

Basic Detail Report



Violin

Date

1880-1900 ca.

Description

Body: guitar-shaped with curved ribs; "Russian" style; very narrow center bouts Top: two-piece, quarter-cut spruce: fine grain Back: one-piece, quarter-cut maple: prominent, very narrow curl, ascending from treble to bass; scored mark near endpin indicating center position Ribs: two-piece, quarter-cut maple: very faint, very narrow curl; first bent to guitar-shape, then carved to a curved shape on the inside and outside, and linings added Head and neck: maple: medium curl; channel in neck at fingerboard position Pegbox and scroll: edges rounded; reeded rather than Fluted, with central ridge Edging: edges tapered and flush with ribs Varnish: medium brown; slightly shaded; later medium red-brown varnish on scroll Fingerboard: ebony; very slightly wedge-shaped Nut: ebony Tailpiece: ebony; decoratively molded saddle carved rather than inlaid; face carved with image of cherub playing the violin Tailgut: red gut Pegs: two black-varnished pearwood, not matched; one varnished ebony with mother-of-pearl eye; one ebony with mother-of-pearl eye Saddle: ebony; curved to shape of edge Endpin: black-stained pearwood; large F-holes: wings fully rounded; notch corners rounded; undercut; inside edges stained black Linings: spruce Bottom block: spruce; small Bassbar: narrow, long, low height Structural Feature: 4 strings Other: inside of body stained brown; glued with casein glue

Dimensions

Total Russian Violin length: 595 mm Body length: 354 mm Upper bout body width: 167 mm Center bout body width: 97 mm Lower bout body width: 210 mm Back length: 351 mm Upper bout back width: 164 mm Center bout back width: 95 mm Lower bout body width: 206 mm Upper rib height: 27 mm Center rib height: 27 mm Lower rib height: 26-27 mm Stop length: 185 mm Vibrating string length: 316 mm Neck length (nut to ribs): 126 mm