Mira Mesa Orchestras
Symphony Orchestra Auditions (2026-27)

Thank you for your interest!

Ensembles
Our orchestras meet in three consecutive periods throughout the day.

- ❏ *Concert Orchestra* – An open enrollment ensemble that meets in two sections The classes combine for performances.
- ❏ *Symphony Orchestra* – An auditioned based string class.

Courses
All classes meet the University of California A-G graduation requirement for Fine Arts ('F' Credit).

The orchestra course sequence at Mira Mesa High School is as follows:

- ❏ First Term - Orchestra 1,2
- ❏ Second Term - Orchestra 3,4
- ❏ Third Term - Orchestra 5,6
- ❏ Fourth Term - Orchestra 7,8 OR Orchestra 7,8 (Honors)
- ❏ Fifth Term – Orchestra 9,10 OR Orchestra 9,10 (Honors)

As we transition to the 4x4 schedule additional courses will be added to ensure students have sequential, non-repeating orchestra classes. Students in the Symphony Orchestra class may receive honors credit beginning in Orchestra 7,8 (formerly the fourth year, now the fourth term).

Audition Information (2026-27)

Auditions are *only* required for the Symphony Orchestra.

Remember, while individual auditions are the most important factor, there are other factors as well, including the total number of students in a class, the instrumentation of the group, etc.

The objective with auditions, as always, is to include as many students as is practical.

- ❏ Mira Mesa students may audition on site at school

- ❏ Incoming ninth graders at Challenger Middle School and Wangenheim Middle School may audition at their school site, with dates coordinated with those teachers

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Audition Materials

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One scale and one excerpt are included for each instrument.

Audition Resources
- ❏ Scale
  - ❏ Here is a video example (of a three octave scale)
  - ❏ Perform the scale with one note per bow
  - ❏ Focus on quality of tone and consistency of pitch
  - ❏ Use an initiation drone to support your pitch response (available on Spotify, Apple Music, YouTube, YouTube Music, or Soundcloud)
  - ❏ Suggested app – Tonal Energy
- ❏ Excerpt – Scan the QR code on the excerpt to be taken directly to a YouTube video (at the place of the excerpt)

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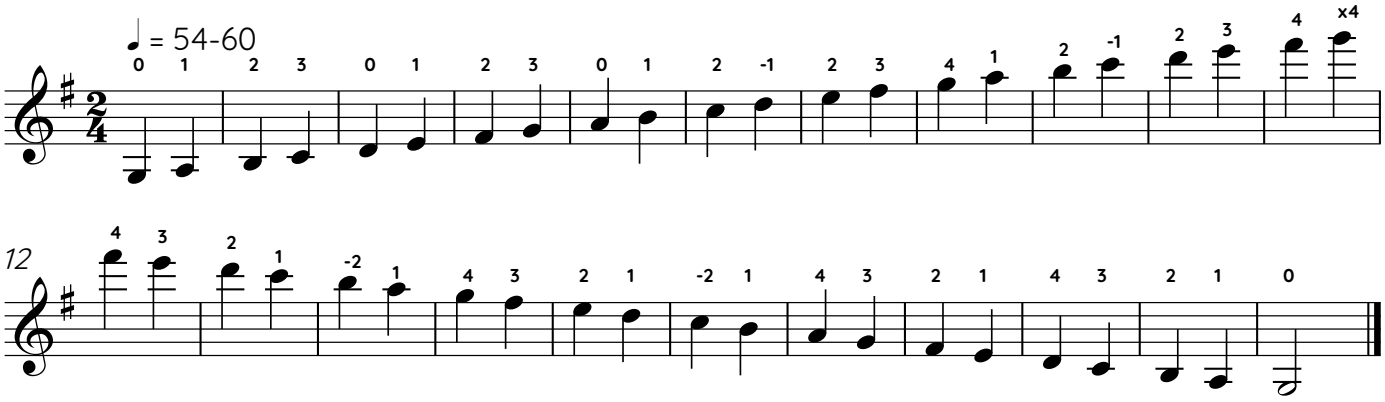
G Major Scale

