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Orchestral Overture No.2 "Eternity" Opus.3 Li Jia (1977)

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Abstract

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Keywords: Li Jia, Prelude

Introduction

A native Shanghainese,Prof.Dr.Li Jia (Born,1977/4/7) is a Chinese pianist,composer and musicologist. He received his post-graduate diploma(Shanghai Normal University),M.A. in Pop Music Studies(Shanghai Conservatory of Music),M.M. in piano (Sta Isabel College) , PhD(Saint Louis University) and post-doctorate(Central Escolar University).He studied piano with such international artists as Prof.Augusto Espino and Prof.Nina Jostel. As a critically acclaimed concert pianist and composer,he has won over 50 international piano and composition competitions,including St. Peter-burg International Piano Competition,New York International Music Competition , Prokofiev international Music Competition,London Young Artist Music Competition, American Young Artist Music Competition, London International Piano Competition,etc. Li Jia published his two volumes of piano solo works by Shanghai Music Publishing House and two piano solo CDs by Guangdong Music Publishing House.He specializes in the works of Baroque and Romantic periods,especially by Bach,Scarlatti and Franz Liszt.His performance venue includes Carnegie Hall,Royal Albert Hall,Bonn Beethovenhaus,Bosendorfer Hall at Mozarthaus, Vienna Ehrbar Hall,Etc.As a composer,Li Jia wrote both for piano and orchestra.As a scholar,Li Jia published more than 70 papers in journals and conference.Li Jia currently teaches Masters Students at Shanxi Normal University and PhD Students at Krirk University Thailand.Besides,he is also a professor in piano for several colleges ,including Nanyang Institute of Science and Technology,etc. Li Jia gives around 30 solo recitals annually in China and beyond and works as editor for several international journals, such as Educational Science: Theory&Practice (Scopus-indexed), Journal of Art&Design,Education Journal , Journal of Higher Education Research and Educational Research and Review.

Instrumentation

Wind group: Flute, Oboe, clarinet in G, bassoon, horn in G, trumpet in G, trombone, bassoon Tuba Percussion Group: Piano, triangle iron String group: Violin 1, violin 2, Viola, Double bass, Double bass

Notes from the Conductor of Debut

The beginning is pastoral, and the theme of the wind group appears . String music group strengthens the bedding of harmony with the intensive sound pattern, enriches fellowship and emotional hearing. Rich sound effects, then percussion entered. In the configuration of the wind group, we constantly

