Dedicated to Ginnie

Tschaikowsky For Marimba

9 classic solos
arranged by Murray Houllif

F O R E W O R D

Peter Ilyich Tschaikowsky (1840 - 1893) was one of the greatest Russian composers of the Romantic Era. The 9 pieces in this collection are selected from his symphonic and piano repertoire and are ideal for recitals or contests. All pieces are playable on a low-A marimba, and five are playable (as notated) on vibes. Two and four-mallet playing is employed, with mallet suggestions included.

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About The Arranger

A native of Woodbourne, New York, **Murray Houllif** holds degrees from the State University of New York at Potsdam (BS Music Education) and the State University of New York at Stony Brook (MM Percussion Performance). His teachers include Raymond Des Roches, Richard Fitz, James Petercsak, Sandy Feldstein, Dom Famularo, and Bey Perry (organist Jimmy Smith's drummer). Having subsequently served as co-coordinator of percussion at North Texas State University in Denton, Murray has recently retired from 32 years as a band director and percussion specialist in the public schools of Smithtown, New York.

As a member of the percussion section of the Long Island Symphony under Seymour Lipkin and the Nassau Symphony directed by Andrew Schenk, he has performed with Dave Brubeck, Marian McPartland, Itzak Perlman, Bryon Janis, Stanley Drucker, Julius Baker, Lynn Harrell and Phil Smith. He co-founded, wrote for and performed with the Ambira Mallet Quartet. Murray performed with Theatre Three as a show drummer for 8 years, and was the drumset player with Art Rollini (formerly with the Benny Goodman band) for 7 years. He endorses Pro-Mark sticks and Grover Pro-Percussion products.

With approximately 250 concert and pedagogic publications to his credit, he has written numerous articles for such professional journals as Percussive Notes, Modern Drummer, The Instrumentalist, School Band and Orchestra Magazine, and the Music Educator’s Journal.

Murray won the Percussive Arts Society Composition Contest twice and in 2015, he was awarded the Distinguished Music Leadership Award for excellence in percussion education, presented by the New Jersey Youth Symphony Percussion Ensemble and directed by Dr. Kenneth Piascik.

