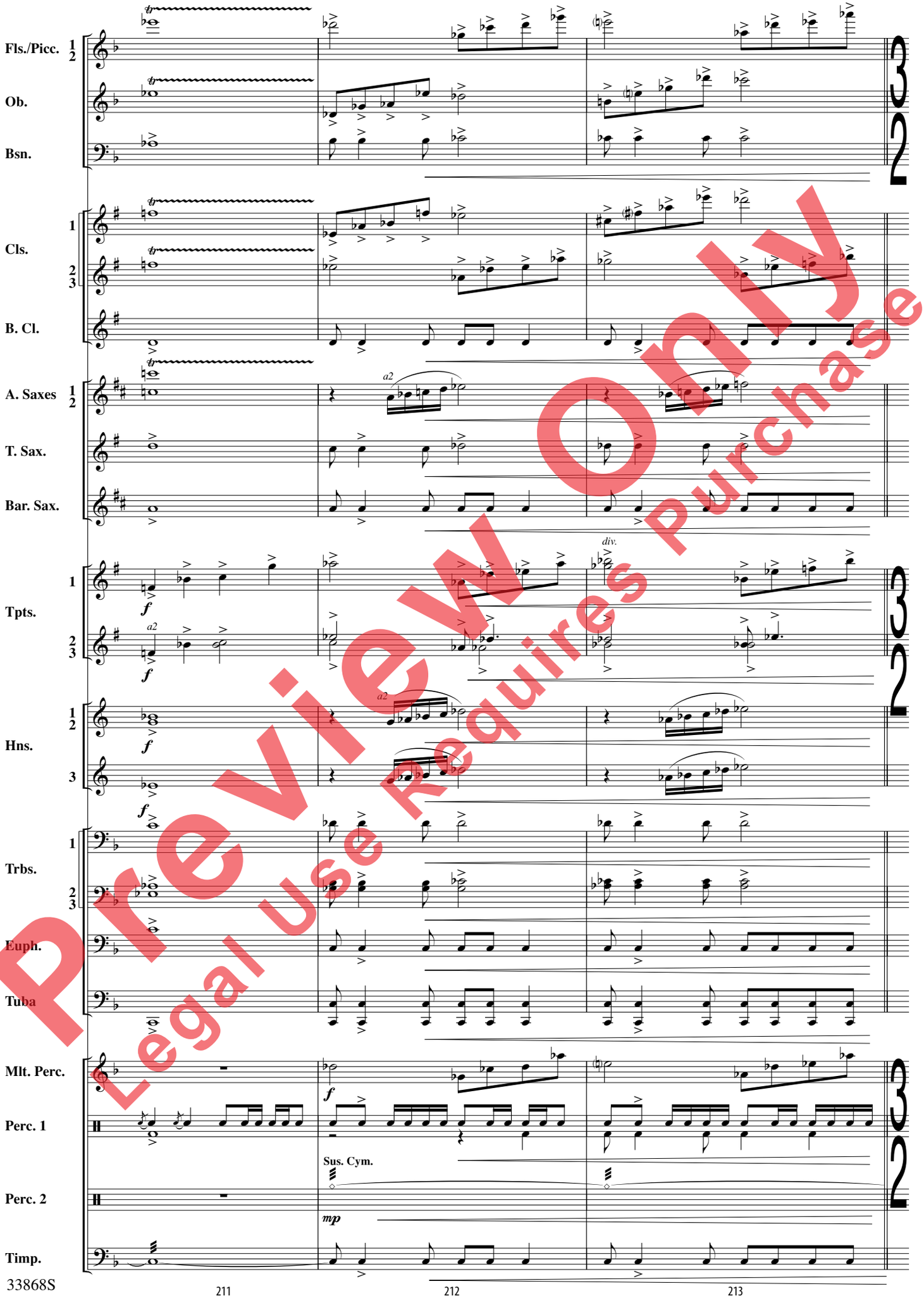

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