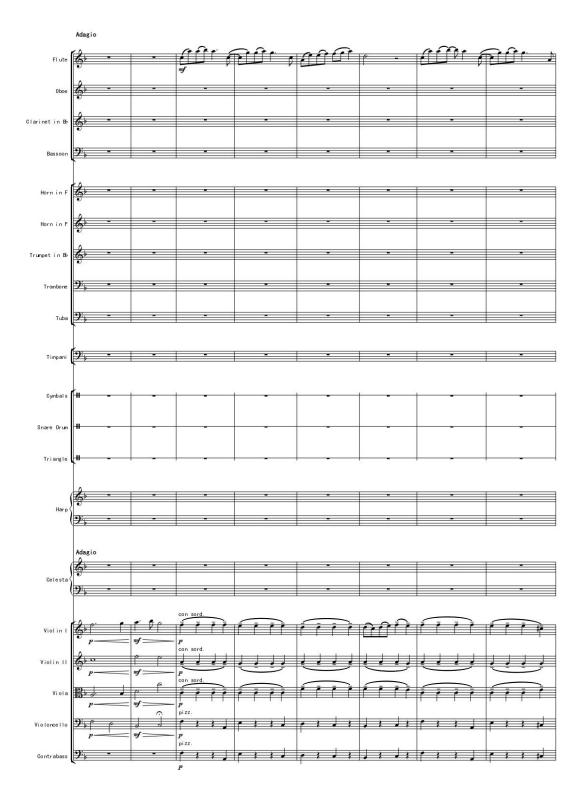
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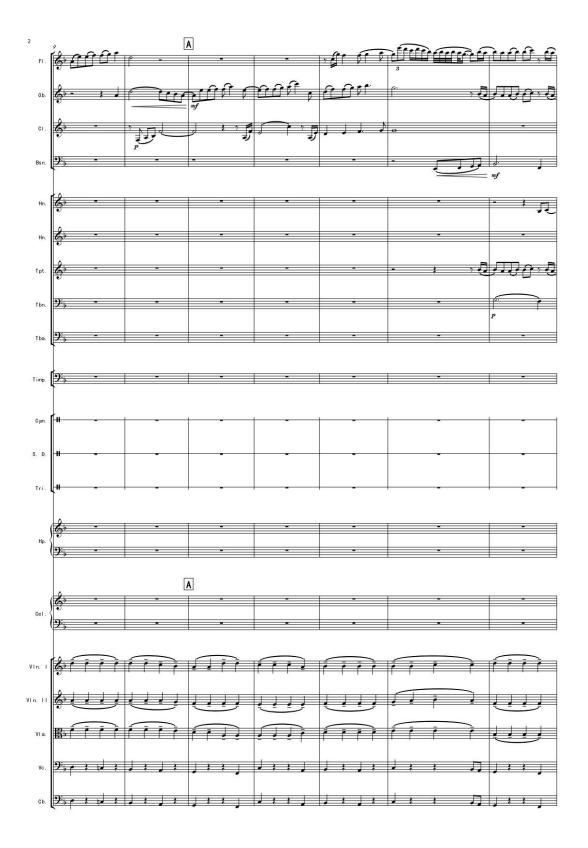
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strengthen the emotional tone of music thinking, enhance the sense of atmosphere, regularly cooperate with other instrument groups in the form of polyphony, and continuously strengthen the development of theme motivation and melody trend. Tonality is continually changing. Theme melody motivation presents and develops in different modes and speeds emotions. The typical characteristics of the theme mainly depend on the rhythm of the composition, with a distinct personality, intense expression, complete summary of sound and meaning, continuous deduction in different modes, deepening the memory of music content. In a constant way, contrast reflects the complex emotional changes. In the development of the whole work, from theme presentation to motive development, the author has different emotional changes in the melody, rhythm, harmony, and other aspects of the elaboration of the music in each part. In dealing with some long notes and decorative notes, harmony and polyphony are more efficiently used. The main musical images generally have characteristics, in melody, rhythm, in the sequence of harmony or chord expansion, through a specific part of musical instruments. After the introduction, this musical image will appear, which will be repeated in the same way or in a new way. After a significant evolution, it will often enter the stage of recap. At the end of the last part, it will "flash" many times.



