

Basic Detail Report



Violin bow

Date

1680-1750 ca.

Description

This fluted snakewood bow is characteristic of baroque bows of the first half of the eighteenth century. The frog is attributed to Jean Baptiste Vuillaume by Charles Beare as it is virtually identical to two other frogs known to have been made by him. Stick: fluted (reeded in lower third); snakewood Head: swan shape with tip cut off Frog: ebony; form of lion with small white and black glass eyes; hair comes out nose of lion; hair accessed via brass screws holding two parts of lion together; brass eyelet; no lining Adjuster: ivory; cut threads on screw; probably later Tip plate: engraved silver; later

Dimensions

719 mm long Playing length of hair: 59.9 cm Stick length: 704 mm Head height: 10.7 mm Head width (bottom): 8.1 mm Stick width near tip: 4.7 mm (top to bottom); 5.4 mm (side to side) Stick width near middle: 7.7 mm (top to bottom); 7.8 mm (side to side) Stick width at end of handle: 8.8 mm (top to bottom); 8.6 mm (side to side) Frog height: 19.8 mm (front); 10.6 mm (back) Frog length (top): 46.2 mm Frog length (bottom): 46.2 mm Frog width (top): 9.0 mm (front); 8.9 mm (back) Frog width (bottom): 12.6 mm (front); 10.1 mm (back) Weight: 58.2 grams