

## Instrument Shops – Houston

All of these instrument shops have quality instruments and rental plans as well.  
You may contact them or visit their stores for more information.

These shops also can help with bow re-hair, purchase of strings, shoulder rests, roc stops and mutes.  
Fishburn and Lisle make regular calls to Memorial and can deliver products on a weekly basis.

### **Fishburn Violin**

11435 Spring Cypress Rd  
Tomball 77377  
281-290-4580

<http://www.fishburnviolin.com/>

### **Lisle Violin Shop**

2450 Bissonnet  
Houston 77005  
713-526-4005

<http://www.violins.com/>

### **Wu's Fine Violin**

15510 Lexington Blvd  
Sugar Land 77478  
281-565-7088

### **Amati Violin Shop**

2315 University Blvd  
Houston 77005  
713-666-6461

<http://amativiolinshop.com/>

### **Gold's Violin Shop**

7010 Mapelridge  
Houston 77081  
713-729-2231

<http://www.goldviolinshop.com/>

## What strings should I buy?

There are many different ways to buy strings for your instruments. You can purchase a set of strings or purchase different brands for different strings on your instrument.

### Intermediate Students

#### Violins and Violas

The best strings for both violins and violas are DOMINANT. In fact, even with advanced students I recommend these for a back-up set of strings. They last and are very durable.

#### Cellos

The strings I suggest as well as the cellists I have asked suggest D'Addario HELICORE for a set of strings.

### Advanced Students

For Advanced violinists, you need to know your instrument. The tone and color of instruments are each different so if you do not have a private teacher, you can ask Miss Prontka for help with determining what strings you need for your instrument. Some instruments need certain strings.

Note: The humidity in Houston causes some issues with certain brands of strings.

Below is a good idea of what you can purchase for your instrument:

#### Violin

Evah Pirazzi

Pirastro Passione

For E strings: Goldbrokat and Pirastro Goldlabel E (know whether to use loop or ball E)

Dominant (*I have one set I use as my backup*)

#### Violists

Dominant (full set)

Larsen (A) and Evah Pirazzi: (D, G, C) Do not buy the A string for these.

Larsen (A), Passione (D), and Spirocore (G and C)

#### Cello Strings

Larson A & D

Helicore C & G

#### Bass

Pirastro Permanent (full set)

Pirastro Obligato (full set)

Here are websites where you can purchase your strings. You can also find rocs, stops, mutes, and shoulder rests. Shar and Just Strings have discounted prices.

Lisle Violin Shop - <http://www.violins.com/c-21-strings.aspx>

Just Strings <http://www.juststrings.com/orchestral.html>

Sharmusic - <http://www.sharmusic.com/>

Fishburn Music - <http://www.fishburnviolin.com/store/index.html>