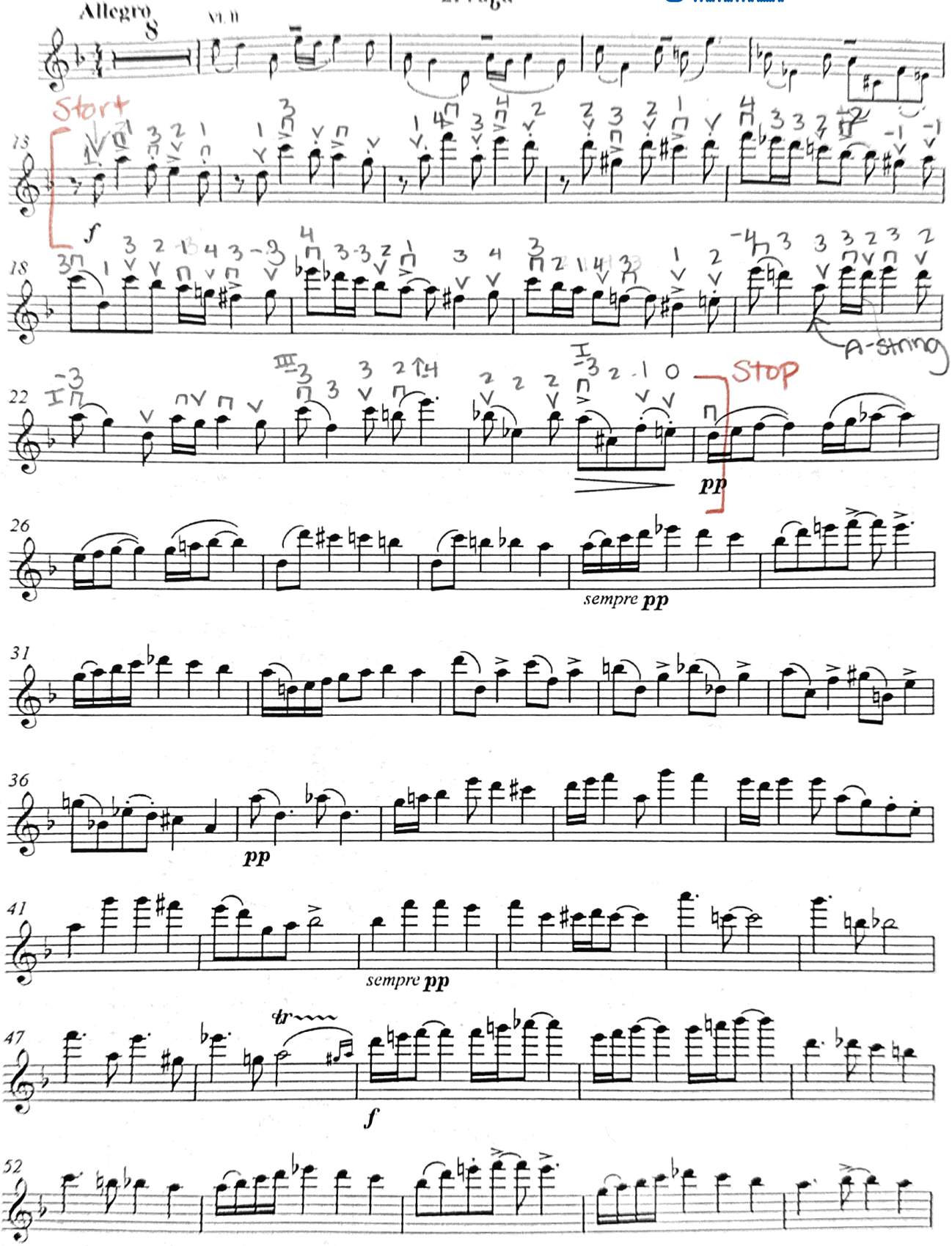
Three Octaves, Violin



Violin (2020-27)

