

Basic Detail Report



Violin

Date

1895

Primary Maker

Knud H. Hougen

Description

In form of hardingfele without sympathetic strings. Body: asymmetrical outline; square shoulders Top: one-piece, slab-cut maple: plain; arching rises abruptly from edges to flat central plain Back: one-piece, slab-cut maple: plain; arching rises abruptly from edges to flat central plain; two wooden dowels through back into top block, 15 and 42 mm from edge; one wooden dowel through back into bottom block, 10 mm from edge Ribs: maple: plain; one-piece lower rib Head and neck: maple: plain; head terminates in lion-dragon with pointed, bone teeth, protruding tongue, and gold-painted crown and mane Arching: rises abruptly from edges to flat central plain Purfling: none Edging: not scooped; edges of top and back terminate in a point at the outer surface Decoration: two floral inked borders on top and back; floral inked borders on pegbox; ink decoration is under the varnish Varnish:

red-brown with craquelure Fingerboard: black-stained maple; wedge-shaped; no curvature; finish worn from use Nut: bone Tailpiece: ebony, adapted from commercial tailpiece Tailgut: steel wire, looped around notches cut in sawed-off commercial violin tailpiece Pegs: three ebony with with mother-of-pearl eyes; one black-stained mahogany Saddle: bone Endpin: ebony; rectangular shape F-holes: elongated; wings terminate in points; no notches; inside edges of f-holes up to 12 mm higher than outside edges; inside edges overlap outside edges Linings: none Corner blocks: small, possibly maple Top block: shape elongated on edge glued to back; integral with neck Bottom block: maple; rectangular Bassbar: pine; extends the full length of top Back brace: ridge carved from wood of back along center line

Dimensions

Total Violin length: 605 mm Back length: 356 mm Upper bout width: 155 mm Center bout width: 108 mm Lower bout width: 197 mm Upper rib height: 26 mm Center rib height: 26-27 mm Lower rib height: 26-28 mm Stop length: 189 mm Vibrating string length: 318 mm Neck length (nut to ribs): 125 mm