



## Child's violin

### Date

1793

### Primary Maker

Lorenzo Storioni

### Description

This child's violin is in remarkably untouched, original condition. The wood choice and workmanship is somewhat freer and rougher than one would expect on an adult-size instrument from Storioni. Top: two-piece, quarter-cut spruce: medium grain broadening to wide in the treble; top not notched at neck position Back: one-piece, quarter-cut maple: prominent, irregular, narrow curl descending sharply from treble to bass; ebony pin through back into bottom block Ribs: quarter-cut maple: plain; one-piece lower rib Head and neck: maple: medium curl; inside of pegbox stained black Purfling: does not continue under fingerboard; incised, ink-filled lines on back Varnish: medium red-orange Fingerboard: ebony-veneered, black-stained hardwood; finished with same varnish as body on lower half sides; large notch at neck heel position; wedge-shaped; channeled under neck

position; relatively flat profile Nut: ivory; hardwood shim underneath Tailpiece: ebony-veneered, black-stained hardwood; tailgut passes through holes drilled in face Tailgut: plain gut; ends burned to stop them from pulling through tailpiece; possibly original Pegs: brown-stained hardwood with open pores; undercut, flat heads; surfaces highly dented from string turner or chewing Saddle: ebony; no rise; does not extend to purfling line; lower edge extends into lower rib with triangular profile with concave sides Endpin: bone with small, decoratively turned head F-holes: set low and close to edges Linings: spruce Corner blocks: spruce Top block: spruce; three iron nails into neck, two at top and one at bottom Bottom block: spruce Bassbar: slightly triangular profile Bridge: round kidneys and no heart; possibly original and certainly of original period of use

### Dimensions

Total child's violin length: 511 mm Back length: 301 mm Upper bout width: 129 mm Center bout width: 79 mm Lower bout width: 164 mm Upper rib height: 26-27 mm Center rib height: 26-27 mm Lower rib height: 26-27 mm Stop length: 171 mm Vibrating string length: 293 mm Neck length (bottom of nut to ribs): 119 mm

