

2026-27 Ensemble Audition Excerpts

Cello

All cellists should prepare the following:

- Fill out the Qualtrics form sent to you via email to book your ensemble audition time slot no later than August 21, 2026.
- Excerpts as listed below.

If you are auditioning for **Symphony Orchestra**, please prepare the following excerpts:

1. Scales: F major scale (three octaves, sixteenth notes, legato, quarter note = 60, 8 notes per bow)
2. Tchaikovsky, Serenade for Strings, mvt 1, m53-84; mvt 3, m31-65, 79-98
3. Brahms, Piano Concerto No. 1, mvt 1, m2-18
4. Schumann, Violin Concerto, mvt 1, pickup to m332-341

Optional (for leadership consideration):

5. Beethoven, Symphony No. 9, mvt 4, pickup to m9-29, m38-47, m56-90

All excerpts and relevant instructions are included below.

Tchaikovsky, *Serenade for Strings*

Mvt 1, m53-84

6/8 time, Allegro moderato



53 **B** *p* *cresc. al.*

57

61 *p* *cresc. al.*

65

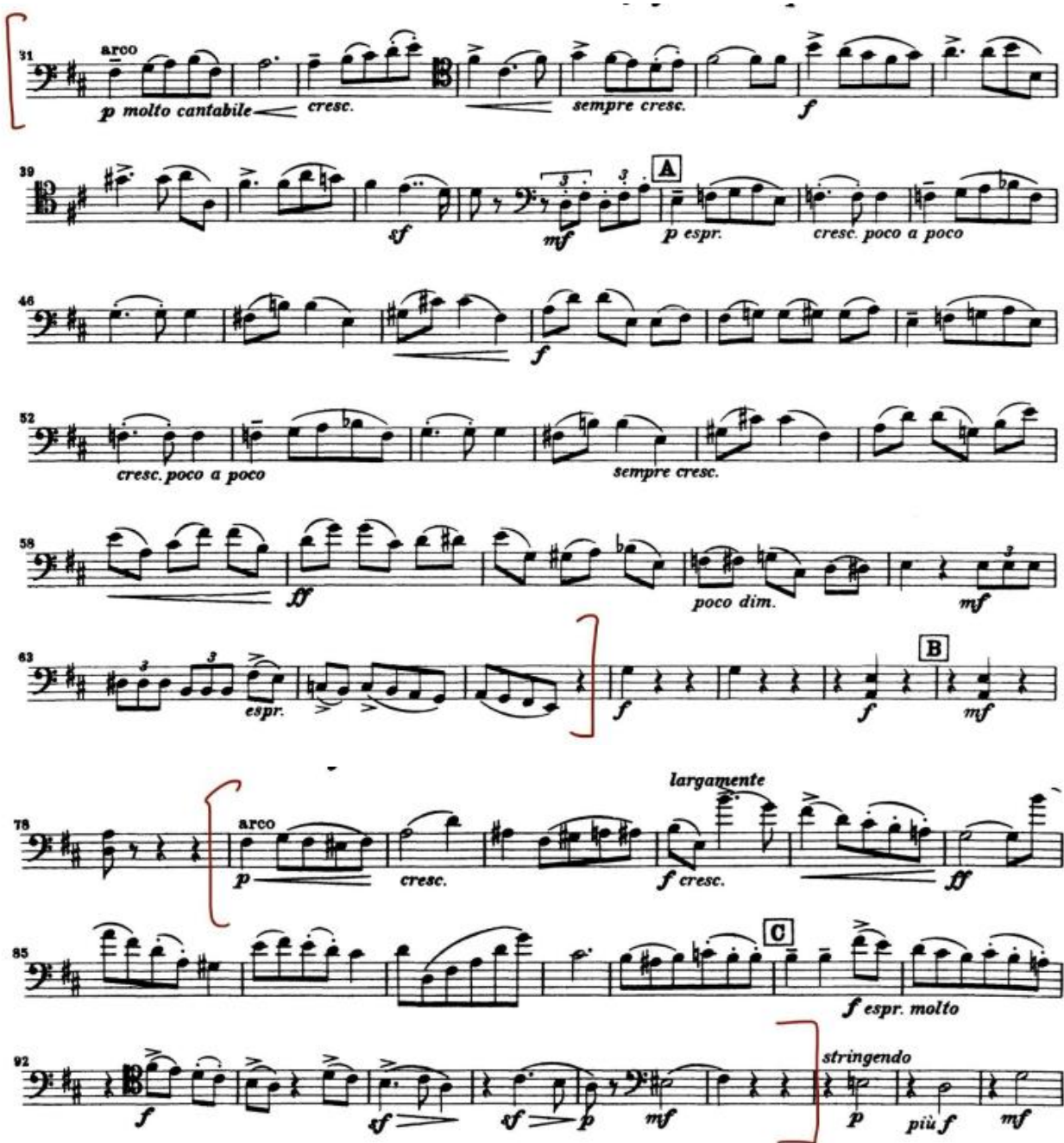
69 *f* **C**

77 *f*

Tchaikovsky, Serenade for Strings

