

Basic Detail Report



Violin bow

Date

1823-1837 ca.

Primary Maker

Christian Wilhelm Knopf

Description

The decoration and silver cap on end of handle are characteristics of Christian Wilhelm Knopf’s style. The use of nickel silver in the decoration points to a date after 1823, when nickel silver was first produced in Saxony. Ernst August Geitner is credited with developing Neusilber in the Erzgebirge in Saxony in 1823, though a similar alloy, paktong, had been used in China much earlier. Stick: octagonal; pernambuco Handle: each facet inlaid with mother-of-pearl strip; ebony and ivory checkerboard inlay on top facet; octagonal silver cap on end of handle Frog: ebony; silver ferrule and heel-plate; no lining; mother-of-pearl floral inlay on each face consisting of a flower, a bud, and four leaves on five nickel-silver stems Adjuster: ebony; two silver bands; rectangular mother-of-pearl inlay on each facet of ebony; mother-of-pearl eye Tip plate: ebony-lined silver Wrapping: missing Grip: missing

Dimensions

To be completed later Stick length: mm Head height: mm Head width (bottom): mm Frog height: mm Frog length (top): mm Frog length (bottom): mm Frog width (top): mm Frog width (bottom): mm Weight (without frog, adjuster, or hair): grams