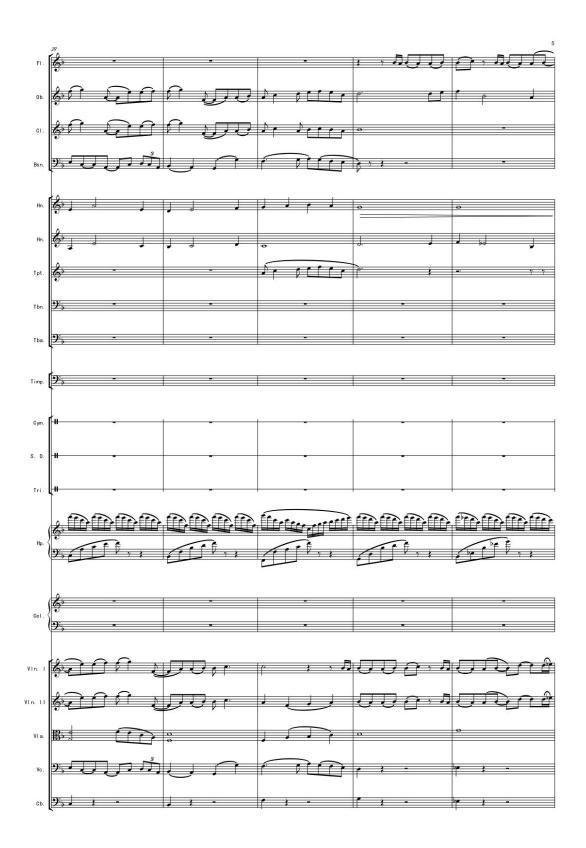


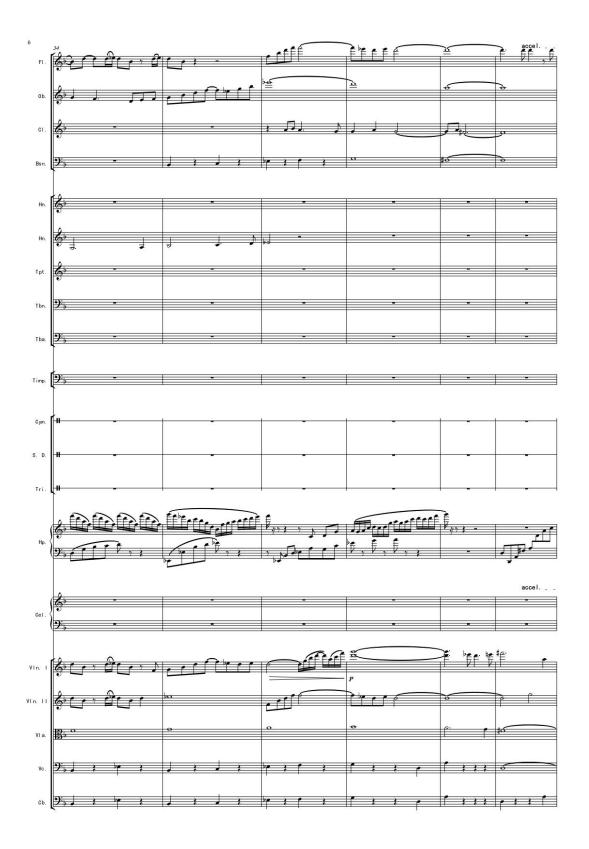


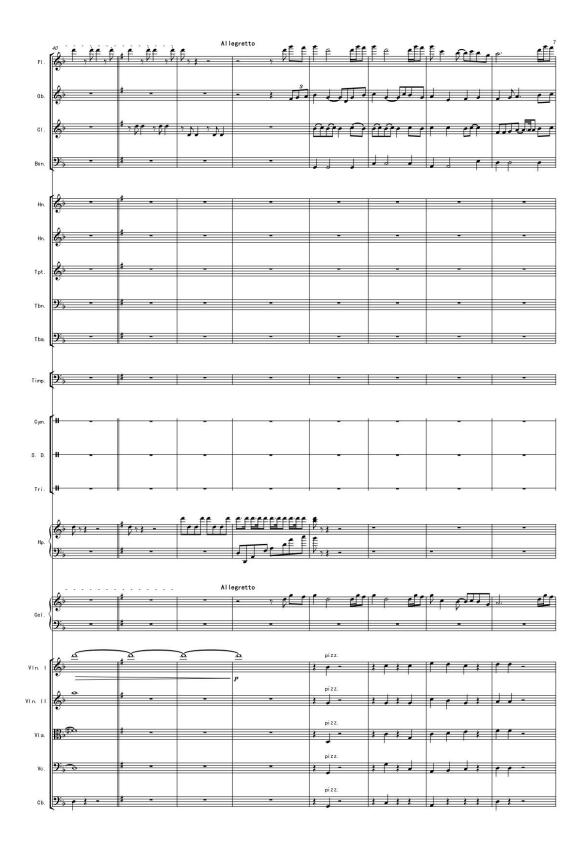


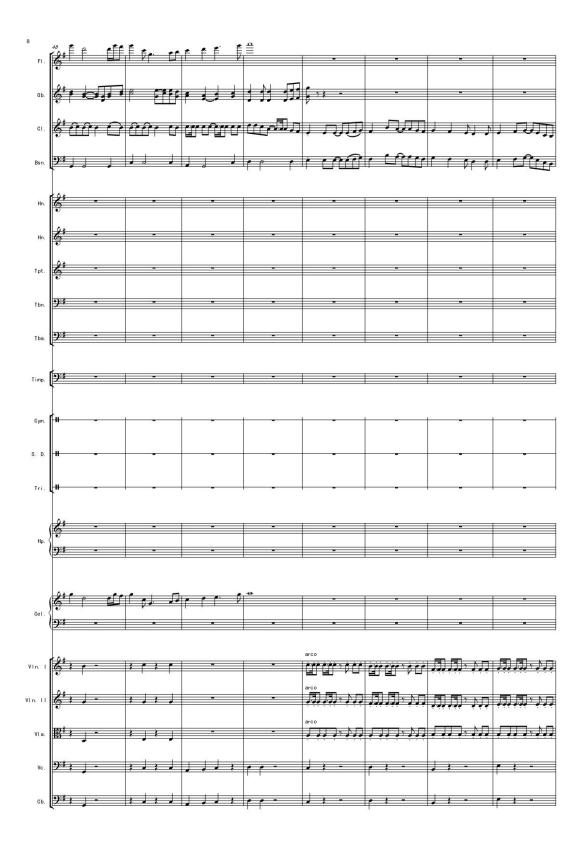
















