Sydney Symphony Fellowship 2026
Audition Requirements

Tenor Trombone

Overleaf is a copy of the TENOR TROMBONE audition excerpts and set repertoire information for the first and second round of the Fellowship 2026 auditions. Before starting, please read the information below.

First round applications for Fellowship 2026 are by **video audition only**. For your convenience, both first and second round requirements have been provided in this package. We strongly encourage you to start preparing these materials as soon as you can, in preparation for the event that you are selected to undertake a live second round audition. Please note the Sydney Symphony Orchestra will provide an accompanist for the second round auditions.

Recording Guidelines:

- Submit one video, recorded in one single unedited take.
  - Video 1: Excerpts
    - *Recorded in the order listed.*
    - *List start time and title of each individual excerpt. This can be submitted as extra material or as time stamps when using third party hosting sites.*
- Recordings to be made in the presence of a witness/recording engineer and recorded within the last 12 months.
  - Upload your audition videos to a web sharing platform and generate URL links. *YouTube, Vimeo, Dropbox, Google drive etc.*
  - *Note security settings: YouTube – select "Unlisted", this ensures that only those with the link can view your video. Vimeo – select "only people with a password" and remember to email us your password.*
- Complete the Video Recording Declaration form as provided on the following page

Please submit your video URL link and completed recording declaration on the following page to auditions@sydneysymphony.com by **11.59pm, Sunday 4 May 2025**.

Presenting your Audition Video

It is in your best interests to provide the panel with the highest possible quality, both in regards to your playing, as well as in regards to the technical side of your recording. YouTube or Vimeo are our preferred web-based video sharing platforms.

Some tips when preparing to record your audition video.

- Use a room with a **good acoustic**. It is preferable if the same room (acoustic) is used for both the set repertoire and the excerpts.
- We recommend recording with a **separate microphone** and with **high-definition video** in 720pHD at 30fps or 1080pHD at 30fps or 60fps.
- **Experiment** with microphone placement. **Listen back** with a good pair of headphones. You are the best judge – if you are happy with the sound quality, then chances are we will be.
- Consider how your video is presented **visually**. Ensure your camera is stable when recording – use a tripod. Ensure that you are not too far back in the screen shot. Clear the area that is in the screen shot of clutter, such as instrument cases and other miscellaneous items.

What happens next?

Your audition video links will be forwarded to the panel to shortlist for the second round auditions. The audition panel is made up of SSO musicians from the applicable section as well as selected musicians from across the orchestra who will sit across all live auditions.
Results will be communicated to applicants on Monday 26 May 2025. **The second round is a live audition**. If you are successful in advancing to the second round, you will be required to travel to Sydney for a live audition on Friday 11 July 2025.

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Video Recording Declaration

Tenor Trombone – Round 1

When submitting a video audition, you are required to complete the following declaration.

I, _____ (applicant), declare that the enclosed video recording is a true and accurate representation of my playing for the purposes of auditioning for the Sydney Symphony Orchestra Fellowship 2026.

It was recorded on: _____ (date).

The video in my submission has been recorded in one single unedited take.

Signed:_____ Date _____
(Applicant)

Signed:_____ Date _____
(Witness e.g. sound engineer)

Any questions? Please contact auditions@sydneysymphony.com

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Orchestral excerpts, Round 1

Composer	*Work*	*Page*
MOZART	**Requiem**	
	Excerpt 1	2
BERLIOZ	***La Damnation de Faust***	
	Excerpt 1	2
WAGNER	***Die Walküre***	
	Excerpt 1	3
RAVEL	***Bolero***	
	Excerpt 1	4
STRAUSS	***Till Eulenspiegels lustige Streiche***	
	Excerpt 1	5
BRAHMS	**Symphony No.1**	
	Excerpt 1	5

Please note

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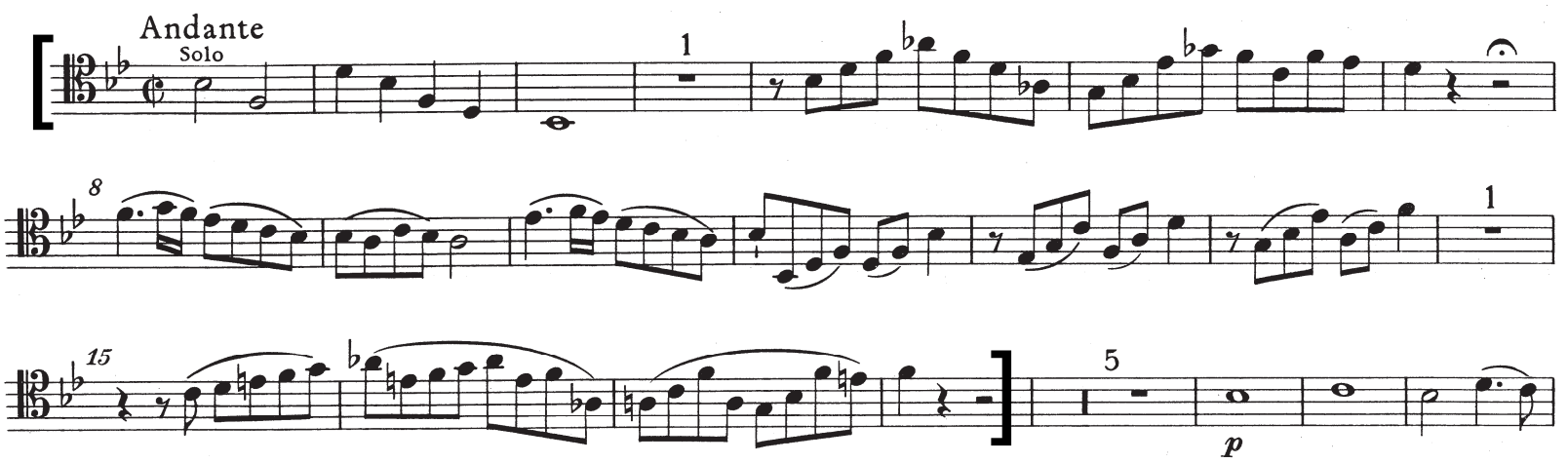
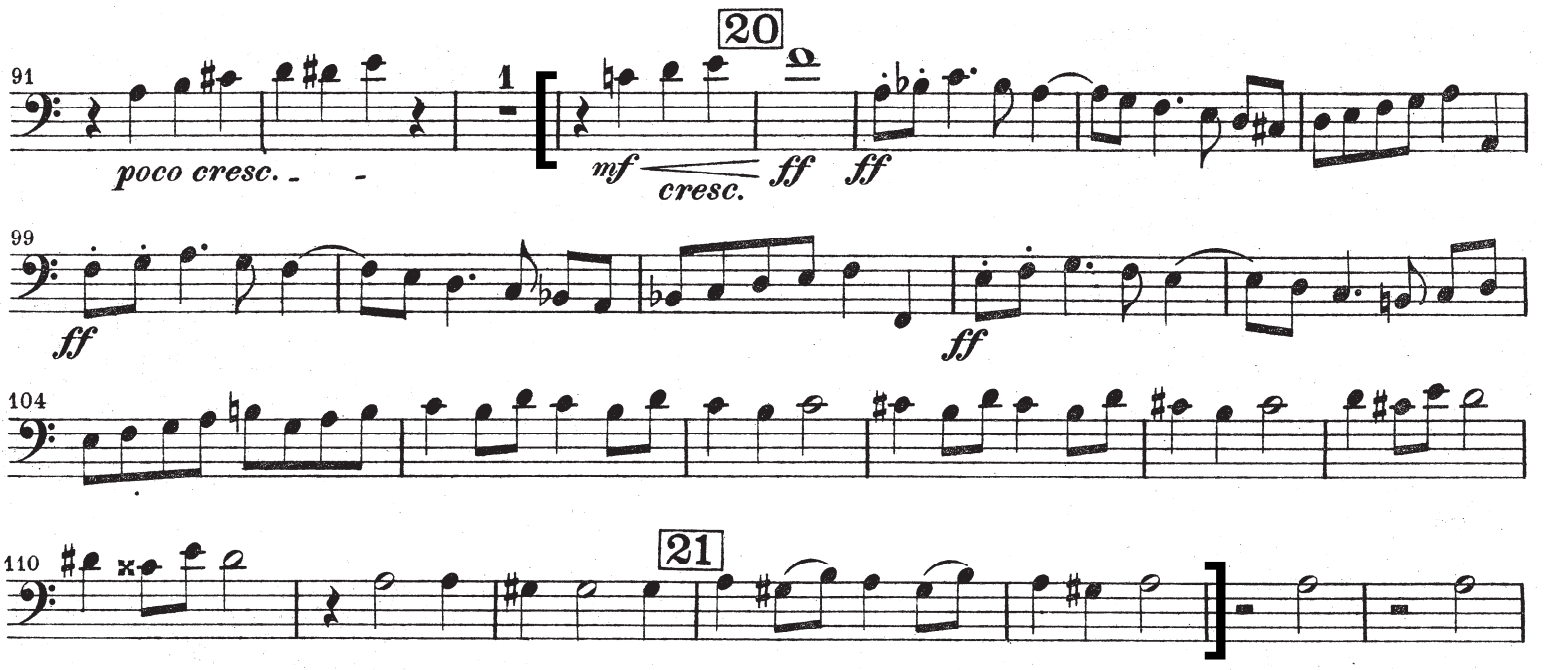
MOZART Requiem, K.626
Trombone 2

