



One-string fiddle

Date

1920 ca.

Primary Maker

Levsoy

Description

A composite one-stringed fiddle constructed from the pine sound table, the maple sides, end-clasp and lower neck of a Neapolitan mandolin extended by the addition of a banjo neck. The original curved back replaced by an oval, flat piece of wood. Ivory stringing between the table and ribs. The paper scratch plate mounted with modern Chinese paper cut-outs. The banjo-neck extension is scored with grooves serving as frets, and terminates in a round (homoxylic) peg-board. Single, dorsally-mounted violoncello peg for one thick gut string running to a violin end-pin that replaces the original pins. Two pieces of white wood form a bridge, one piece forms an upper bridge.

Dimensions

Over all length: 681 mm Over all width: 202 mm String length: 511 mm