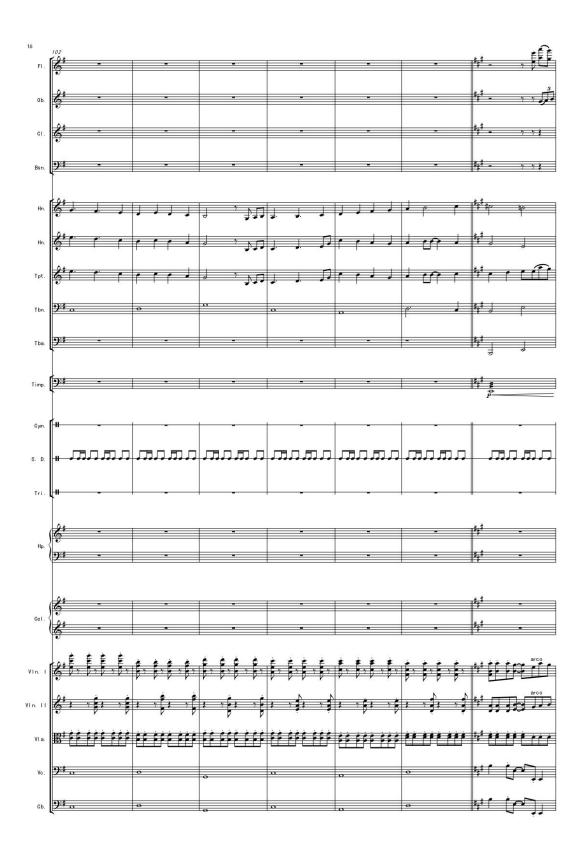




















Flute











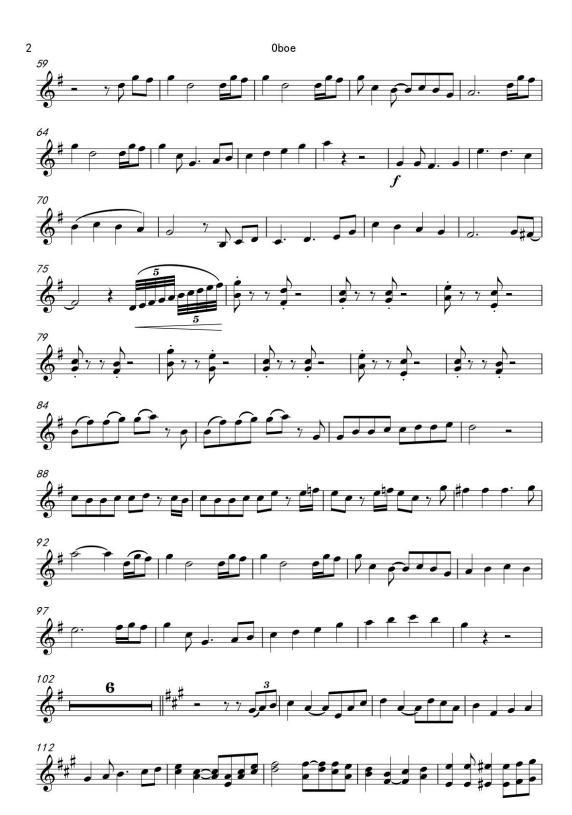






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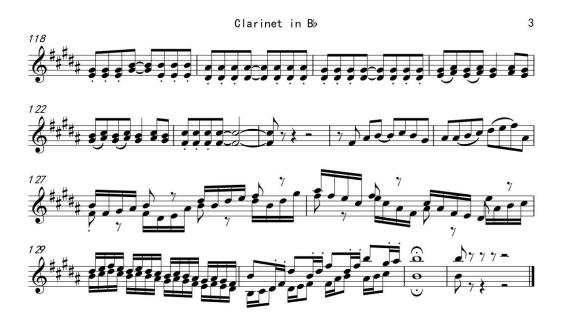




