

Basic Detail Report

Hardingfele

Date

1901

Primary Maker

Anders Odegaargen

Description

Stringing: four bowed strings; four sympathetic strings Top: two-piece, quarter-cut spruce: fine grain broadening toward the flanks Back: two-piece, semi-slab-cut maple: broad curl Ribs: quarter-cut maple: very narrow curl Head and neck: maple: very narrow curl; head terminates in lion-dragon with pointed, mother-of-pearl teeth, protruding tongue, and gold-painted crown and mane Decoration: floral, foliate, geometric and diamond-pattern inked borders on top, back; foliate and geometric inked borders on pegbox; central inked floral designs on top, back and ribs; two decoratively-turned maple dowels through top above f-holes; ink decoration is under the varnish Purfling: none Varnish: medium, red-orange Fingerboard: spruce with brown-stained pearwood veneer and inlaid mother-of-pearl and white celluloid abstract floral decorative devices, divided by triple-strands of white celluloid; u-shaped; bottom end chamfered and stained black Nut: ebony, detached; sympathetic string nut: mother-of-pearl Tailpiece: maple with brown-stained mahogany veneer and inlaid mother-of-pearl and white celluloid abstract floral decorative devices, divided by line-etched bands of abalone; line-etched abalone plate at upper end; festooned outlines at upper and lower ends; tailgut passes through holes drilled in face Tailgut: steel wire Pegs: eight adapted commercial violin pegs: two faceted ebony with mother-of-pearl eyes; five faceted black-stained pearwood with mother-of-pearl eyes; one later ebony with mother-of-pearl eye Saddle: ebony Endpin: ebony F-holes: no notches; outside edge chamfered and left unvarnished Linings: none; ribs set into grooves in the back Corner blocks: spruce; small Top block: violin-form

Dimensions

Total hardingfele length: 618 mm Back length: 357 mm Upper bout width: 167 mm Center bout width: 108 mm Lower bout width: 208 mm Upper rib height: 30-34 mm Center rib height: 31-34 mm Lower rib height: 30-33 mm Vibrating string length: 299 mm Neck length (bottom of nut to ribs): 109 mm