DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
USAF HERITAGE OF AMERICA BAND
JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS, VIRGINIA

7 November 2014

United States Air Force
Heritage of America Band
Attn: Staff Sergeant Ryan Rager, Auditions Coordinator
86 Hickory Street / Building 368, Suite 113
Langley Air Force Base, VA 23665

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for inquiring about auditioning for the piano/keyboard position at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. This musical audition will be conducted in two parts: (a) an initial screening by pre-recorded CD/MP3/Dropbox/YouTube and (b) a live audition for those selected out of the initial screening. Details concerning both audio submission and the live audition are attached. Please look over these requirements carefully to determine if you are prepared to take the audition at this time. The following information outlines requirements and important dates:

January 20, 2015	**Deadline for receipt of all audition materials / resume**. Demo CD/DVDs cannot be returned to applicant.
March 5, 2015	**Live auditions** at **Langley Air Force Base, Virginia**.

In addition to passing the musical audition, you must also meet other criteria in order to become a member of an Air Force Band. Before applying, carefully determine if you feel you meet the following Air Force eligibility requirements:

Age:	You must be able to enlist in the Air Force PRIOR to your 39th birthday.
Weight:	Over weight individuals are prohibited from enlisting in the Air Force. A weight scale according to height is attached. If you foresee having a problem in this area I can recommend various solutions.
Medical:	Individuals must be qualified for worldwide duty. Chronic medical problems, congenital defects etc., may be disqualifying factors.
Financial:	A severe financial problem could be a disqualifying factor.
Criminal:	A criminal record could be a disqualifying factor.
Citizenship:	You must be a natural born citizen, naturalized, or able to complete the naturalization process within four years.
Prior Serivce:	We are not able to accept prior service applicants.

If you have any questions that pertain to the aforementioned eligibility requirements, please do not hesitate to contact us. In order to attend the live audition, you must meet with the United States Air Force Recruiter in your area to be pre-qualified to attend basic training. Our office will initiate this visit after we find you musically qualified.

Thank you so much for contacting the United States Air Force Bands regarding our upcoming audition. We hope you have a great experience during this process and wish you the best of luck. Please let me know if I can help you with anything. Finally, please utilize "HOABAuditions@gmail.com" for your correspondence regarding the audition. The secure government e-mail server will reject and block most attachments (audio files, resume, etc). For additional information about the USAF Heritage of America Band, I encourage you to browse our social media pages and websites, listed below.

Sincerely,

RYAN RAGER, SSgt, USAF
NCOIC, Auditions

http://www.HeritageOfAmericaBand.af.mil

http://www.Facebook.com/HeritageOfAmericaBand

http://www.YouTube.com/USAFHOAB

Twitter: @AFHeritageBand

Piano / Keys Audition Materials: due January 20, 2015

Resume

Please include a professional resume outlining education, training, experience, skills, etc.

Jazz Soloist

Demonstrate the ability to perform as a solo keyboardist in a cocktail, background music function. You are welcome to play transcriptions or improvisations of various jazz idioms, however, do not play selections that will presented elsewhere in your audition. Include 5-8 minutes of material for this component – this should be one extended play track.

Imagine that you are performing for a group of distignuised military members at an evening icebreaker function, adding class and diginity to a black tie event.

Jazz Combo / Ensemble

Perform 3 of the following 5 selections with a live jazz combo or playalong recording. Please be sure the piano is present in the final mixdown. Each track should be 2-4 minutes in duration. Demonstrate the ability to play lines, solo and comp throughout this section.

A) **Four Brothers**
B) **Green Dolphin Street**
C) **Someday My Prince Will Come**
D) **Stella by Starlight**
E) **Applicant's Choice**

Solo Rock / Blues

Perform 3 of the following 5 signature intro parts, emulating the original artist and recording as much as possible. Each track should be ~25 seconds. (If you do not have an EP, use acoustic piano)

A) **Don't Stop Believing** (Journey)
B) **Every Litte Thing She Does is Magic** (Sting)
C) **Right Now** (Van Halen)
D) **Nothing from Nothing** (Billy Preston)
E) **The Way It Is** (Bruce Hornsby)

Concert Band / Classical

Perform the following components, demonstrating score reading abilities.

