



Instruments and Supplies

Instruments can be obtained in several ways. You can either rent or buy your instrument from a trusted local shop (or shops further away often do mail order) or perhaps you have a friend or family member who has an instrument to spare! PLEASE DO NOT order instruments on Ebay or Amazon or Walmart etc.– there are often too many problems to fix with these which usually ending up costing more than just purchasing an instrument from a trusted shop.

Most families choose to rent their first few instruments and most shops have a rental program where most or all of your rental fees will go towards the purchase of an instrument down the road. This can vary from shop to shop so it is best to call ahead.

Brindley's Music Center

836 N. Arizona Ave
Chandler, AZ 85225
480-963-1468
www.brindleysmusic.com
www.johnsonstring.com

Milano's Music

38 W. Main St.
Mesa, AZ 85201
480-827-1111
www.milanomusic.com

Southwest Strings

1721 S. Cherrybell Stra
Tucson, AZ 85713
520-624-9390
www.swstrings.com

Arizona's Fine Violins

2663 W. Baseline Rd.
Mesa, AZ 85202
480-777-2277
Www.arizonafineviolins.com

Andrew's Fine Violins

1930 S. Dobson Rd., #2
Mesa, AZ 85202
480-820-0994
www.andrewsfineviolins.com

Johnson Strings Instruments

1029 Chestnut Street
Newton Upper Falls, MA 02464
617 964-0954 | 800 359-9351
www.johnsonstring.com

William Harris Lee Shop

Chicago, IL
www.whlee.net
1-800-447-4533

Potter Violin Company

Bethesda, MD
www.pottersviolin.com
1-800-317-9452

Lisle Violin Shop

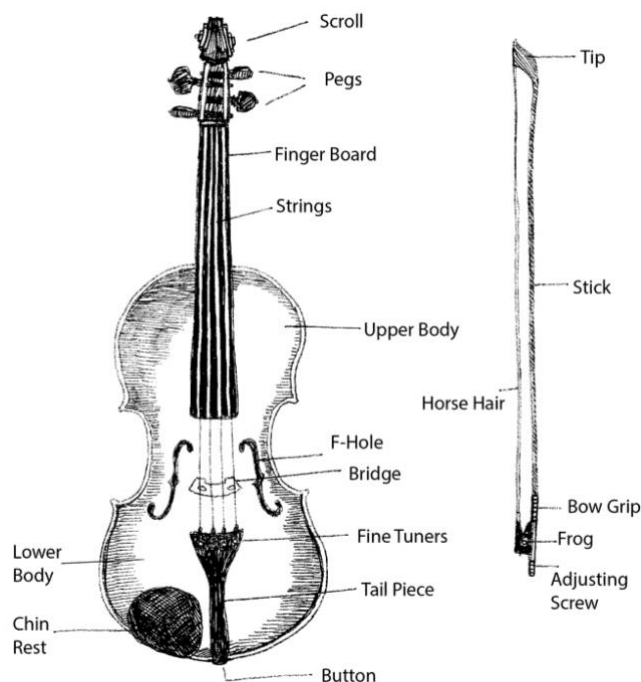
3 Locations in Texas
www.violins.com

Shar Music

Ann Arbor, MI
www.sharmusic.com
1-800-248-7427

Care and Maintenance of Your Instrument

Violin & Viola



All string instruments are VERY sensitive to humidity, temperature, and handling. Great care should be taken to make sure your instrument stays in good condition as any damage can greatly affect the tone.

Instrument Care:

- Do not store your instrument in extremely cold or hot temperatures or excessively low or high humidity. Extreme temps can melt glue and varnish and the cold can cause cracks.
- Always store the instrument in its case (shoulder rests off for violin/violas) don't forget the zipper!
- When the instrument is in its case, be careful to protect against hard knocks or jolts – this can cause the instrument to go out of tune, the bridge and/or soundpost to move, and cracking can occur as well.
- Always set violins and violas down with the bridge/sound holes facing up.
- Periodically check that the bridge is straight on the instrument (your teacher can show you how).
- Remove any rosin dust from the strings and the body of the instrument with a soft flannel cloth. **DO NOT USE FURNITURE POLISH!**

Bow Care:

- PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH THE HORSEHAIR! Oil and dirt can be transferred to the hair which deteriorates it quickly and greatly affects the tone.
- Rosin your bow every day.
- Be careful to not overtighten your bow hair before you practice (only the width of your pinky in the middle). After you play, your bow needs to be loosened before you store it in its case (just until the hair is slack)– if it is not loosened, the hair will stretch and warp the stick.
- The tip of the bow is most fragile – please refrain from leaning, poking siblings, or sword play.
- Due to normal play/practice time, the bow will need to be re-haired about once a year.

***Please do not attempt repairs yourself!
Consult your teacher first and then take it to a trusted shop if necessary.**