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Canyon Echoes

Richard Byrd

The musical material for *Canyon Echoes* was inspired after a trip to the Grand Canyon. The open voicings of quartal harmonies reflect the canyon's vast expanse. The figurative and literal echoes of the canyon are captured in this piece through imitative canonical writing including sections of rhythmic and tonal phasing. *Canyon Echoes* embodies the breath-taking views and adventures of exploring the Grand Canyon through the juxtaposition of majestic yet serene melodic motives with tension building rhythmic canonical writing. This work is fun to perform and enjoyable to hear, and is ideal for competitions, conference preludes and engaging concert programs.

This title is available as a like-instrument ensemble for all winds. This allows for pairing of various instruments to create new duet combinations.

Available for the following instruments:

Flutes
Clarinets
Alto Saxophones
Trumpets
F Horns
F Horns - stand alone version*
Trombones
Tubas

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* This *stand alone* version cannot be used in combination with the others in the series. It has been transposed to best suit the range of horn players at this level.

Dr. Richard Byrd is Associate Professor of Theory and Composition at Eastern Kentucky University and trumpeter with the EKU Faculty Brass Quintet. After receiving his Bachelor's degree in trumpet performance at DePauw University, Byrd earned his Master and Ph.D. degrees in music theory from the University of Kentucky. Various organizations have commissioned Byrd to compose or arrange music specifically for their group or special event including the Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts, the Great American Brass Band Festival, Commonwealth Clarinet Quartet, Eastern Kentucky University Faculty Brass Quintet and several school band programs.

As a trumpet performer, Byrd's classical experiences include performing with the Indianapolis Symphony, West Virginia, and Lexington Philharmonic Orchestras. During his tenure with the Lexington Brass Band he was a featured soloist during the band's England tour in 2000. Byrd has performed with several prominent jazz artists including Doc Severinsen, Allen Vizzutti, Maynard Ferguson, Jens Lindemann, Byron Stripling, Louie Bellson, Bob Mintzer, Victor Wooten, Take 6, and the Manhattan Transfer, and in shows with Aretha Franklin, Robert Goulet, Rosemary Clooney, Lou Rawls, Carol Channing, and the Ringling Brothers Circus. His lead trumpet abilities with the DiMartino/Osland Jazz Orchestra are showcased on their CDs entitled *Quotient* and *Off the Charts,* and with The Kentucky Jazz Repertory Orchestra on their CD entitled *Flying Home*. Byrd has also recorded his own solo CD entitled *Portrait of a Trumpet*, which is available at cdbaby.com.

Byrd has been an artist-in-residence with the Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts since 1989, and has served as Chair for the Instrumental Music discipline, and Dean of Faculty. Byrd has written several articles for publication in the International Trumpet Guild Journal, the Kentucky Music Teacher Journal, and Bluegrass Music News. He can be contacted at rich.byrd@eku.edu.

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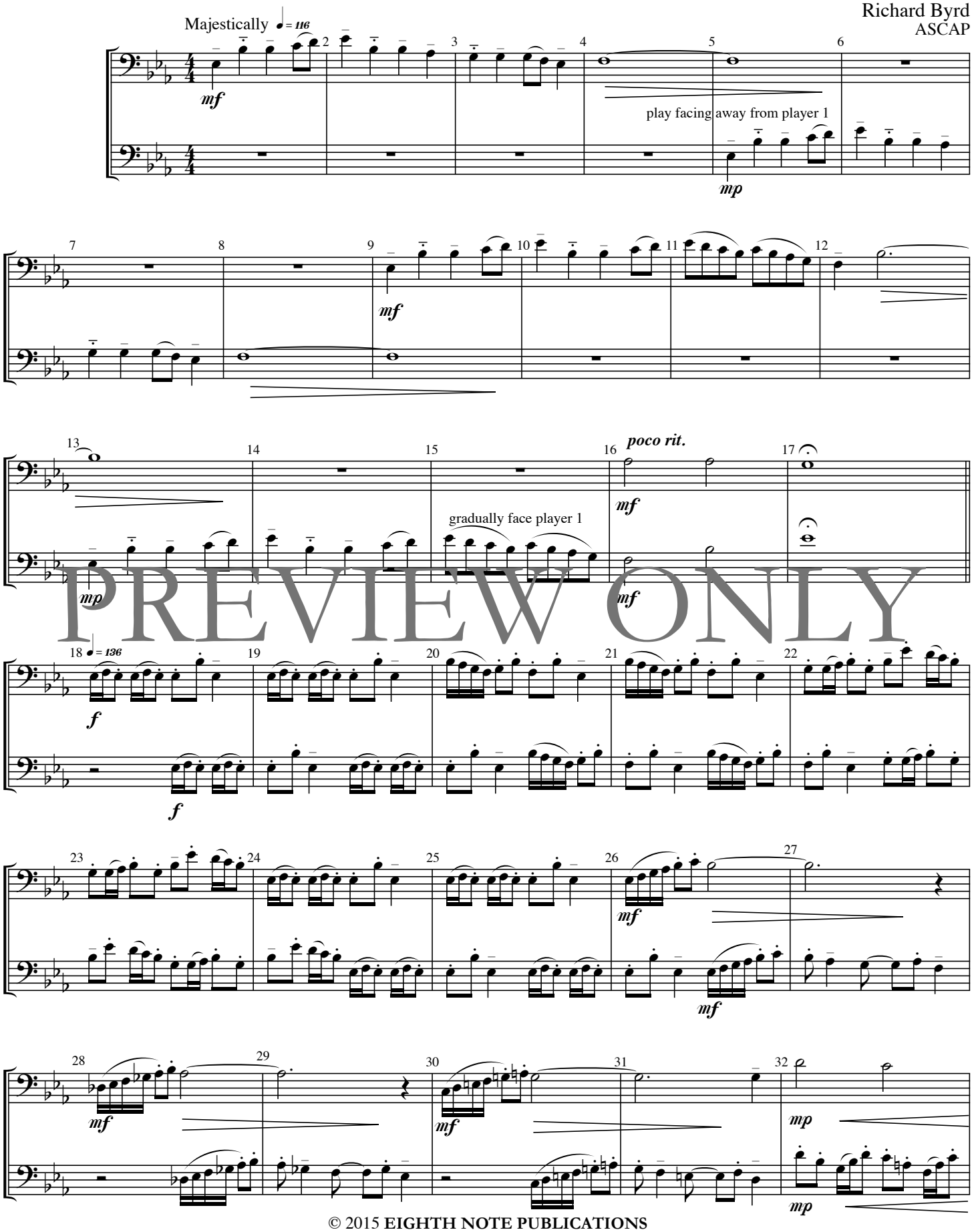