III. Sequenz. No. 2: 'Tuba mirum'
Excerpt 1 Andante



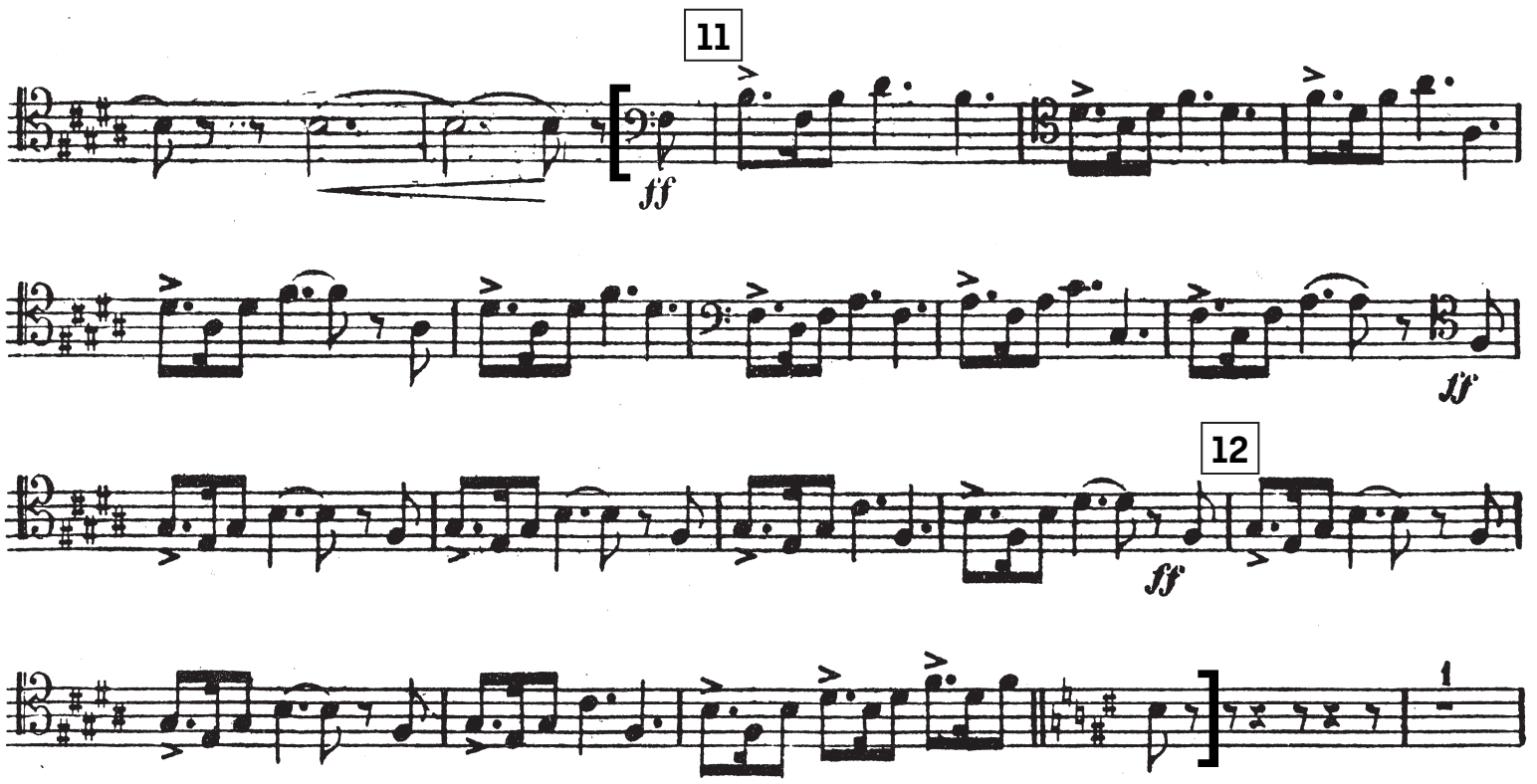
BERLIOZ *La Damnation de Faust,* Op.24
Trombone 2