Clarinet in Bb







Bassoon





















Horn in F





















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Trumpet in B♭





















Trombone

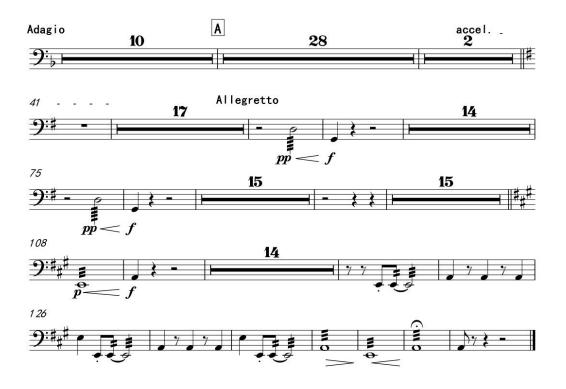




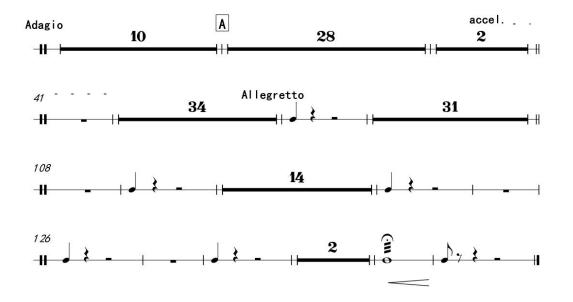
Tuba



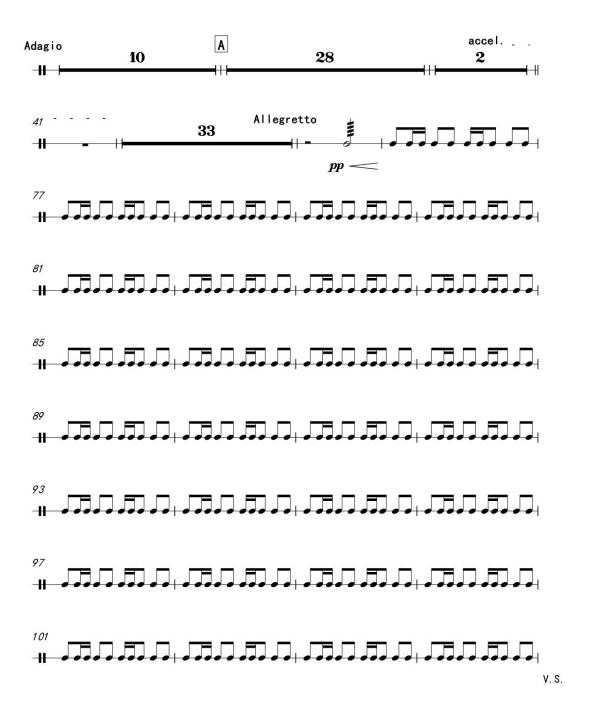
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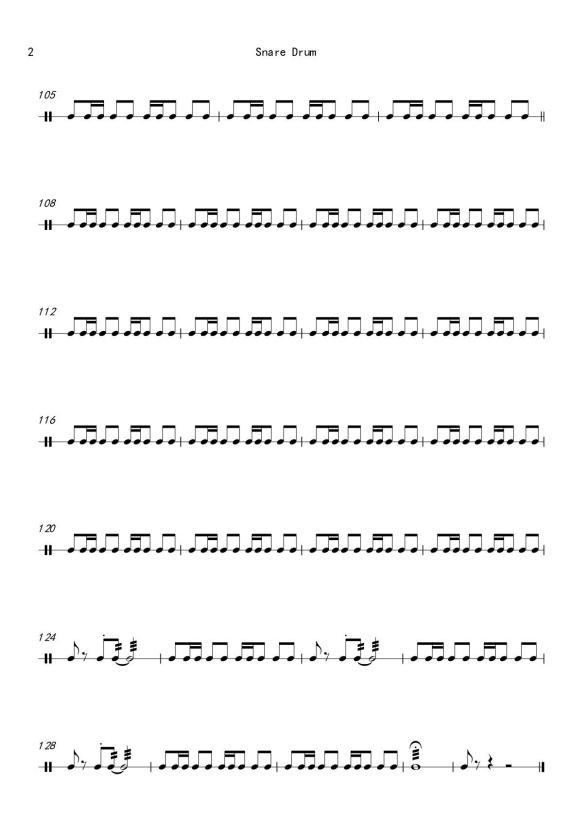


