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# CELLO STORIES

for cello solo  
and string orchestra



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cello solo  
string orchestra minimum (44431)

durata: 25 minutes

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*etc ad lib* = improvise in similar way  
*indiv* = individual speed, the players are not synchronized  
*legno* = col legno battuto (unless "tratto" is written)  
*pont* = sul ponticello  
*x-pont* = molto ponticello (overtones rather than fundamental pitch)

3 degrees of slow bow:

*scrape* = with pitch and a light crush sound  
*grind* = extremely slow bow, high pressure, no pitch  
*stop bow* = separate notes

*light finger pressure* = left hand finger loosely on the string, creating diffuse sound with a little pitch  
*light/fast* = light finger pressure + fast bow movement

x across the note stem = damp string, no pitch

↖ = on bridge

♯ ♯ ♭ ♭ = quarter-tones

○ = circular bowing

*z* = fast tremolo       = exact tremolo

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**Violin 1**  
Musical notation for Violin 1, including dynamics like *2 soli*, *gli altri*, *p*, *sim.*, and *pp*. Performance instructions include *very fast & light bow*, *circular bowing damped string, no pitch*, and *light finger pressure*.

**Violin 2**  
Musical notation for Violin 2, including dynamics like *2 soli*, *gli altri*, *p*, *sim.*, and *pp*. Performance instructions include *very fast & light bow*, *circular bowing damped string, no pitch*, and *light finger pressure*.

**Viola**  
Musical notation for Viola, including dynamics like *p* and *mp*. Performance instructions include *x-pont*, *ord*, and *senza vibr*.

**Cello Solo**  
Musical notation for Cello Solo, including dynamics like *mf*, *mp*, and *p*. Performance instructions include *pont* and *ord*.

**Celli**  
Musical notation for Cello section, including dynamics like *p*. Performance instructions include *arco* and *pizz*.

**Contrabasso**  
Musical notation for Contrabasso, including dynamics like *p*.

Tempo:  $\text{♩} = 66$

6

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

*p* *p* *pp* *pp* *mp* *ord* *pont* *ord* *pont* *ord* *mp* *mf* *p*

*sul III* etc ad lib., indiv.

2 strings (non div.)

*pizz* *mp*

*ord* *pont* *ord* *pont* *ord*

*pizz* *p* *arco* *p*

9

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

**A** ♩ = 84

*(spicc.)* *f* *f*

div. in 2

*tutti pizz* *f*

*tutti arco* *ff*

*pont* *ord* *pont* *ord* *sul III* *f* *f* *legno* *f*

*mf* *p* *p*

13

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

mf

mf

ff

ff

senza vibr

senza vibr

p

arco

arco

17

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

f

f

ord

ord

ord

ord

pizz

pizz

20 *pont senza vibr* *mf* *ord* *ff* *f*

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo *p* *ord* *f* *pizz*

Vcl.

C.bass

24 *pont* *ord* *f* *p sub.* *arco*

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo *p* *ord* *f* *pizz* *arco*

Vcl.

C.bass

**B** ♩ = 66

Vln.1  
Vln.2  
Vla.  
Solo

*p* *mf* *f* *mp* *p*

solo stop bow

arco pizz *p* *mf* *f* *mp* *p*

C.bass  
*mp* *f*

legno ord

**B** ♩ = 66

Vln.1  
Vln.2  
Vla.  
Solo

*mf* *mp* *mf* *f* *mp* *p*

solo stop bow

arco pizz *p* *mf* *f* *mp* *p*

C.bass  
*mp* *f*

legno ord

Vln.1  
Vln.2  
Vla.  
Solo

*mp* *f*

tutti

Vln.1  
Vln.2  
Vla.  
Solo

*mp* *f*

37

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

*mp* *mf* *mf* *mf* *pizz* *mf* *p* *tutti* *p* *p* *f* *f* *f* *mp* *mp* *f* *f* *arco* *pizz* *arco* *p* *mp* *pp*