A) **Applicant's Choice** (~2 minutes) (Bach invention, Chopin etude or similar)
B) **America the Beautiful** (m. 11-37) (use piano, not a harp patch) *this is the only provided sheet music

Please clearly label digital files or provide track listing if using a compact disc.
Please direct all questions, dropbox links, digital submissions and inquiries to
HOABAuditions@gmail.com

AIR FORCE WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS Male & Female	
Height (inches)	Max Weight (lbs)
58	131
59	136
60	141
61	145
62	150
63	155
64	160
65	165
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68	180
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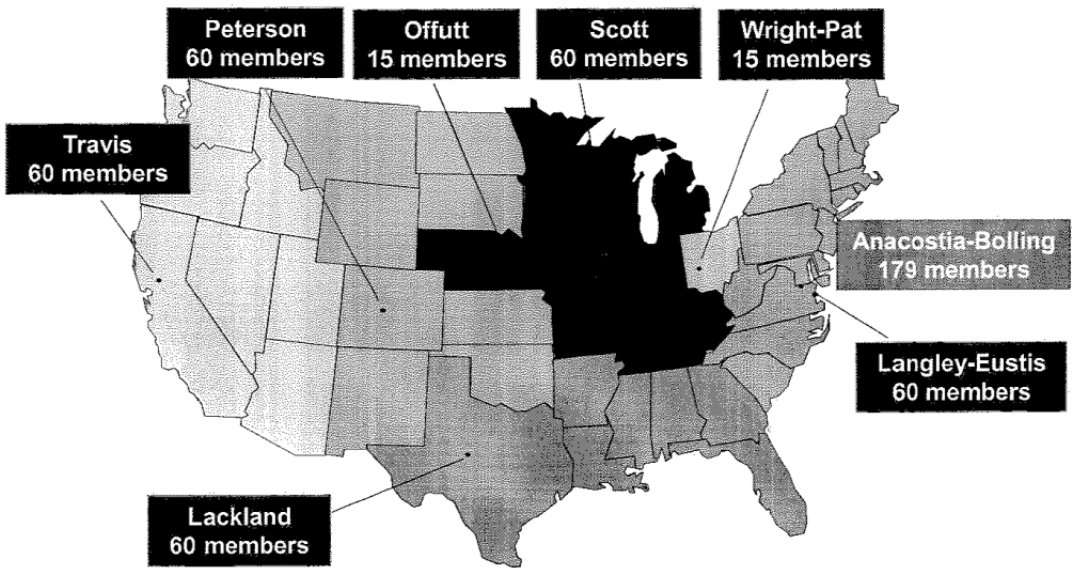
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Scott
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Wright-Pat
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Travis
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Anacostia-Bolling
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Lackland
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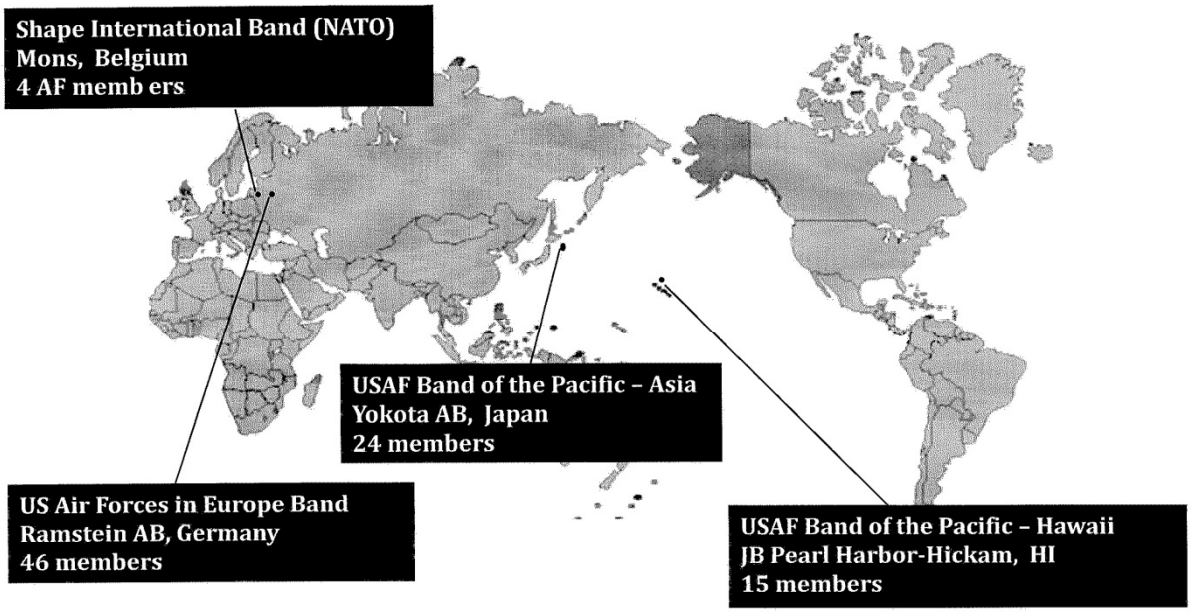
Shape International Band (NATO)
Mons, Belgium
4 AF memb ers
USAF Band of the Pacific – Asia
Yokota AB, Japan
24 members
US Air Forces in Europe Band
Ramstein AB, Germany
46 members
USAF Band of the Pacific – Hawaii
JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI
15 members

Pay Information

Basic Pay is the fundamental component of military pay. All members receive it and typically it is the largest component of a member's pay. A member's grade (usually the same as rank) and years of service determines the amount of basic pay received. Additional pay tables are provided on the following pages. NOTE: A musician entering the USAF band program with a college degree will likely enlist as at E3 (Airman First Class).