Scene iii. *Marche hongroise*
Excerpt 1 Allegro marcato



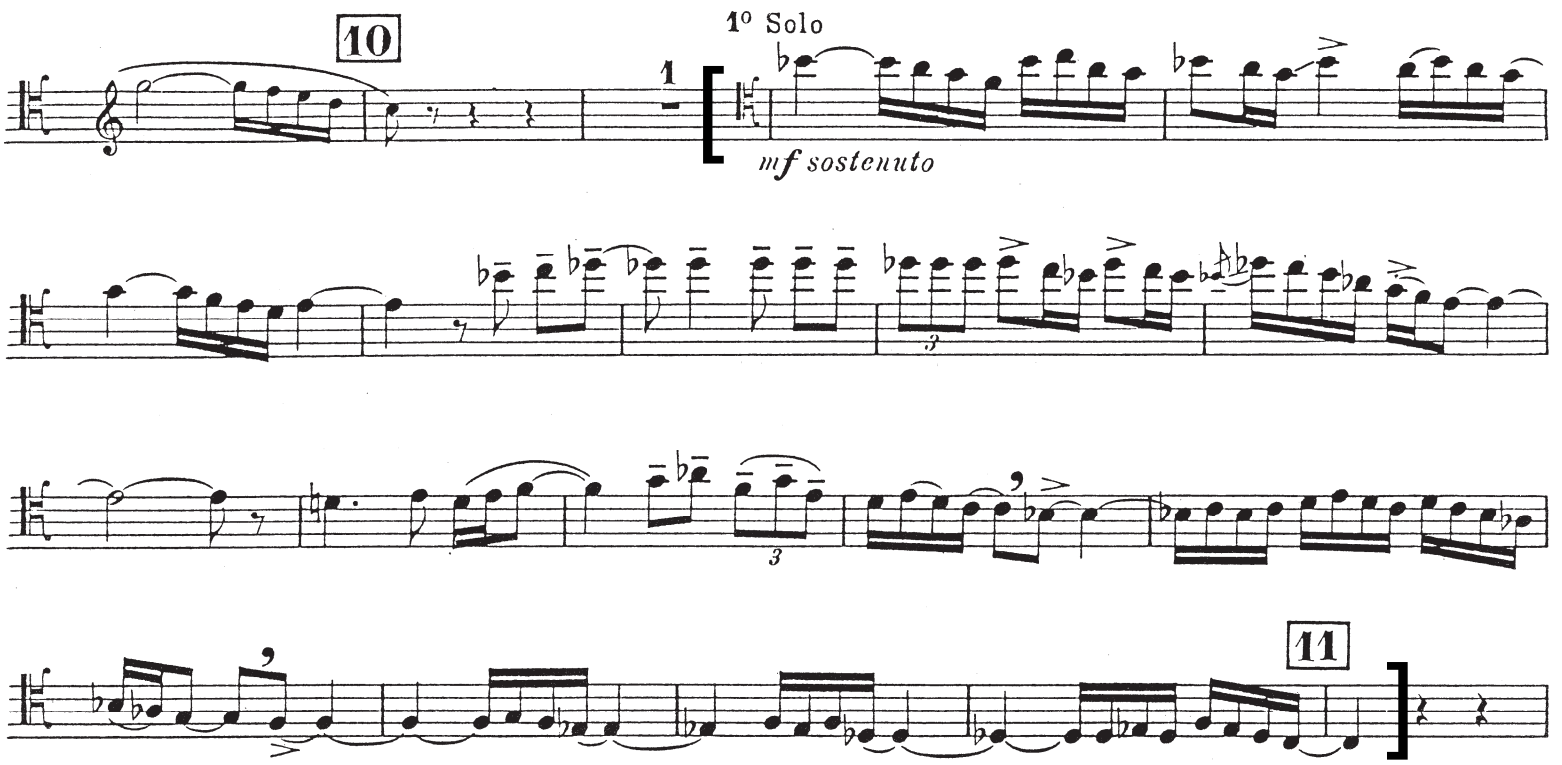
WAGNER *Die Walküre*
Trombone 1

The Ride of the Valkyries
Excerpt 1 Lebhaft



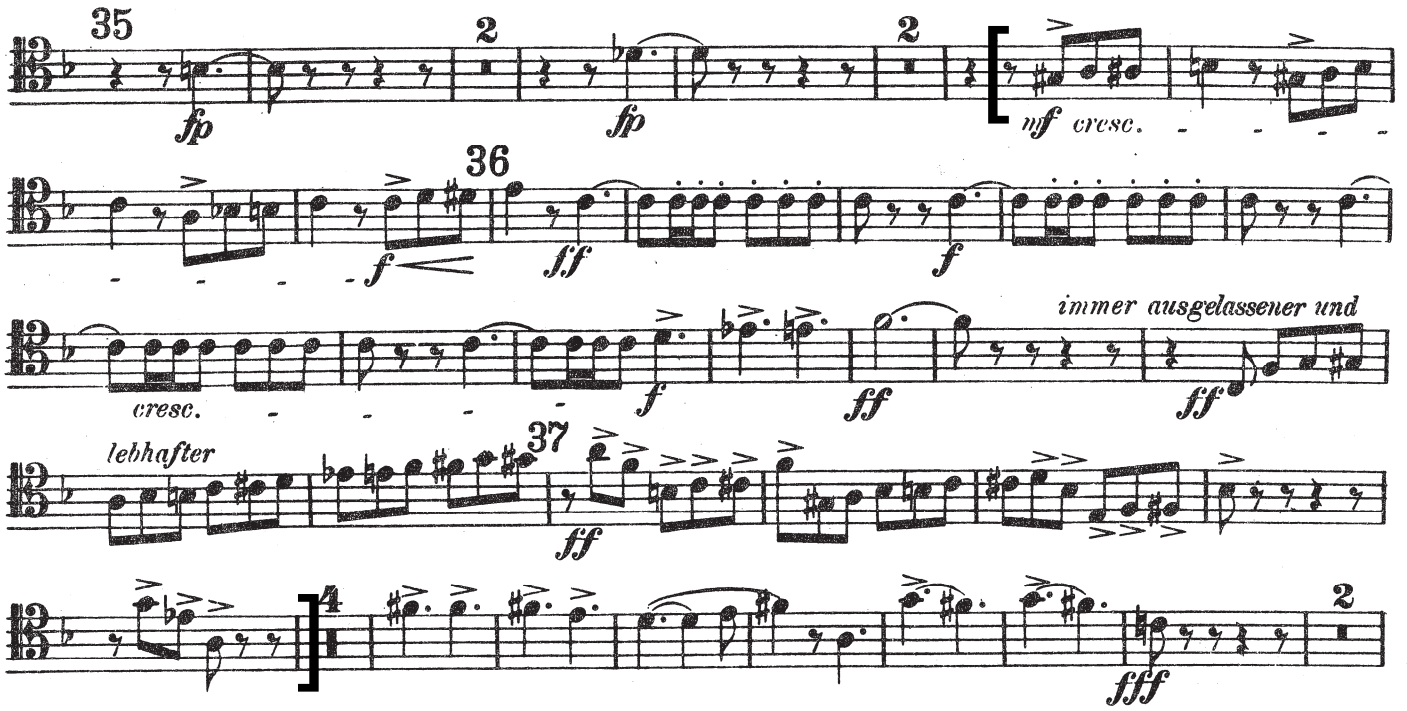
RAVEL *Bolero*
Trombone 1

Excerpt 1 Tempo di bolero moderato assai



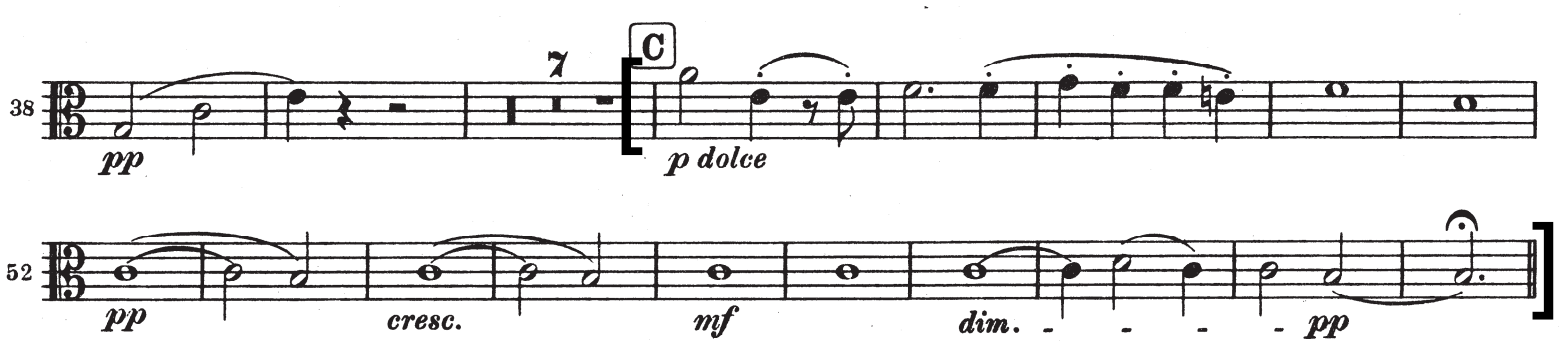
STRAUSS *Till Eulenspiegels lustige Streiche,* Op.28
Trombone 1

Excerpt 1 Volles Zeitmass (sehr lebhaft)



BRAHMS Symphony No.1 in C minor, Op.68
Trombone 1

Excerpt 1 Più andante [previous tempo Adagio]



End of orchestral excerpts

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Orchestral excerpts, Round 2

Set repertoire, ACCOMPANIED

Not included in this booklet

DAVID **Trombone Concertino, Op.4**
Beginning to Fig. D

Audition excerpts

A selection of these excerpts will be requested

Composer	*Work*	*Page*
SHOSTAKOVICH	**Symphony No.15**	
	Excerpt 1	xyz
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	Excerpt 1	xyz
HINDEMITH	***Symphonic Metamorphoses***	
	Excerpt 1	xyz
	Excerpt 2	xyz
BARTÓK	***The Miraculous Mandarin***	
	Excerpt 1	xyz
	Excerpt 1	xyz
MAHLER	**Symphony No.3**	
	Excerpt 1	xyz
SAINT-SAËNS	**Symphony No.3**	
	Excerpt 1	xyz

Sight reading *may be given as an unprepared excerpt presented during the audition*