Violino I

2. Fuga



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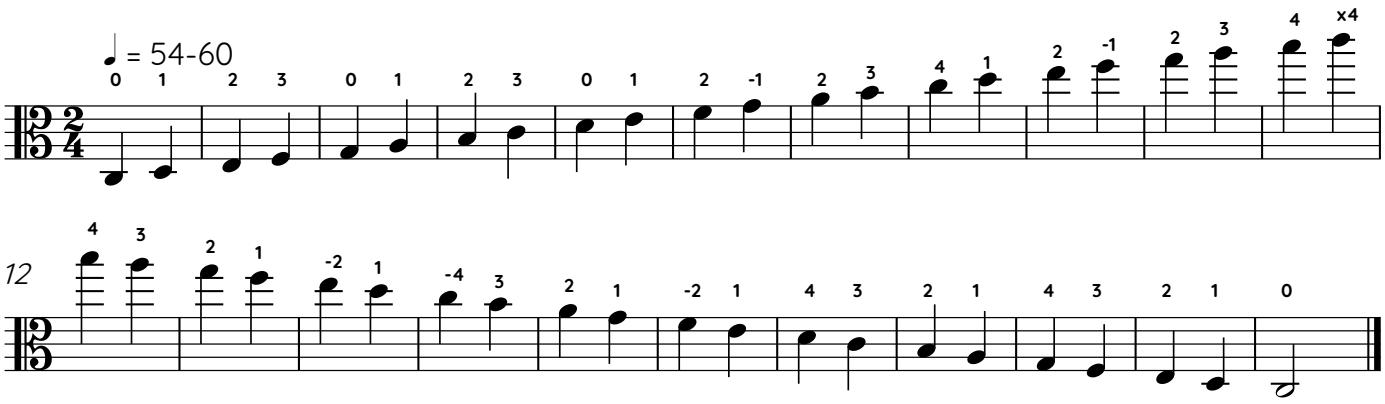
C Major Scale