41

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

*mp* *mf*

45 **C** ♩ = 84

Vln.1 **tutti** *pizz* *f*

Vln.2 **tutti** *f*

Vla. **tutti** *pizz* *f*

Solo **C** ♩ = 84 *f* *battuto* *ord* *batt.*

Vcl. *pizz* *very dry. damp string.* *f*

C.bass *f*

48 *arco* *ff* *f*

Vln.1 *ff* *f*

Vln.2 *f*

Vla. *f*

Solo *ord* *batt.* *ord* *batt.*

Vcl. *f*

C.bass *f*

51

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

*ff*

*f*

*pizz*

*batt.*

*ord*

*p*

*ppp*

$\text{♩} = 48$

**D**

1/4 tone

II

57

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

*p*

*p*

*pp*

*pp*

scrape (slow bow, with pitch and a light crush sound)

scrape

scrape

scrape

sim.

1/8 tone

knock on string, close to bridge, drum-like sound

knock on string, close to bridge, drum-like sound

$\text{♩} = 48$

**D**

65

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

arco p

arco p

1/4 tone

1/8

7

3

3

72

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

knock on string, close to bridge, drum-like sound

pp

pp

ppp

arco legno tratto

ppp

1/4

1/8

1

3

3

79

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

scrape

knock

arco

pont ord

mf

p

mp

E ♩ = 66

86

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

solo

gli altri

light/fast

pp

2 soli

mf

gli altri

pizz

mf

mf

arco

legno battuto

senza vibr

mf

p

arco pont

div. in 2





107 *solo ord* *p* *(non dim.)*

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

*mp*

**G** ♩ = 84

113 *tutti* *f* *pizz* *f* *arco* *p* *sim.* *f* *pizz* *f*

116

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

*mf*

*ff*

119

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

121

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

125

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass



137

Vln.1 *senza vibr* *f*

Vln.2

Vla. *mp* *f* *senza vibr*

Solo *mf* *p* *mf*

Vcl.

C.bass *f* *senza vibr*

142

Vln.1 *f* *pp* *pont ↔ tasto (indiv.)*

Vln.2 *p* *sim.*

Vla. *f*

Solo *f*

Vcl.

C.bass *f*



159  $\text{♩} = 66$

Vln.1 *solo* *shy and alert* *p*  
*gli altri* *pizz* *p*

Vln.2 *solo* *shy and alert* *p*  
*gli altri* *tasto* *ppp* *p*

Vla. *pizz* *p*

Solo *pont* *ord* *mf* *III* *p*

Vcl. *pizz* *p* *sim.*

C.bass *pizz* *p*

164

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

168

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

*solo*

*arco*

*gli altri arco*

*mp*

*mf p*

*pizz*

*alla punta*

172

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

*tutti div. in 2*

*ppp*

*ppp*

*p*

*pp*

*arco*

*ppp*

*J* ♩ = 48

*1/4 tone*

*11*

Saltando and pressing down the bow,  
like wings of an insect.  
Aim for a continuous sound in the group.

179

Vln.1 *p arco*

Vln.2 *p*

Vla.

Solo *1/8 tone*

Vcl. *arco ppp*

C.bass *x-pont pp*

**K** ♩ = 84

188

Vln.1 *pont ff*

Vln.2 *pizz f*

Vla. *arco appassionata ff*

Solo *f*

Vcl. *arco f*

C.bass *f*

192

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

196

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

L ♩ = 48

200

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

*mf*

*pp*

*p*

*pp*

*p*

*mp*

*ppp*

205

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

*light finger pressure*

*gli altri div. in 2*

*pont*

*ppp*

*p*

*mp*

*mf*

*pp*

*espr. con fantasia small notes played rapidly*

*mp*

*pp*

*espr. con fantasia small notes played rapidly*

*p*

*p*

*ppp*

209

Vln.1 *pp* *espr. con fantasia*  
*small notes played rapidly*

Vln.2 *mf* *espr. con fantasia*  
*small notes played rapidly*

Vla. *mp* *pizz*

Solo

Vcl. *mp* *pizz* *p*

C.bass

*div. in 2* *pont*

*solo*

212

Vln.1 *p*

Vln.2 *p*

Vla. *s*

Solo

Vcl. *p*

C.bass *7*

215

etc ad lib., indiv.  
all players improvise on the given  
pitches, varying the figures