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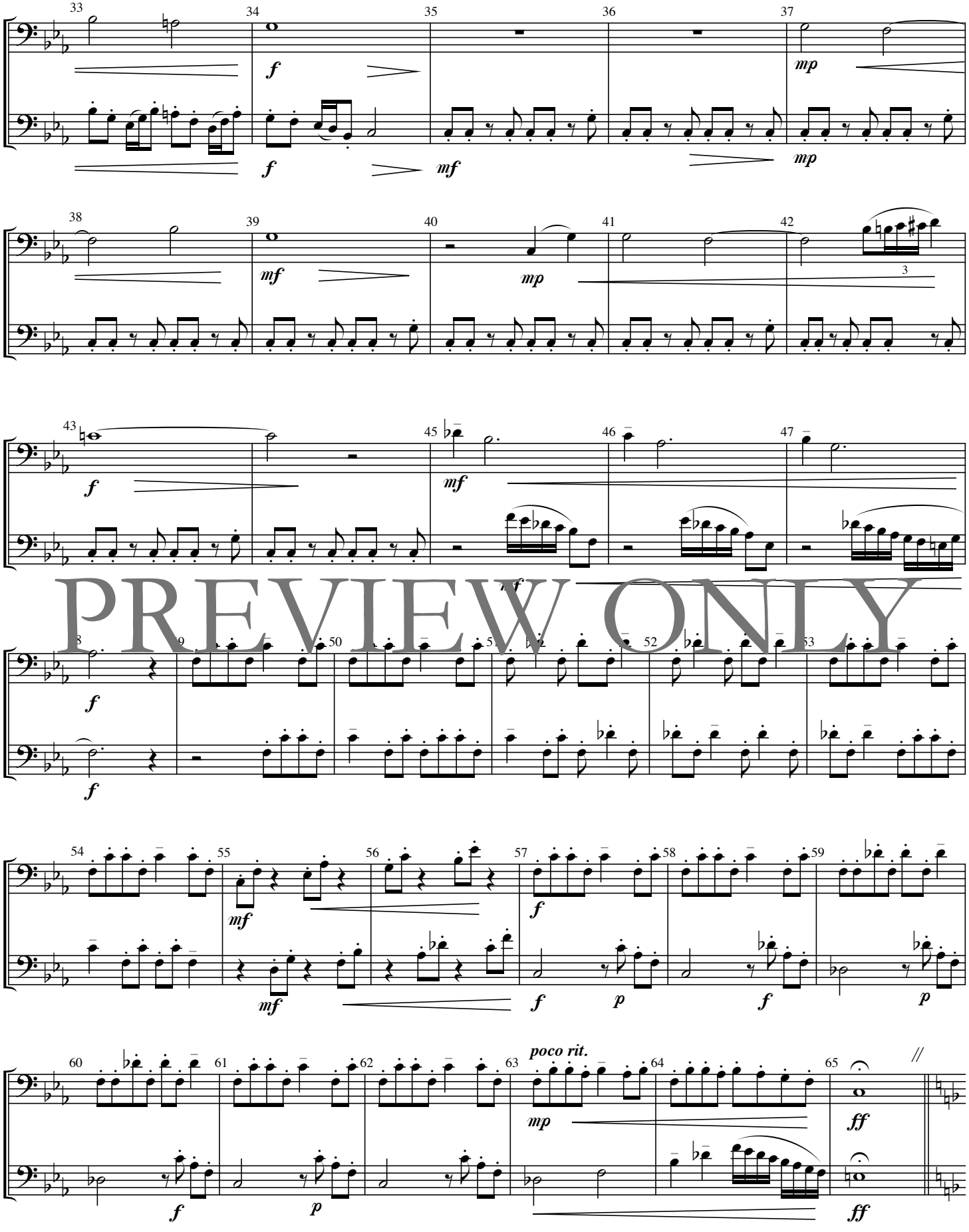
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