

Basic Detail Report



Clog violin

Date

1975 ca.

Primary Maker

Arne B. Larson

Description

This size 16, Dutch wooden clog (shoe) was given to Arne B. Larson around 1975 by the Orange City High School Marching Band (Orange City, IA) after Arne gave a lecture demonstration of some of his instruments at that school. This marked a challenge by the Band, which, incidentally, march in these shoes in the Tulip Festival parade, to see if Arne could really make a musical instrument out of a shoe--apparently, Arne said he could do so! And, several years later, he finally did! Body made from Dutch clog
Top: one-piece spruce cut off-the-quarter: wide grain Back and ribs: poplar or willow Dutch clog, the pointed end facing the player; black wooden dowel through center

treble side, probably to fill hole Head and neck: maple: plain; rounded back neck heel edge; inside of pegbox stained black; from Markneukirchen or Schönbach (Luby) commercial violin Arching: none Edging: top edge tapered to continue shape of clog Purfling: none Varnish: dark red brown Fingerboard: varnished mahogany Nut: white plastic Tailpiece: black-stained pearwood; ebony eye; beveled lower end; ca. 1800-1850 Tailgut: red gut; passes through two holes drilled in face Pegs: two ebony with mother-of-pearl eyes; one black-stained pearwood with mother-of-pearl eye; one rosewood with mother-of-pearl eye Saddle: none Endpin: ebony with mother-of-pearl eye set into raised center; small head Bridge: slab-cut maple; oval heart; round kidneys not cut to edge; tall feet not flared F-holes: lozenge-shaped; inside edges lined in ivory Linings: none Corner blocks: none Top block: none Bottom block: none Bassbar: wide; high; short; veneered in ivory where bassbar passes under bass sound hole Other: chisel marks visible on inside of clog

Dimensions

Total violin length: 549 mm Back length: 332 mm Upper bout width: 85 mm Center bout width: 100 mm Lower bout width: 122 mm Upper rib height: 50-66 mm Center rib height: 53-71 mm Lower rib height: 45-73 mm Stop length: 187 mm Vibrating string length: 315 mm Neck length (bottom of nut to ribs): 127 mm