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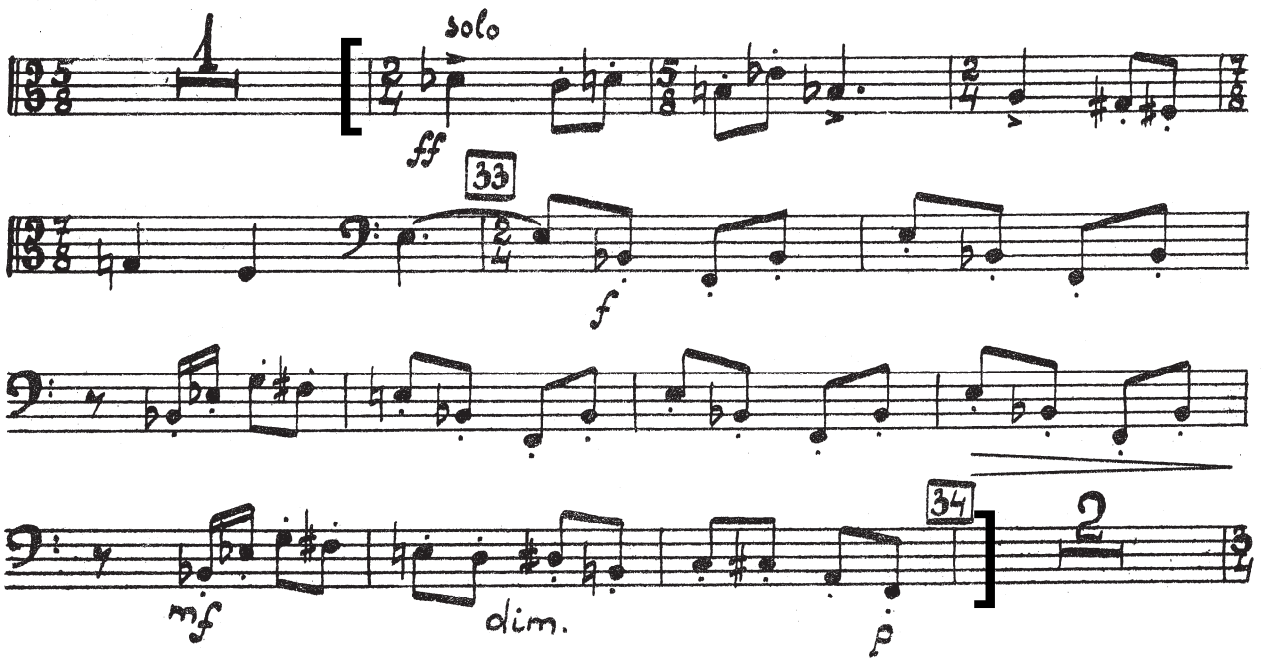
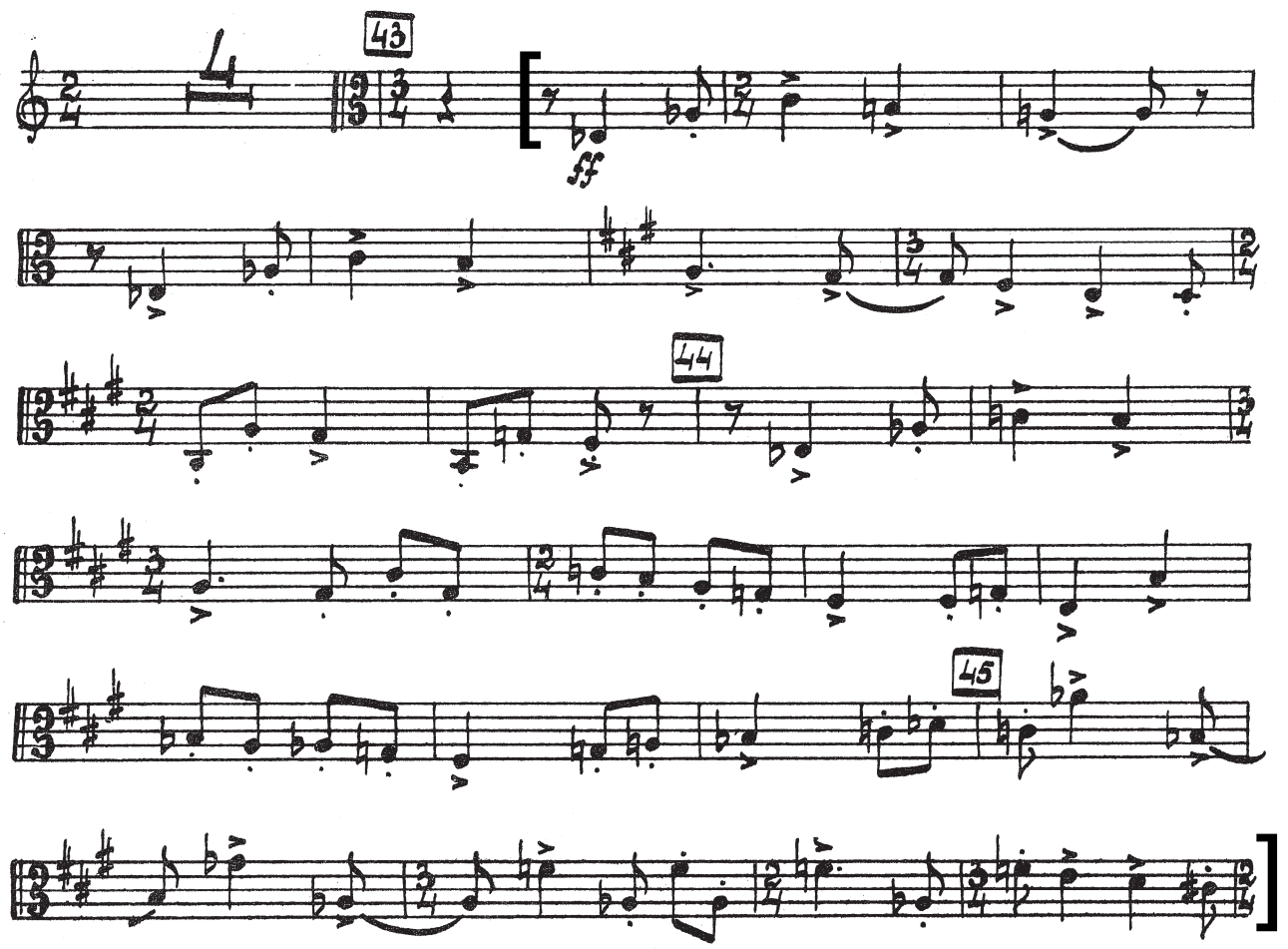
SHOSTAKOVICH Symphony No.15 in A, Op.141
Trombone 1

First movement
Excerpt 1 Allegretto

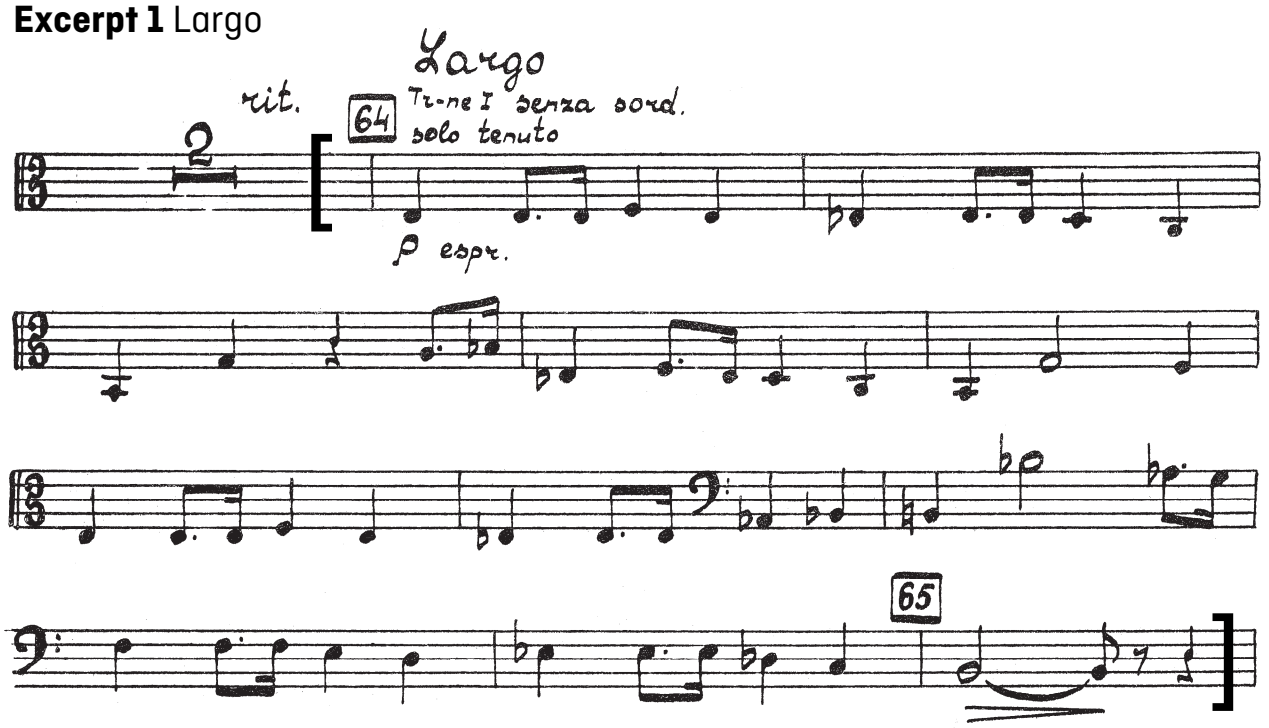


Excerpt 2 [same tempo]