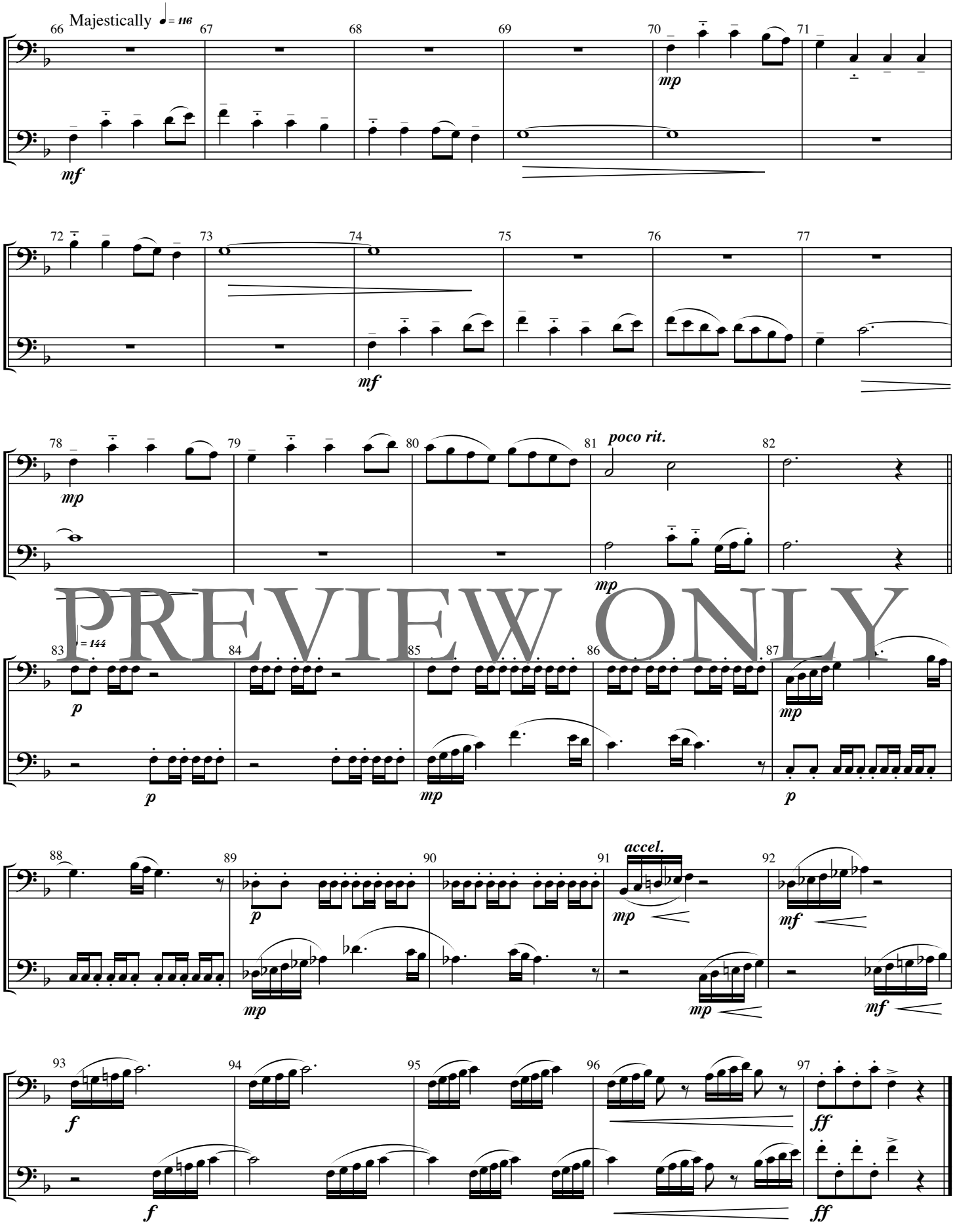

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