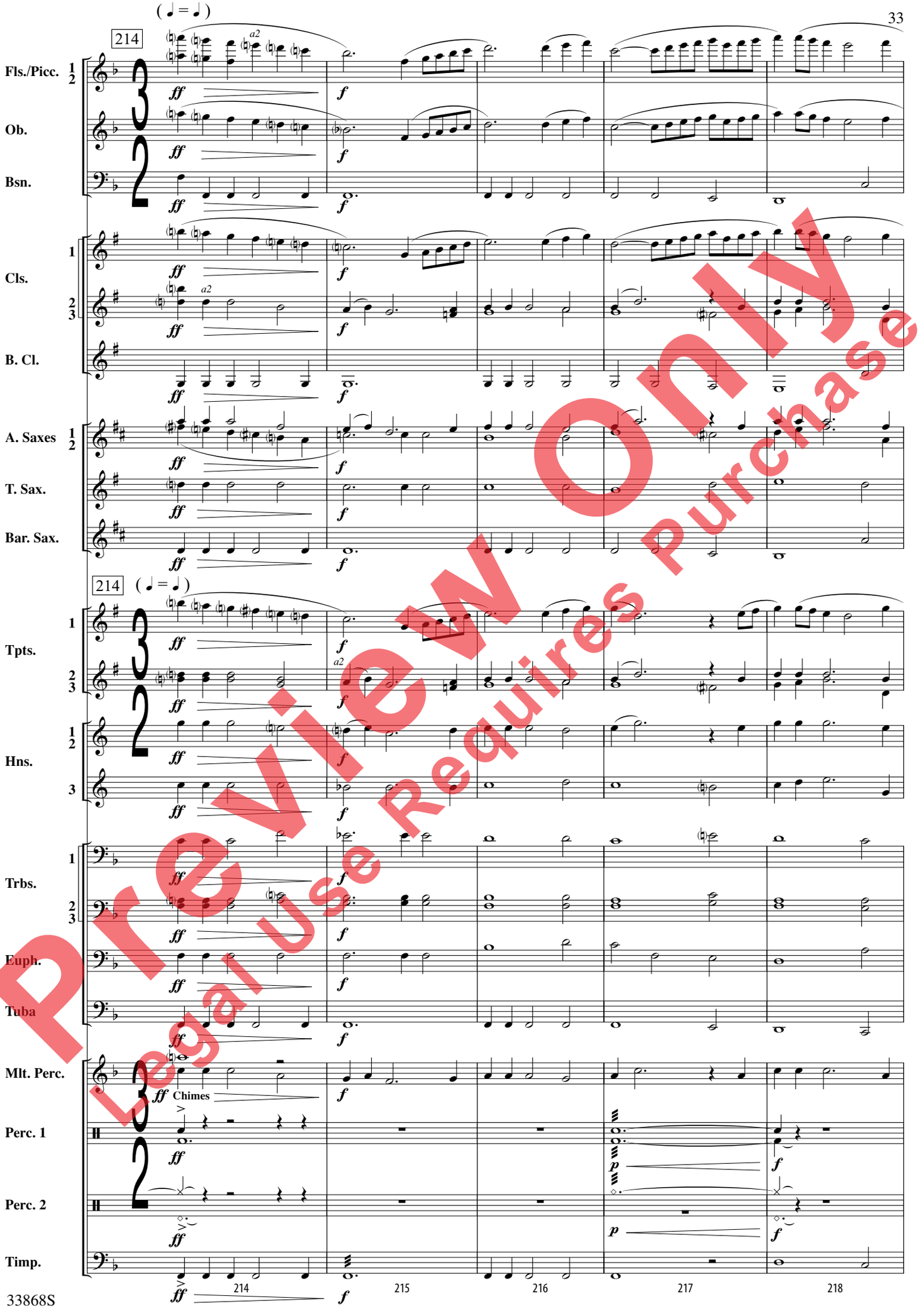

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