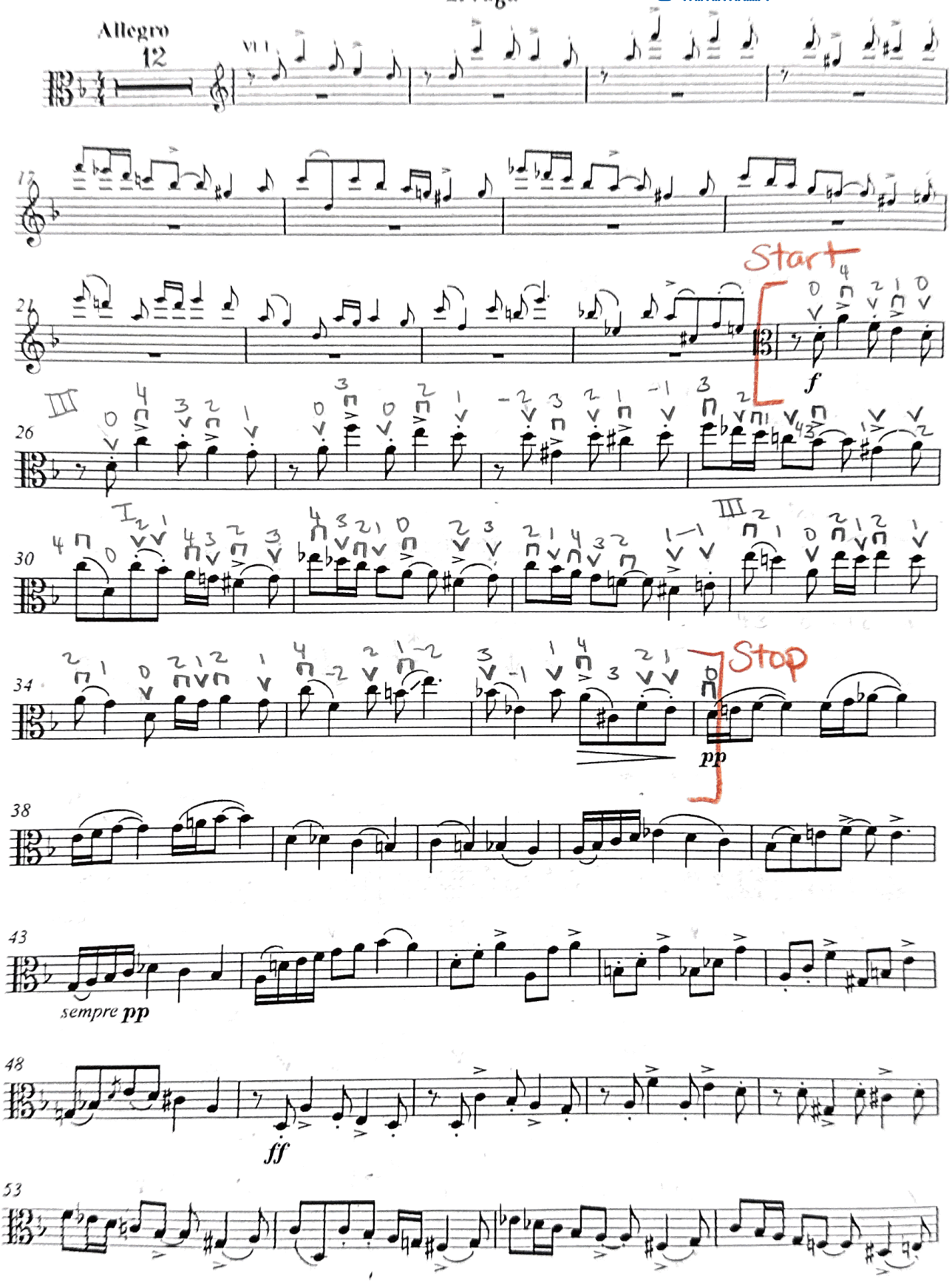
Three Octaves, Viola



Viola (2026-27)

Viola

2. Fuga



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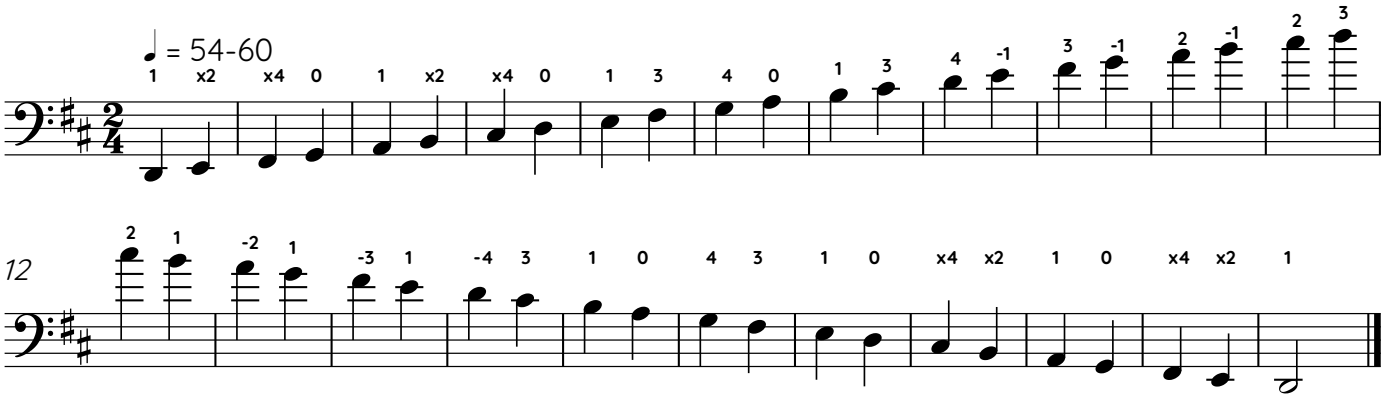
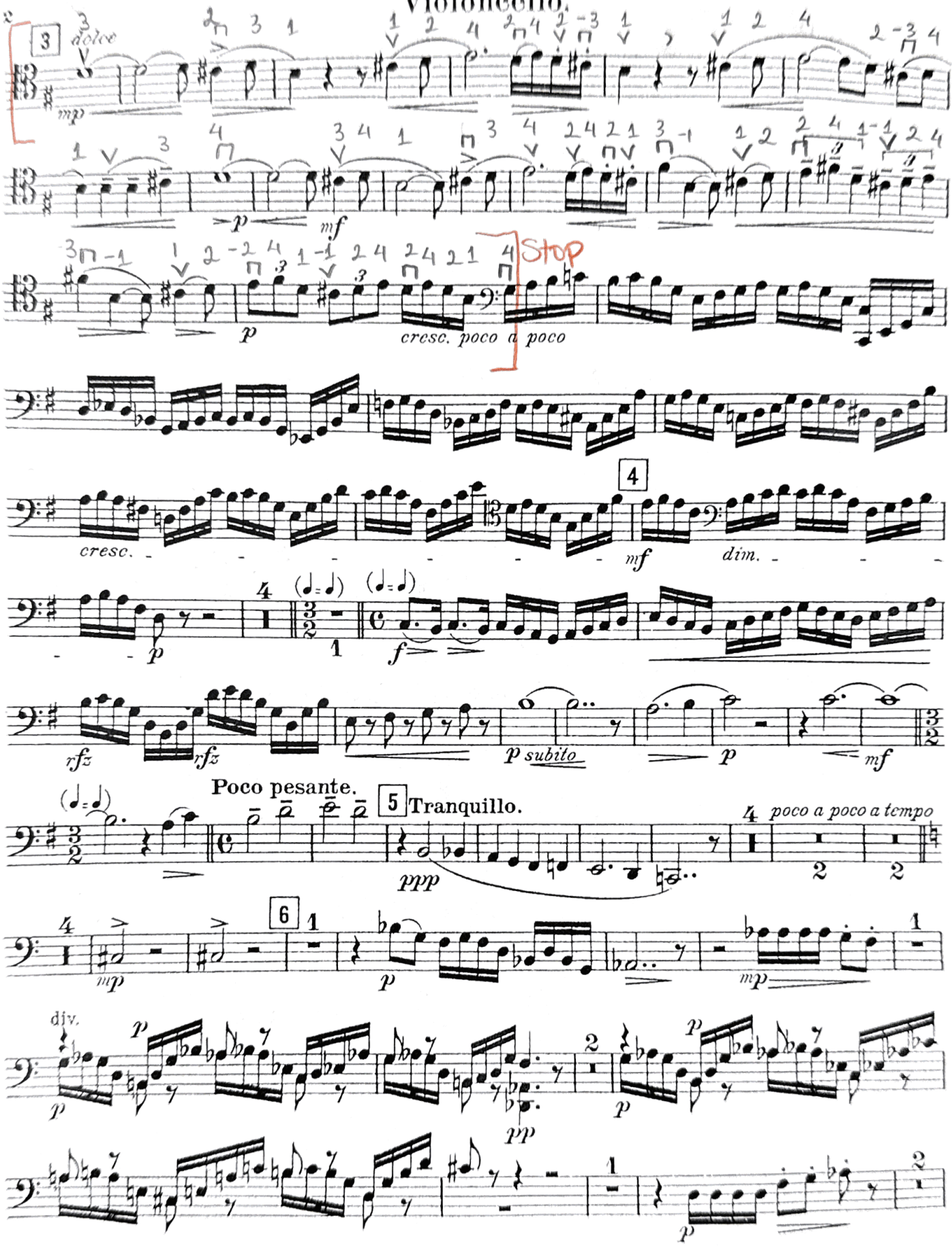
D Major Scale