Basic Allowance for Housing (**BAH**) is a U.S. based allowance prescribed by geographic duty location, pay grade, and dependency status. It provides uniformed Service members equitable housing compensation based on housing costs in local civilian housing markets within the United States when government quarters are not provided.

Basic Allowance for Subsistence (**BAS**) is meant to offset costs for a member's meals. This allowance is based in the historic origins of the military in which the military provided room and board (or rations) as part of a member's pay. This allowance is not intended to offset the costs of meals for family members.

Yearly Pay Information @ Langley AFB, Virginia:

E1/no dependents: Base Salary ($18,378) + BAH ($12,384) + BAS ($4290) = $35,052
E1/w dependents: Base Salary ($18,378) + BAH ($16,488) + BAS ($4290) = $39,156

E3/no dependents: Base Salary ($21,665) + BAH ($12,384) + BAS ($4290) = $39,339
E3/w dependents: Base Salary ($21,665) + BAH ($16,488) + BAS ($4290) = $42,443

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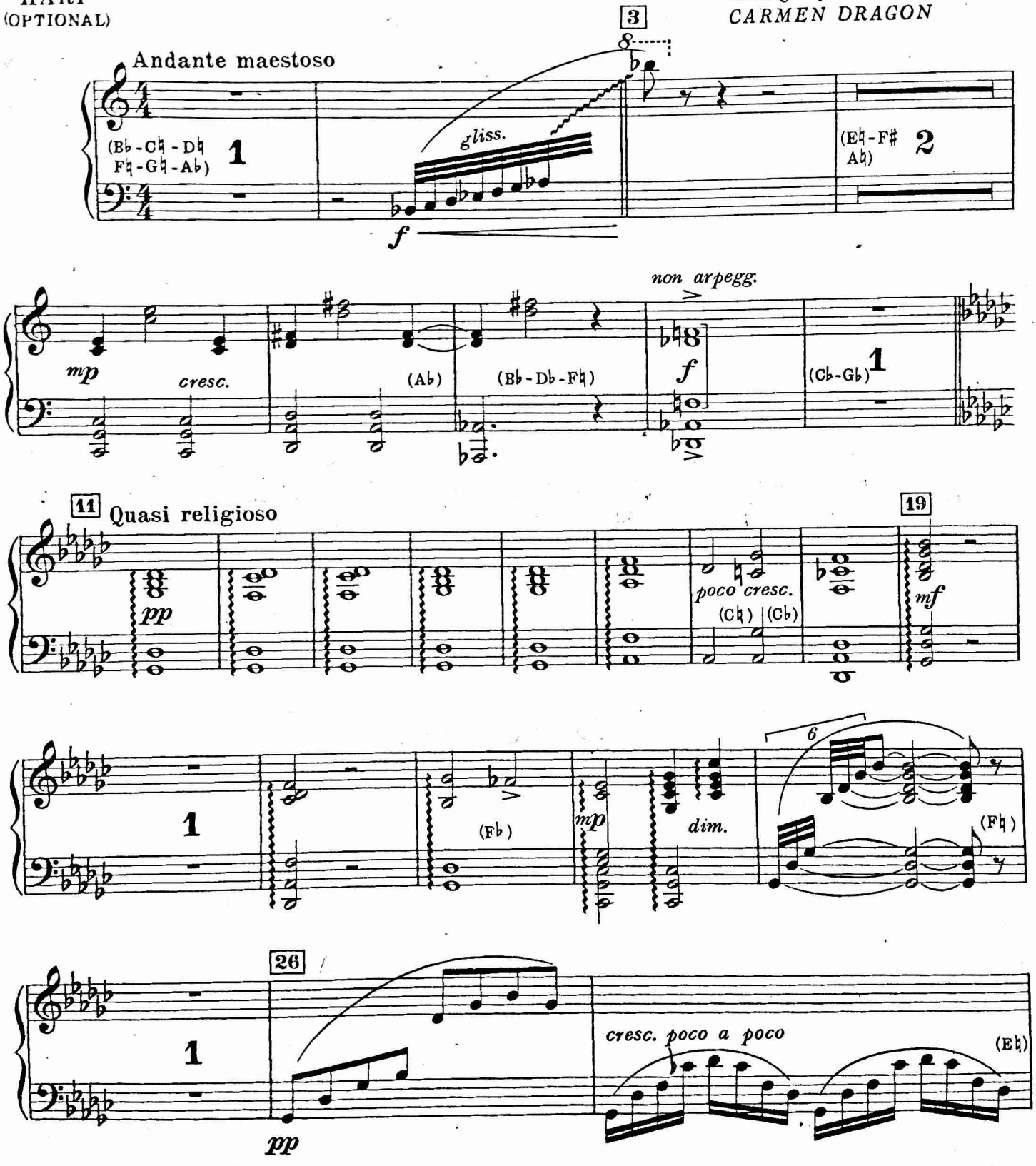
Arranged for Band by
CARMEN DRAGON