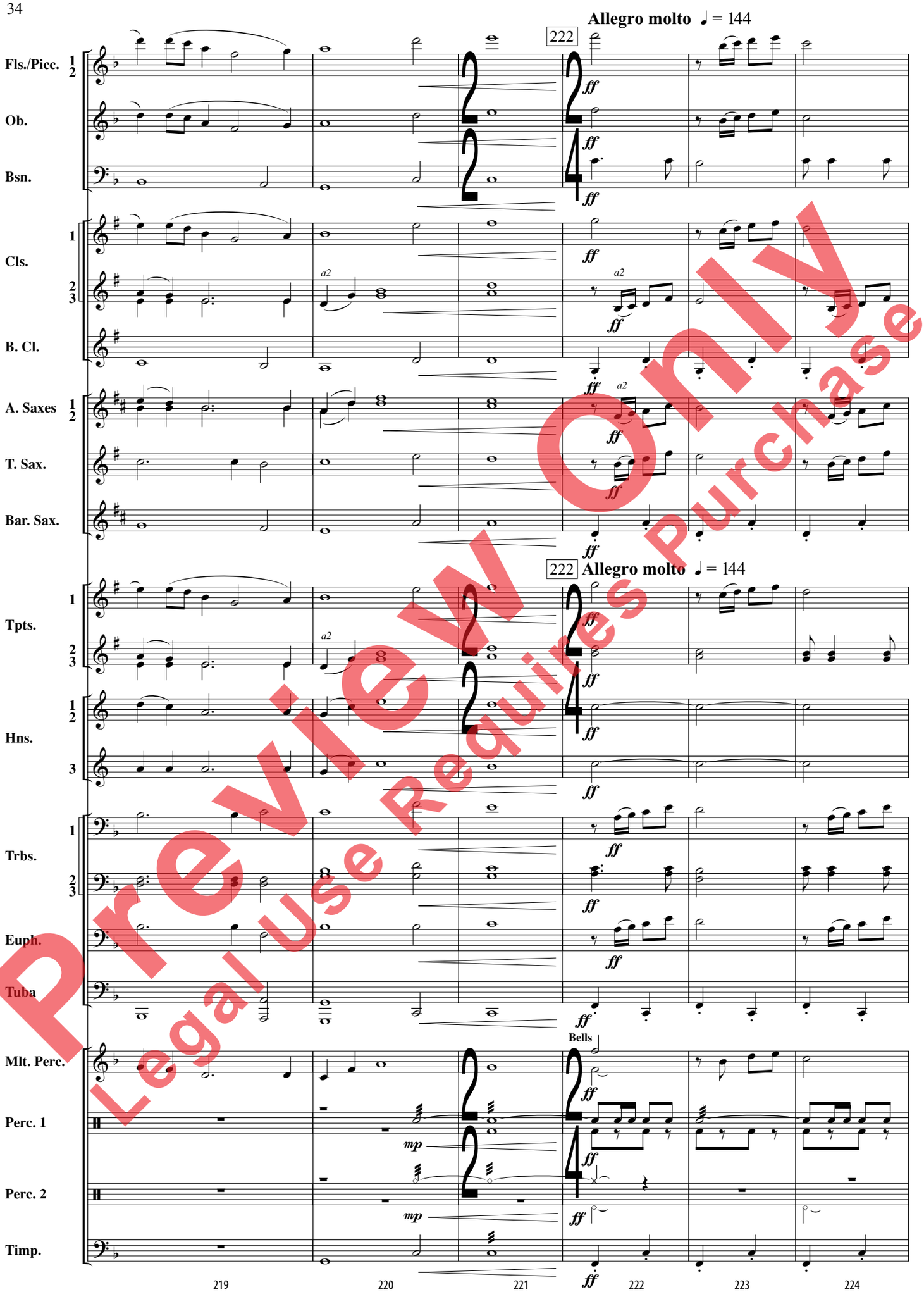

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