Three Octaves, Cello



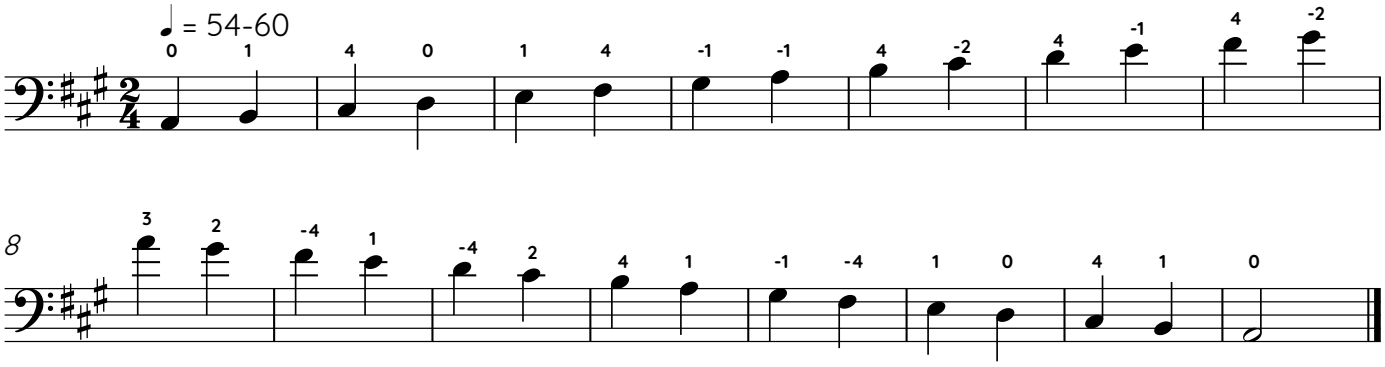
Cello (2026-27)

Violoncello.