Cymbals

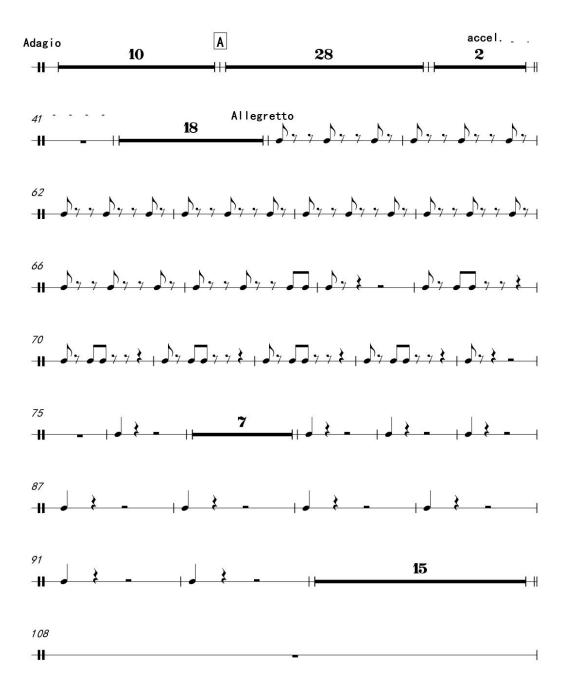


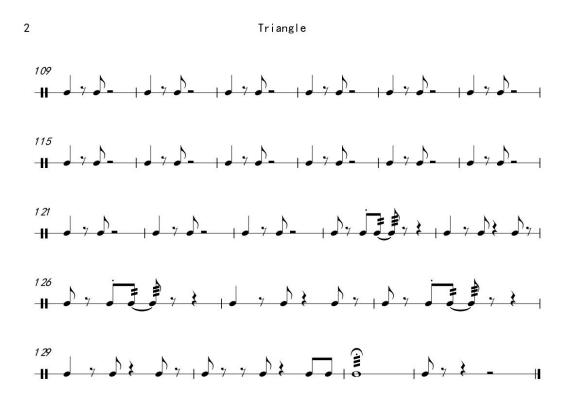
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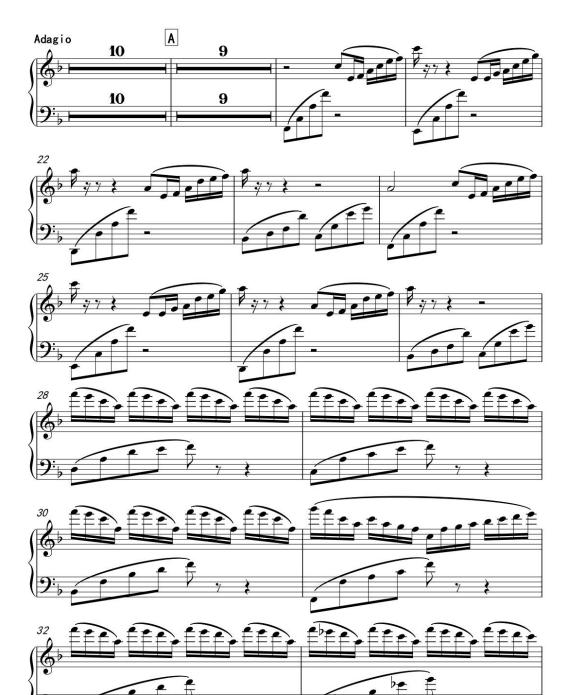


Triangle



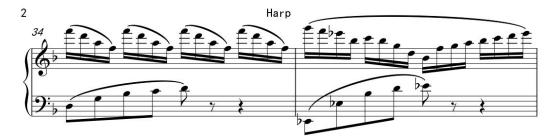


Harp



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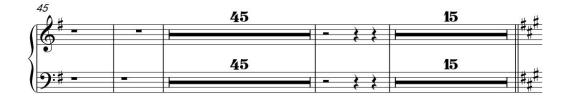
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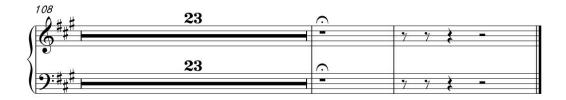