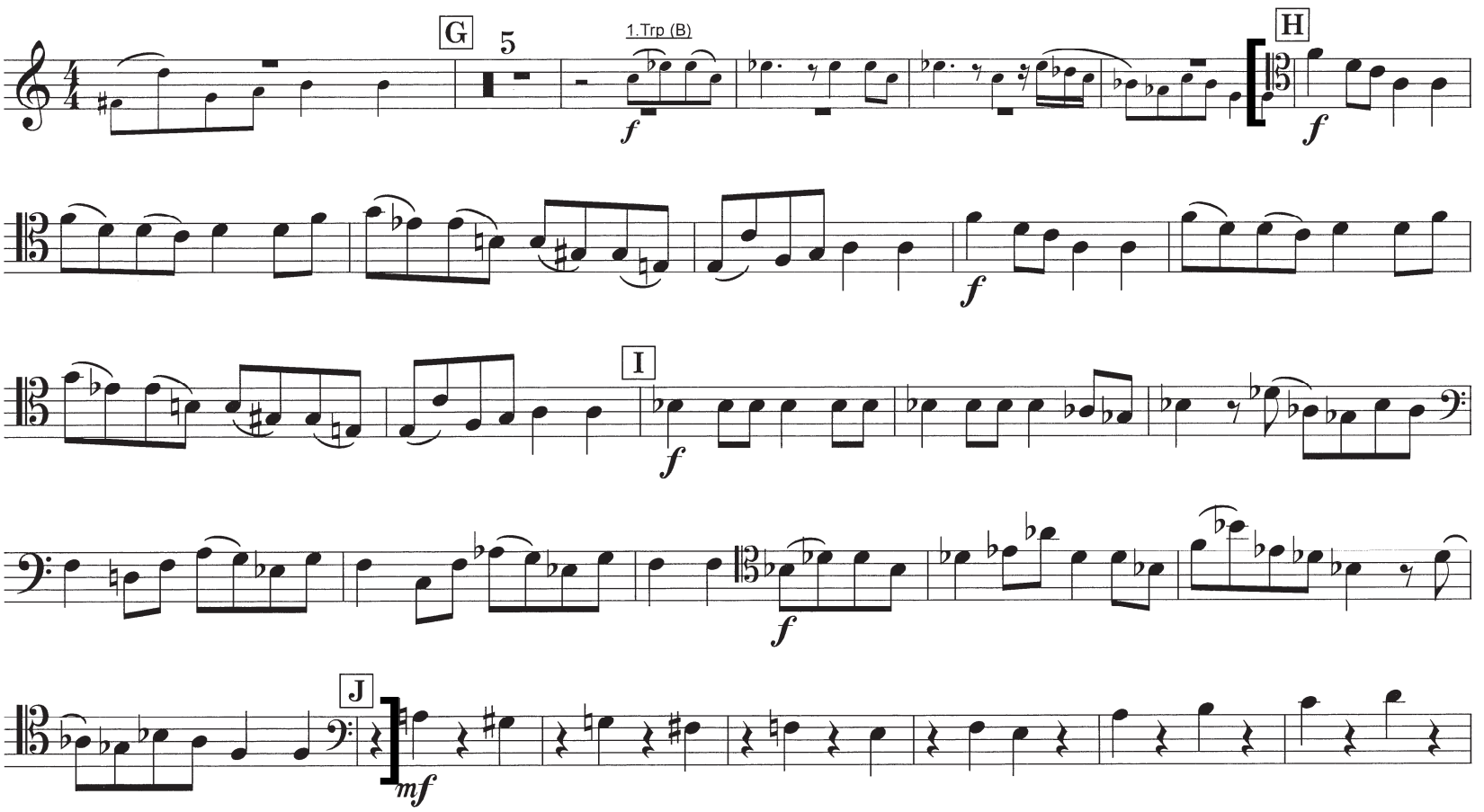
Second movement

Excerpt 1 Largo

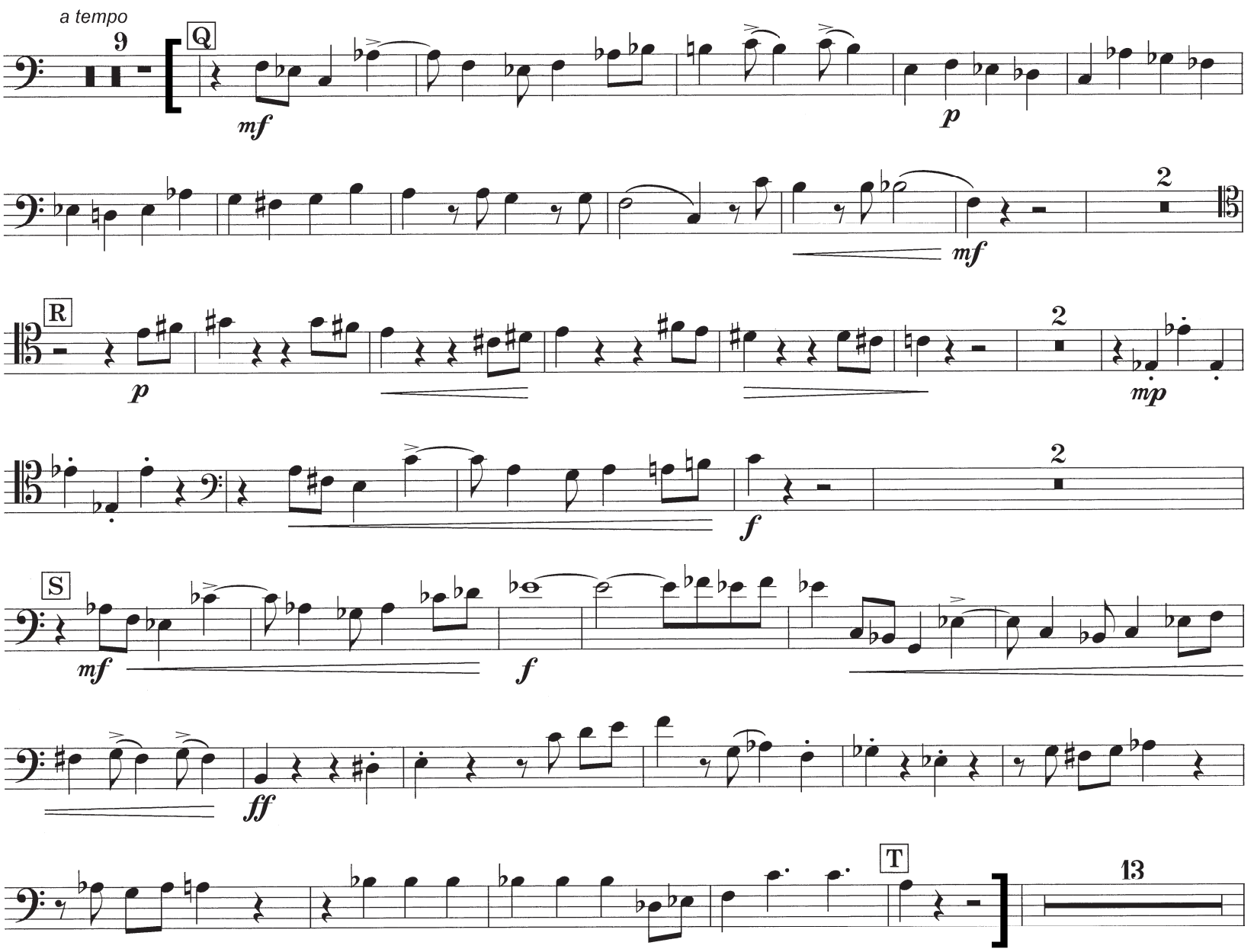


HINDEMITH *Symphonic Metamorphoses on Themes of Carl Maria von Weber*
Trombone 1

II. *Turandot, Scherzo*
Excerpt 1 Lebhaft, 𝅗𝅥 = 96

