



## Viola d'amore

### Date

1700-1800 ca.

### Description

This is the surviving body of a Germanic viola d'amore of unknown maker. Top: two-piece, quarter-cut spruce: narrow grain broadening to medium at the edges; pin through top into top block on treble side of center joint; four wood pins through top into bottom block Back: two-piece, maple cut off-the-quarter: irregular, broad curl; break in upper bout Ribs: maple cut off-the-quarter: medium, irregular curl; lower rib divided by later ebony strip Head and neck: missing Purfling: inlaid purfling on top; none on back; top bound in dark brown stained maple or fruitwood Varnish: dark red-brown Saddle: ebony Endpin: none Soundholes: flame-shaped Linings: spruce and poplar or willow Corner blocks: spruce Top block: spruce Bottom block: spruce Bassbar: spruce; later Back braces: spruce braces with tapered ends in upper and

lower bouts; wide, low spruce brace in center bout; spruce graft along back joint

### Dimensions

Top length: 387 mm Upper bout width: 189 mm Center bout width: 130 mm Lower bout width: 225 mm Upper rib height: 40-51 mm Center rib height: 49-51 mm Lower rib height: 46-51 mm Stop length: 204 mm