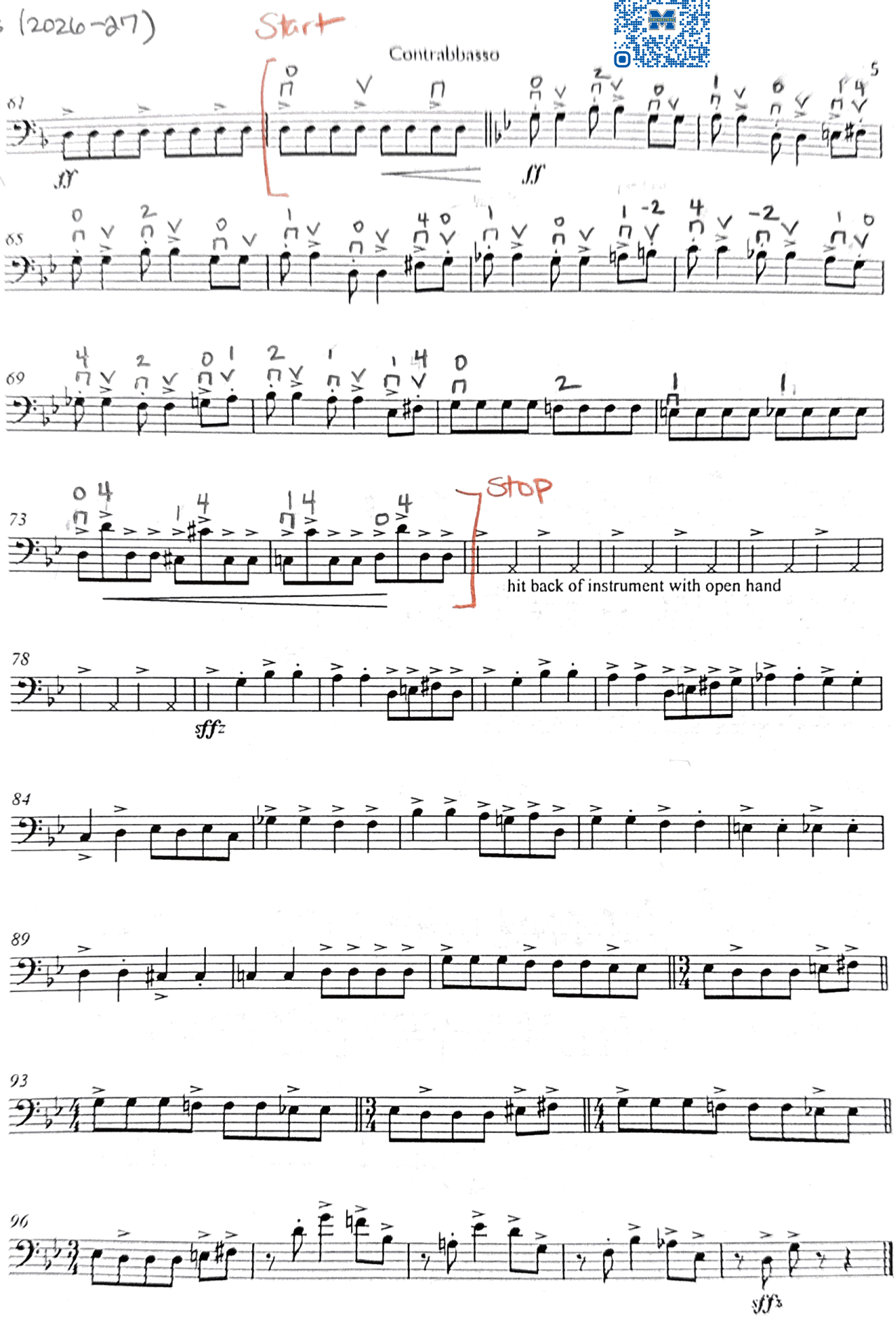


A Major Scale

Two Octaves, Bass



Bass (2026-27)



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