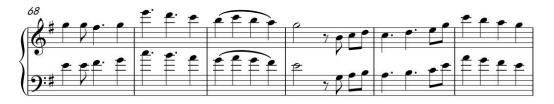










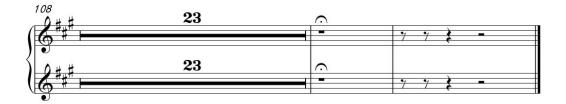












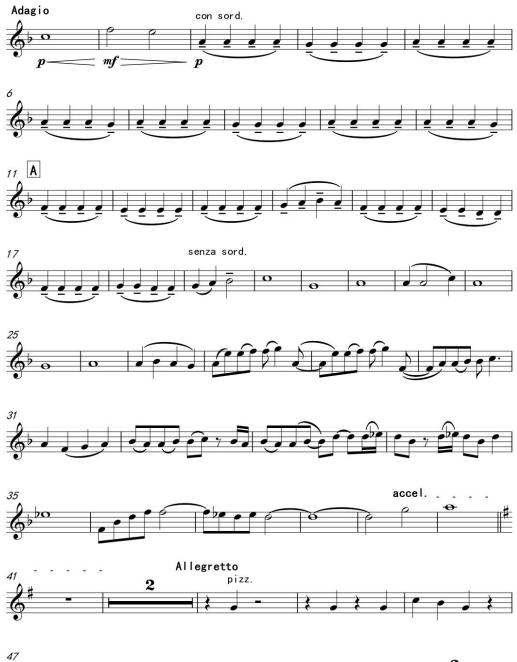
Violin I







Violin II









Viola









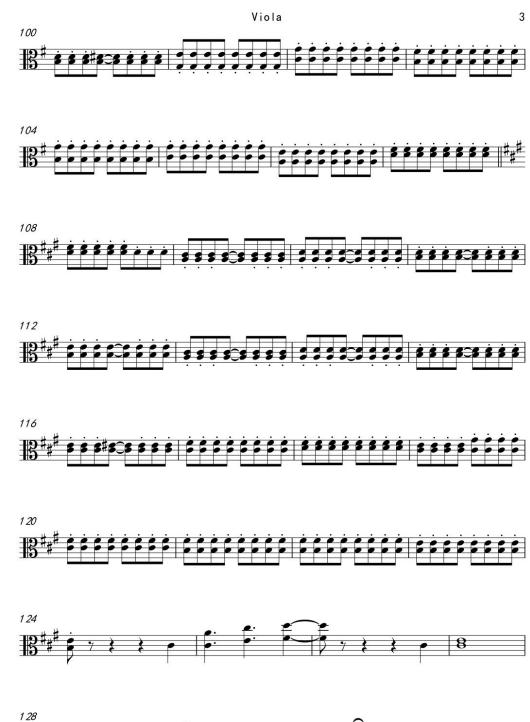














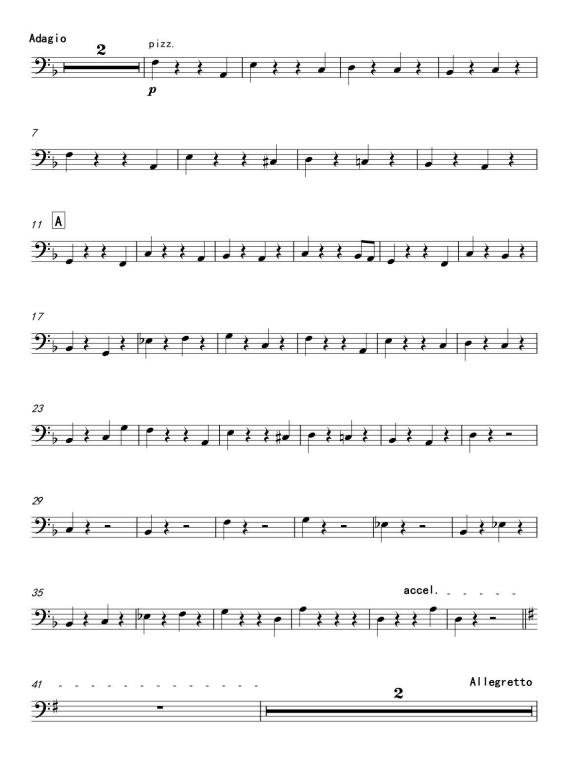
Violoncello



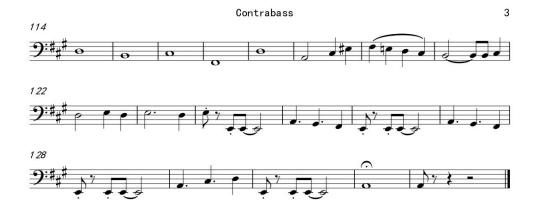




Contrabass







Conclusion

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