



# Agent Arco: You Only Shift Twice

VINCE GASSI

## Instrumentation

Full Score	1
Violin I	8
Violin II	8
Violin III (Viola T.C.)	3
Viola	5
Cello	5
Bass	5

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## About the Composer



Vince Gassi is a much sought-after composer, conductor, and clinician. With over 100 published titles to his credit, Vince's creative and energetic style has made him a favourite with young musicians. His works, both challenging and musically rewarding, appear on many international concert and contest lists.

Vince received his Bachelor of Music from the University of Western Ontario in London, Canada and later studied composing and arranging at the renowned Dick Grove School of Music in Los Angeles, California. He recently completed his Ph.D. at York University in Toronto, Canada.

For twenty-five years Vince has taught Instrumental Music at the elementary and secondary school levels. He is in frequent demand as a guest conductor, adjudicator, and clinician throughout the United States and Canada. His Cool Ideas, Arranging Concepts, Digital Workflows, and Creativity Workouts seminars focus on ways to engage students and teachers in the creative process.

Vince continues to receive many commissions and his works have been recorded and performed throughout North America, Europe, and Japan. Vince currently lives Toronto.

## Agent Arco: You Only Shift Twice

Step into the world of spies, secret missions, and high-stakes adventure with “Agent Arco: You Only Shift Twice”! This thrilling piece for String Orchestra puts young musicians in the role of a top-secret agent navigating daring escapes, mysterious disguises, and covert operations. Inspired by classic spy movie soundtracks, “Agent Arco” features bold, dramatic themes, suspenseful harmonies, and energetic rhythms that keep the excitement high.

The title hints at an essential skill for String players—shifting positions—making this piece both a musical adventure and a fun way to develop technique. As the mission unfolds, listen for sneaky *pizzicato* footsteps, intense chase sequences, and dramatic *crescendos* as Agent Arco races against time. Will the mission succeed? That's up to the orchestra! Grab your instruments and prepare for action—you only shift twice!



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(SOCAN)

Mysterioso ♩ = 144

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Bass

**4**

*f* *f* *f* *mp* *mp* *mp*

(V) (V) (V) (V)

1 2 3 4 5

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

*mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *ff* *ff* *ff* *f* *f* *f*

6 7 8 9 10

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

11 12 13 14 15

*f*

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Cello  
Bass

16 17 18 19 20

21

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Cello  
Bass

mf mp mf mf mp mf mf

21 22 23 24 25

30

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Cello  
Bass

f mf mf f f mf

26 27 28 29 30

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

31 32 33 34 35

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

36 37 38 39 40

38

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

41 42 43 44 45

Vln. I  
*mf*  
Arco

Vln. II  
Arco

Vla.  
*f*  
Arco

Cello  
*f*  
Arco

Bass

46 47 48 49 50

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

51 52 53 54

55

Vln. I  
Sul E IV 2  
*f*

Vln. II  
Sul D III 2  
*f*

Vla.  
Pizz. *mf*  
III Sul G Arco *f*

Cello  
Pizz. *mf*  
Sul A Arco *f*

Bass  
Pizz. *mf*  
Sul A Arco *f*

55 56 57 58 59

61

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Cello  
Bass

mf Arco  
mf  
mf  
Pizz.  
mf  
ff  
ff

60 61 62 63 64

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Cello  
Bass

mf  
mf  
mf  
Arco  
f  
f  
f  
f

65 66 67 68 69

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Cello  
Bass

ff  
ff  
ff  
ff  
ff

70 71 72 73 74

2 - 4  
4 - 4

75 opt. *8va*

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

*f*

75 76 77 78

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

79 80 81 82 83

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

*ff*

Sul E

Sul A

Sul D

Sul D

Sul A

84 85 86 87 88