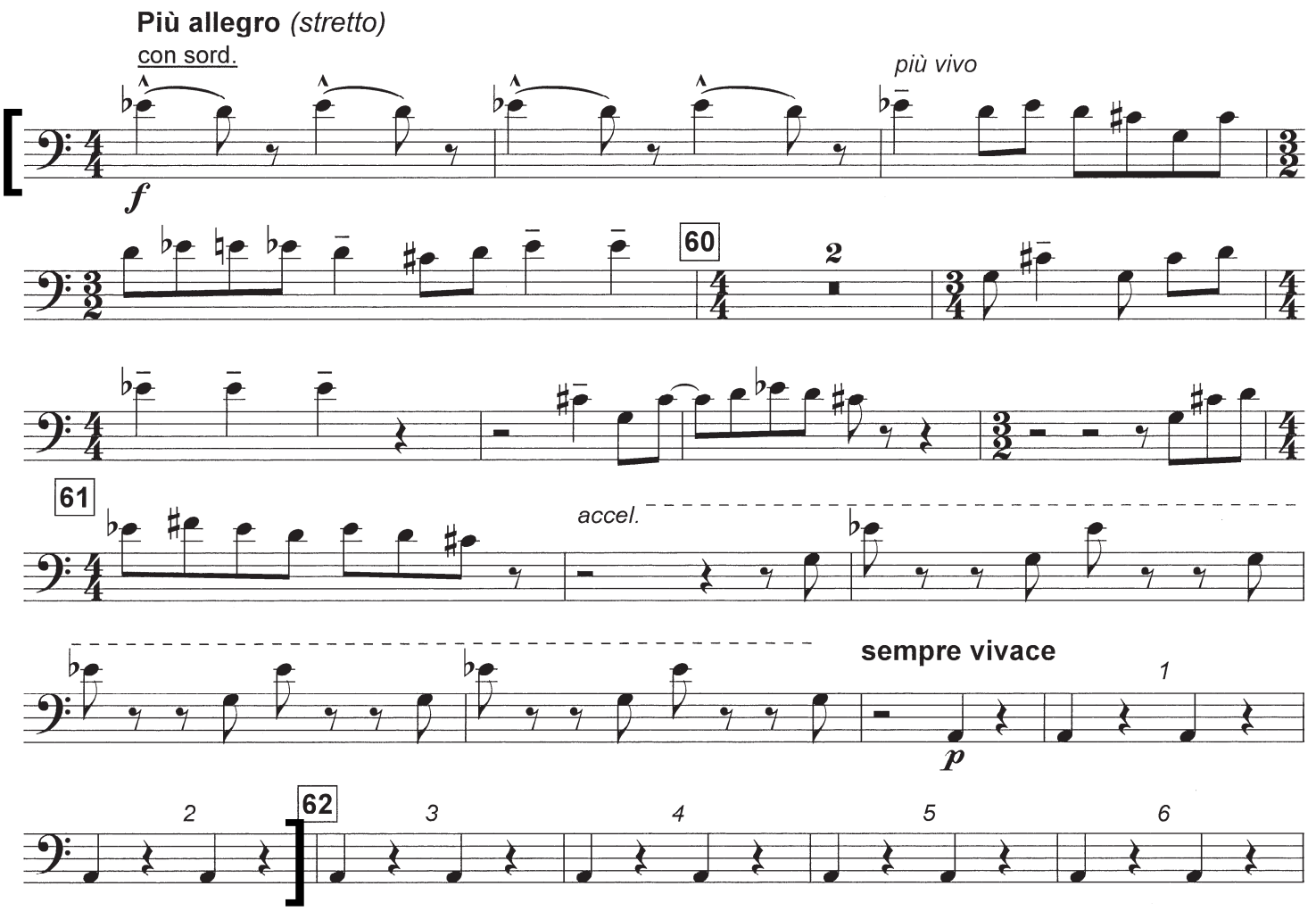


Excerpt 2 [same tempo]

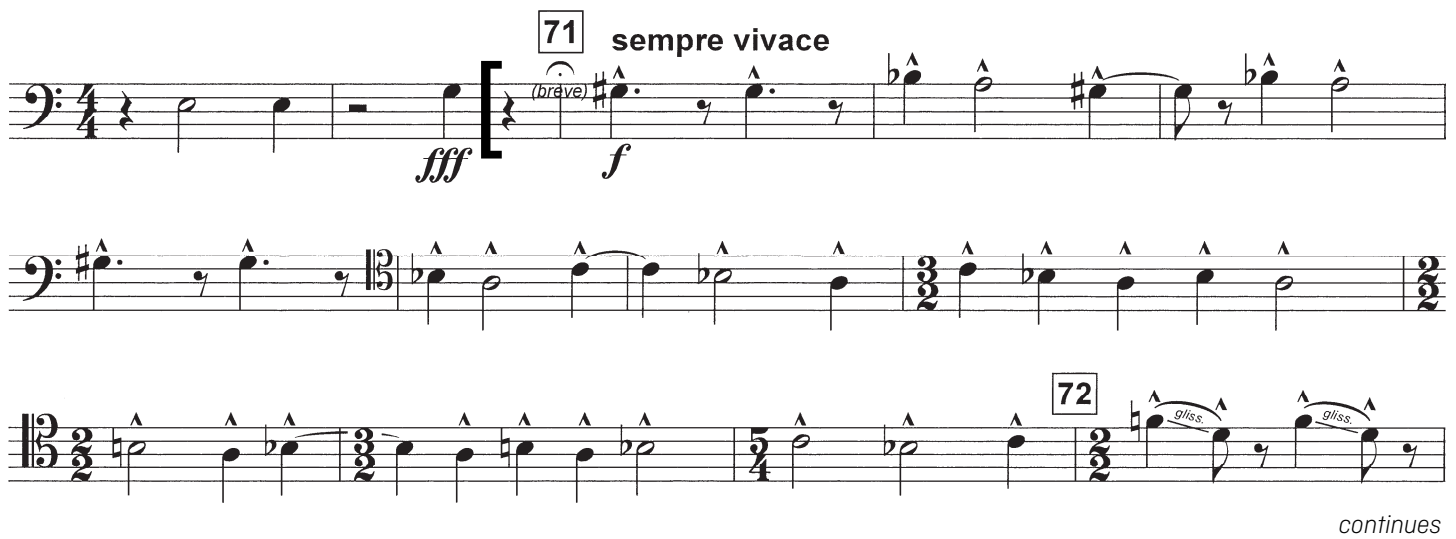


BARTÓK *The Miraculous Mandarin*
Trombone 2

Excerpt 1 Più allegro (stretto) [previous tempo Allegro]



Excerpt 2 Sempre vivace



continues

gliss.