Mvt 3, m31-65, m79-98

3/4 time, Larghetto elegiaco



31 *arco*
p molto cantabile *cresc.* *sempre cresc.* *f*

39 *sf* *mf* *p espr.* *cresc. poco a poco* **A**

46 *f*

52 *cresc. poco a poco* *sempre cresc.*

58 *ff* *poco dim.* *mf*

63 *espr.* *f* *mf* **B**

78 *arco* *p* *cresc.* *f cresc.* *ff* *largamente*

85 *f espr. molto* **C**

92 *f* *sf* *sf* *p* *mf* *stringendo* *p* *più f* *mf*

Brahms, *Piano Concerto No. 1*

Mvt 1, m2-18



Maestoso
Tutti I
ff

Schumann, *Violin Concerto*

Mvt 1, pickup to m332-341

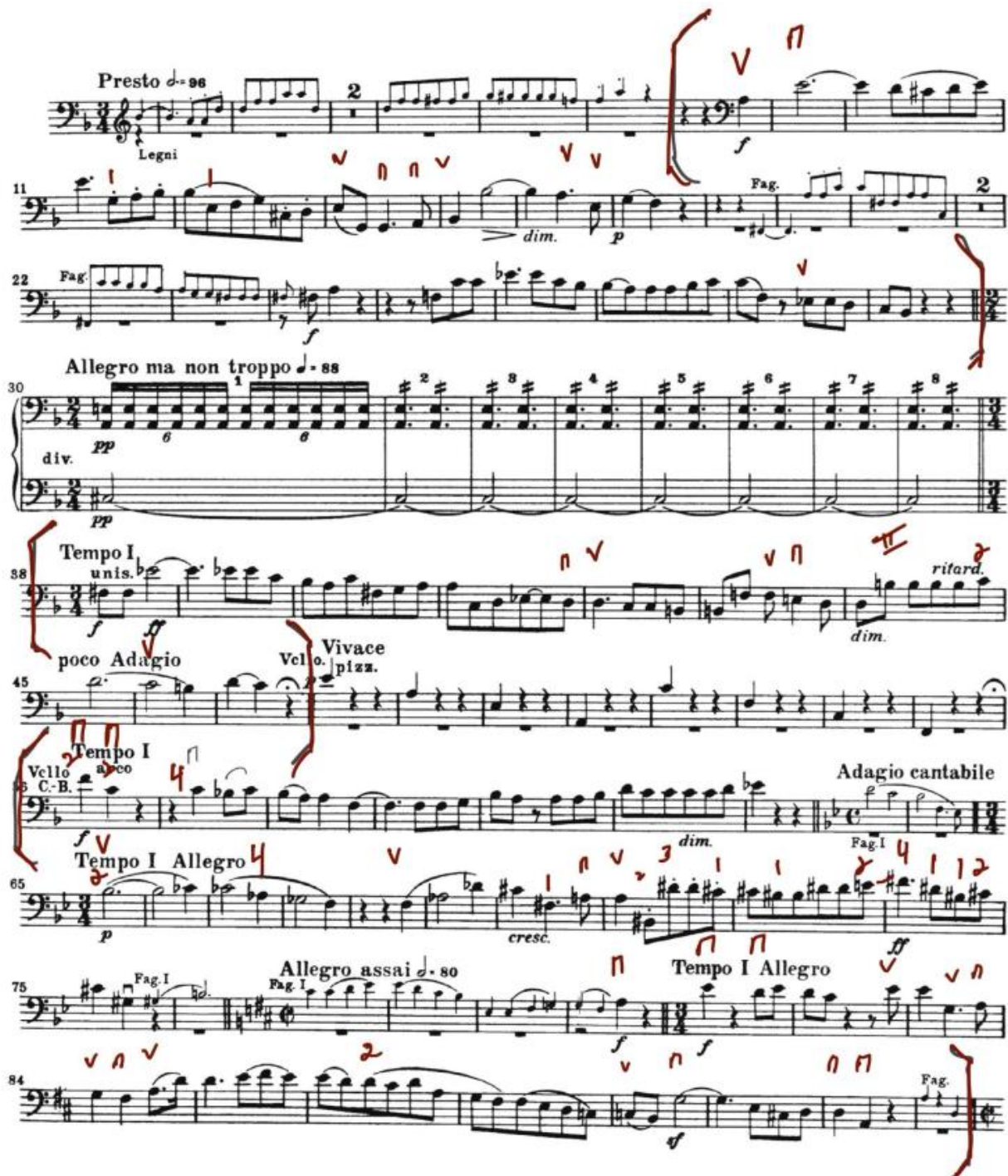


330
p
337
245

For leadership consideration

Beethoven, Symphony No. 9

Mvt 4, pickup to m9-29, m38-47, m56-90



Presto $\text{♩} = 96$

Legni

11

22

Fag.

dim. *p*

Allegro ma non troppo $\text{♩} = 88$

30

div. *pp*

Tempo I *unis.* *f*

38

poco Adagio *Vel.* *Vivace* *pizz.*

45

Tempo I *f*

56

Vello *alco* *f*

C-B.

Adagio cantabile

65

Tempo I Allegro *p* *cresc.* *dim.*

75

Fag. I *f*

Allegro assai $\text{♩} = 80$ **Tempo I Allegro**

84

Fag.