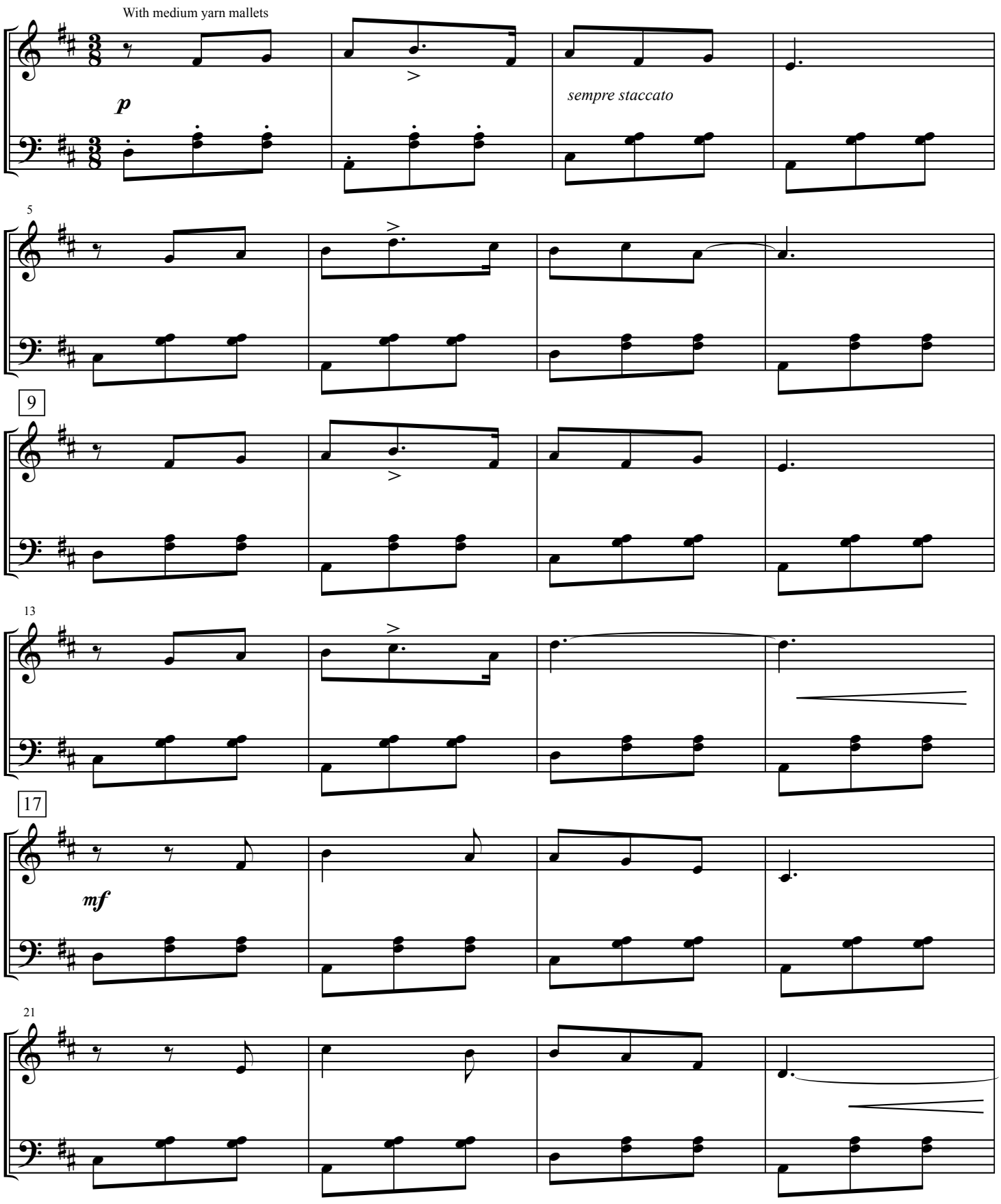
Grade 4
duration 1:30

1. Italian Song

by Peter Ilyich Tschaikowsky
arranged by Murray Houllif

Allegretto ♪ = 100-104

With medium yarn mallets



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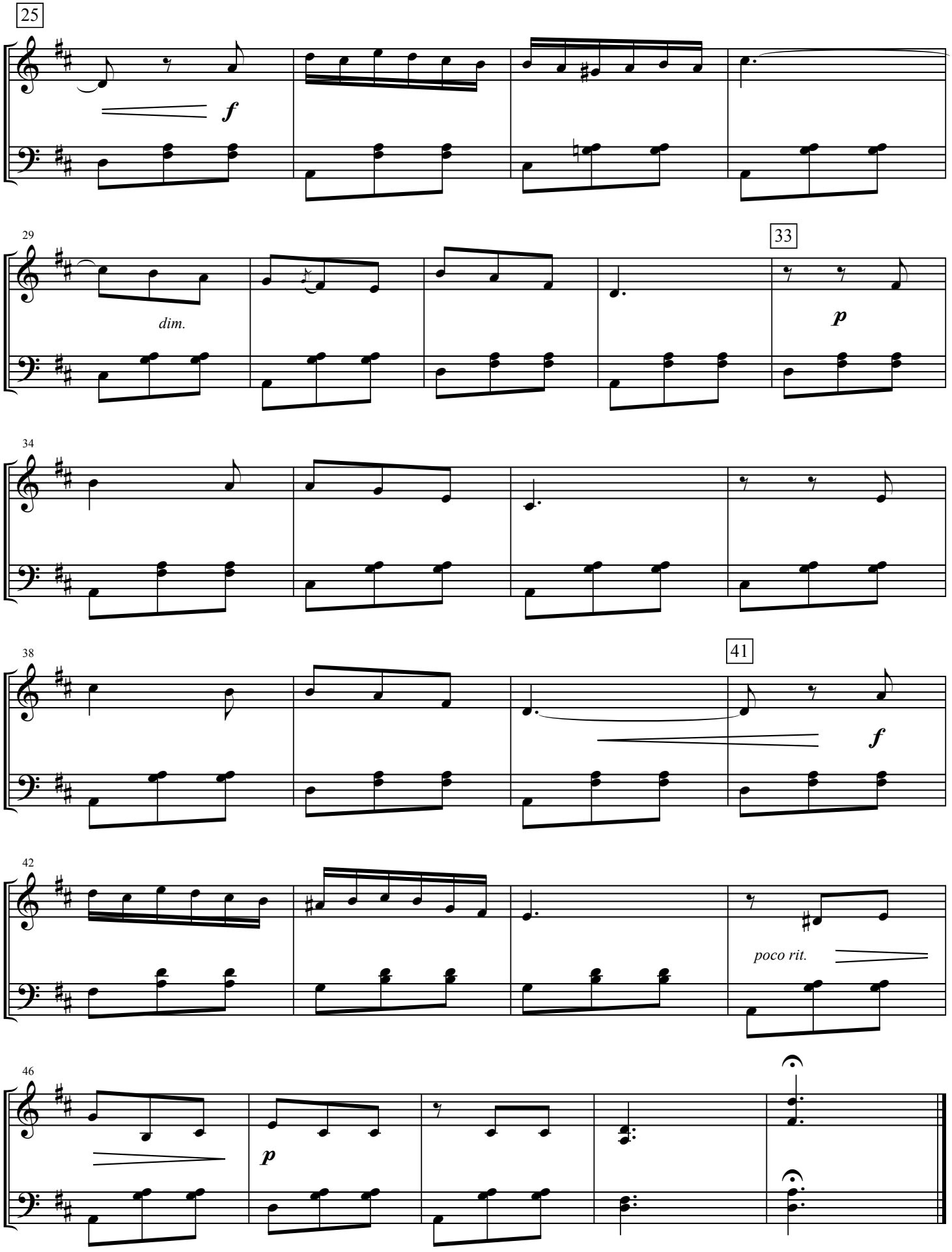
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