73

poco allarg.

74

a tempo

Suite-Schluss

Ballett vide E – F

E

74a

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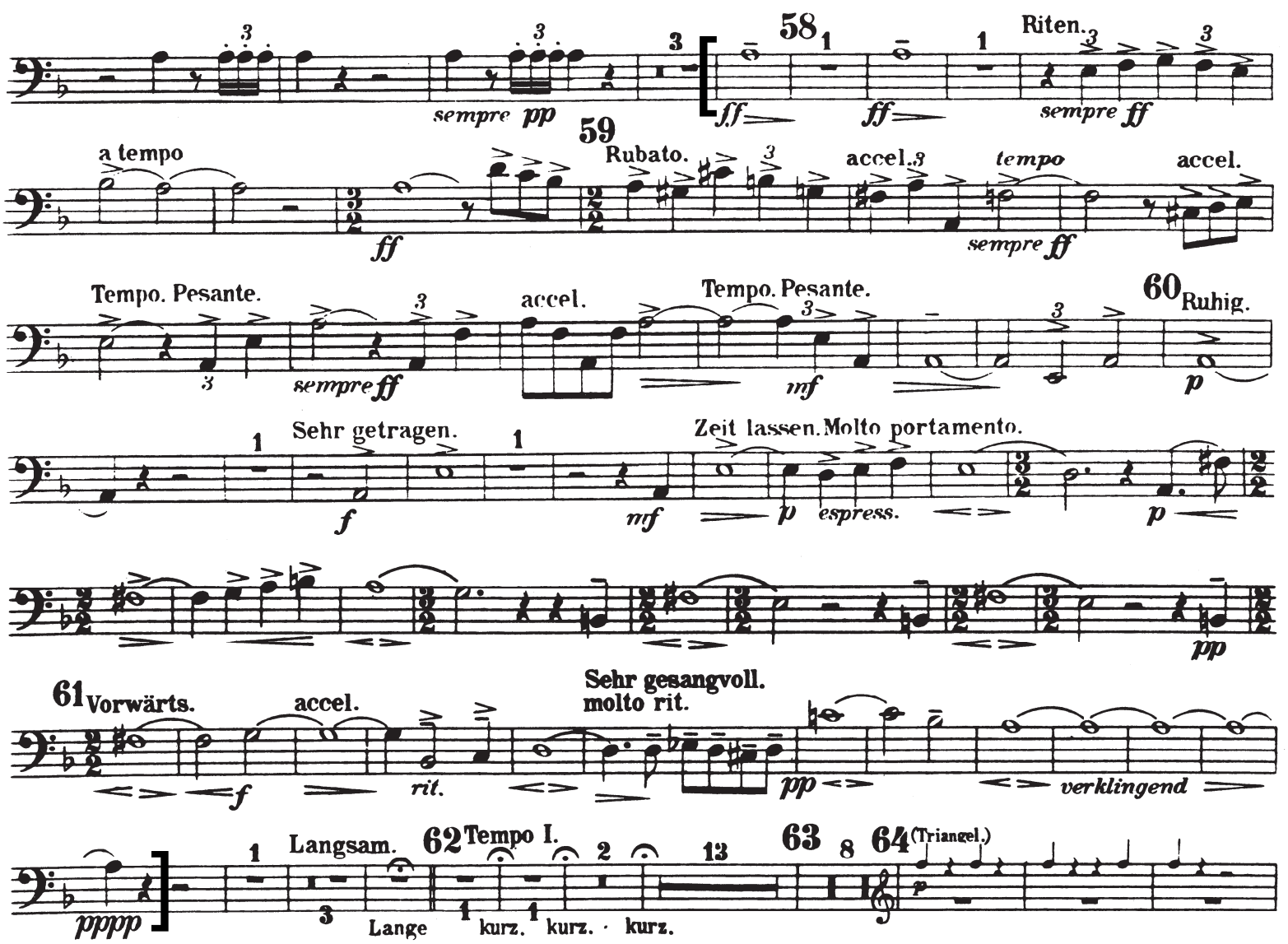
Ende der Suite
End of the Suite

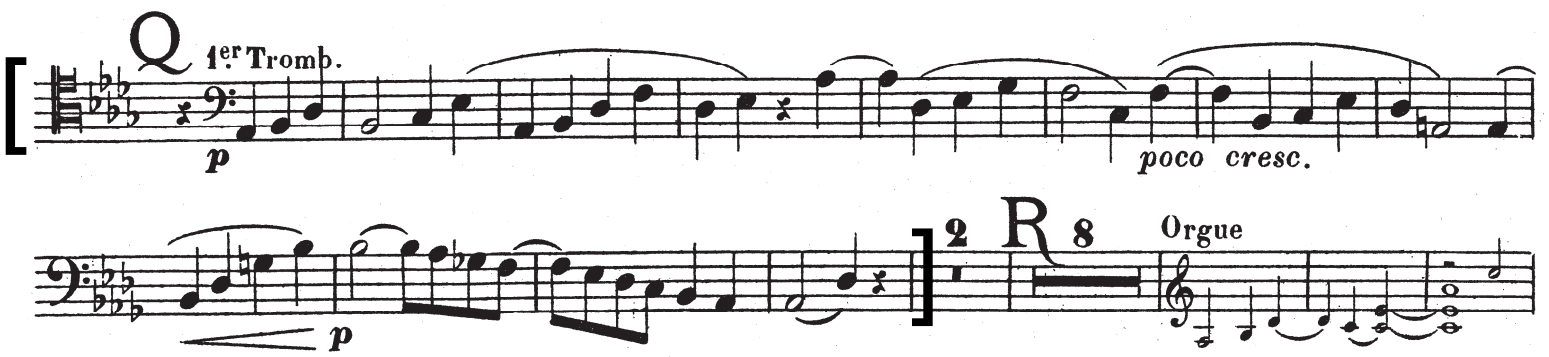
MAHLER Symphony No.3
Trombone 1

First movement
Excerpt 1 Schwer. Etwas (aber unmerklich) zurückhaltend



SAINT-SAËNS Symphony No.3 in C minor, Op.78
Trombone 1

First movement
Excerpt 1 Poco adagio



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