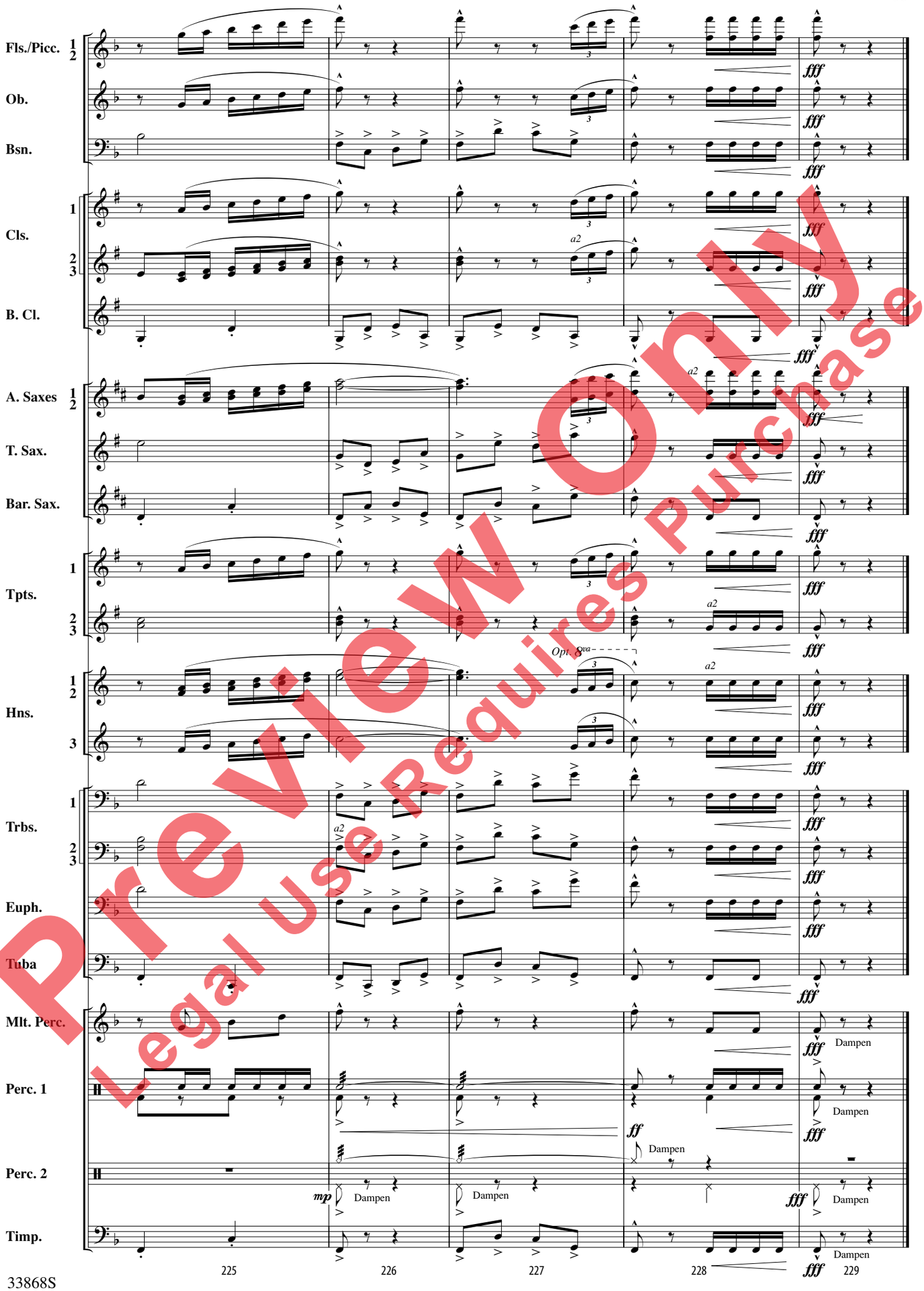

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