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

*p*

*pp*

solo

218

etc ad lib.  
all players improvise on the given  
pitches, varying the figures

Vln.1

Vln.2

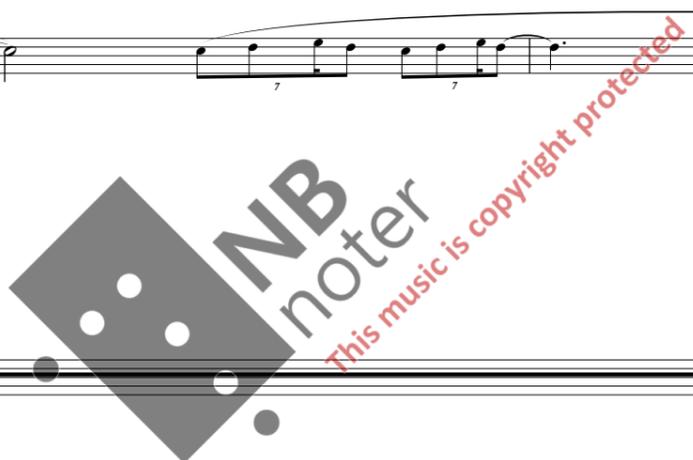
Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

*espr. con fantasia*



220

Vln.1 *pp* gradually lighter finger pressure

Vln.2 *pp* gradually lighter finger pressure

Vla. *pp* gradually lighter finger pressure

Solo 220 *pp* gradually lighter finger pressure

Vcl. *pp* gradually lighter finger pressure

C.bass *p* etc ad lib. E and A strings

suone reale

224

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo 224 *p* gradually lighter finger pressure

Vcl. *p* gradually lighter finger pressure

C.bass *pp*

231 no pitches, only whispering sound

Vln.1 *ppp* no pitches, only whispering sound

Vln.2 *ppp* no pitches, only whispering sound

Vla. *ppp* no pitches, only whispering sound

Solo 231 *ppp* no pitches, only whispering sound

Vcl. *ppp* no pitches, only whispering sound

C.bass *ppp* no pitches, only whispering sound

237 **M** ♩ = 48

Vln.1 *tasto* *pp*

Vln.2 *div.* *p*

Vla. *div.* *p*

Solo 237 **M** ♩ = 48 *p* IV III V

Vcl. *p*

C.bass *p* *ppp* *suone reale*

244 *grind (extremely slow bow, heavy pressure, no pitch)*

Vln.1 *p* *bow moving also in direction from bridge*

Vln.2 *p*

Vla. *p*

Solo 244 *pp* 0 III IV 0 III IV

Vcl. *pp*

C.bass *pp* *ppp*

252

Vln.1 *tasto* *pp* *p* continue with single sounds, randomly

Vln.2 *tasto* *pp* *p* continue with single sounds, randomly

Vla.

Solo 252 *p* *ppp* *pp*

Vcl. *p* *pp*

C.bass *p* *ppp* *pp*

260

Vln.1 *tasto* *pp* *p* *p* jumping bow

Vln.2 *tasto* *pp* *p*

Vla.

Solo 260 *p* *ppp*

Vcl. *p*

C.bass *ppp* *p*

267

Vln.1 *jumping bow* *p*

Vln.2 *solo legno* *mp* *gli altri* *pp*

Vla. *non div.* *p* *IV*

Solo

Vcl. *pp* *jumping bow* *ord* *pp* *pp* *pp* *pp*

C.bass *pp* *p*

272

Vln.1 *jumping bow* *p*

Vln.2 *pp* *pp*

Vla. *p* *IV* *p*

Solo *mf*

Vcl. *pp* *pp* *pp* *ord*

C.bass *pp* *p*

278 **N** ♩ = 72

Vln.1 arco *p* *p*

Vln.2 pizz *p* *mf* arco

Vla. arco *p* *mf* pizz *p* *f*

Solo 278 **N** ♩ = 72 *p* *mf*

Vcl. *p*

C.bass *p* pizz *suone reale*

282

Vln.1 *p* *mf*

Vln.2 *p* *mf* *p*

Vla. arco *p* *mf* pizz *p* *f*

Solo 282 *mf* *p*

Vcl. *p*

C.bass *mf* *p* *mf*

285

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

288

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

291

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

294

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

297 ♩ = 84

Vln.1 *f*

Vln.2 *f*

Vla. *ff*

Solo

Vcl. *f* *ff* *f* *ff* *f* *ff*

C.bass *f*

301

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla. *p* *ff* *p* *ff* *sim.*