HARP
(OPTIONAL)



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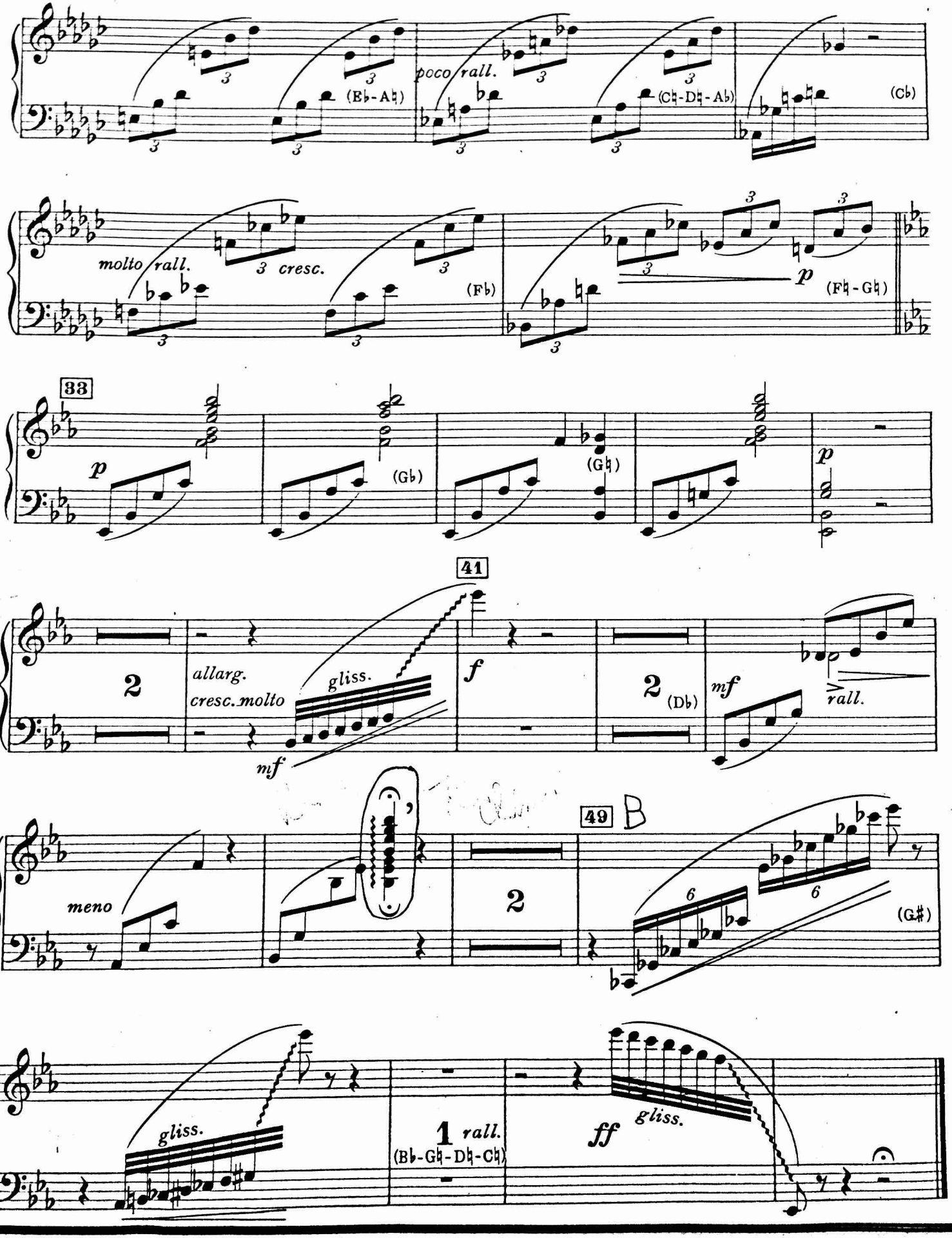
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