Solo

Vcl. *ff* *pizz* *f* *pizz* *f*

C.bass *f* *pizz* *f* *arco* *pizz*

304

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

arco pizz

[P] ♩ = 48

307

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

arco

pp < mf

pp < mp

[P] ♩ = 48

307

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

arco pont

mp < f

pp < mp

mp < f

pp < mp

mp < f

pp < mp

mp < f



319

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

321

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

323

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

326

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass



329

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

332

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

$\text{♩} = 66$

**R** stop bow

div. *f* random number of notes, irregular

*pp*

*mp*

*pp*

*f* *mp*

*f* *mp*

*mf* *mp*

*f* random number of notes, irregular

stop bow

stop bow

*f*

*f*

335

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

*mf*

*mp*

*p*

*mf*

*pp*

*p*

*mf*

*p*

*f*

338

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

*p*

*p*

*gli altri*

*p*

1. legato tremolo over 2 strings

2. *p* sim.

2.

*p*

*mf*

*pp*

*p*

*mf*

*mf*

*piu f*

341

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

*mf*

*mf*

*sim (legato tremolo)*

*legato tremolo over 2 strings*

*p*

*mf*

*sim.*

*mf*

*p*

*con vibr*

*p*

8 5 5 3

5 5 5 5 5 5 3

344

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

*mf*

*sim (legato tremolo)*

*p*

*mf*

*cresc.*

*mf*

*p*

*f*

*p*

8 5 3

5 5 5 5 5 5 3

348

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

353

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

*Rit.*

*solo*

*gli altri*

*solo*

*f*

*S*  $\text{♩} = 48$

357

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

362

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

366

Vln.1

1. *f*

2. *f*

div.

Vln.2

*mf* *f* *p* *mf*

(end of legato tremolo)

Vla.

*mf* *f* *p* *mf*

(end of legato tremolo)

Solo

366

Vcl.

*mf*

C.bass

*sempre f*

370

Vln.1

*ff*

Vln.2

tremolo ord.

*mf* *f* *ff*

*piu f*

Vla.

tremolo ord.

*mf* *f* *ff*

Solo

370

*piu f*

Vcl.

*piu f* *ff*

C.bass

*piu f*



**U** CADENZA

Vln.1 *sempre p*

Vln.2 *sempre p*

Vla. *mp* extremely high harmonics on C string *sempre p*

Solo *sempre p* **U** CADENZA *Impro. Vary from tasto to x-ponticello. Vary pressure and position of left hand fingers.* *f*

Vcl. *x-pont* *dynamics: follow conductor*

C.bass *x-pont* *dynamics: follow conductor*

384 *♩ = 84*

Vln.1 *play gradually slower*

Vln.2 *play gradually slower*

Vla. *senza vibr* *mf*

Solo *ff* *mf* *cresc.* *sim.* *6* *3* *6* *6*

Vcl. *senza vibr* *mf*

C.bass *ord* *mf*



390

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

395

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

398 **Poco a poco rit.**

Vln.1 *end on a random note and keep it (senza vib)*

Vln.2 *end on a random note and keep it (senza vib)*

Vla.

Solo 398 **Poco a poco rit.** *f*

Vcl.

C.bass

401 **Senza misura, quasi improvvisando**

Vln.1 *p*

Vln.2 *p*

Vla. *f* *p* *mp* *p* *p*

Solo 401 **Senza misura, quasi improvvisando** *Fill in with arpeggios but keep a legato melody style*

Vcl. *f* *p* *ppp*

C.bass *p* *f* *p* *ppp* 2 fingers on string, no pitch or harmonics

404

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

*p*

(senza misura)

V Senza misura

406

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Solo

Vcl.

C.bass

*free rhythm*

*pp*

*free rhythm*

*pp*

*free rhythm*

*pp*

*free rhythm*

*pp*

*vibrato*

*p*

*vibrato*

*p*

V Senza misura

*p dolce*

*repeat ad lib.*

*p*

