



Renting a Stringed Instrument for Your Child

Renting vs. Purchasing

For beginning students and those who use smaller sized instruments, **it is strongly recommended that you rent the instrument for the first couple of years.** The advantages of renting are that the instruments are good quality, repairs are covered, and many instrument shops offer rent-to-own programs where the payments you make apply to purchasing an instrument later.

Quality Matters!

The quality of the instrument is very important to your child's experience and success! For example, low quality instruments may not stay in tune, or the string height may be too high or low and uncomfortable to play. Also, the sound of a nicer instrument is going to be more resonant and pleasant to listen to and create music on. Similar to using good sports equipment or shoes, comfort and performance are affected by the instrument that you choose. Renting from a reputable music store will ensure that your child will begin on a high quality student instrument!

Other Considerations

Not all instrument distributors offer the same services and benefits. When purchasing an instrument, look for stores that offer warranties and coverage on their instruments. Like a good car company, stores that deal with good quality instruments will back up their products and want you to be happy with the service you received.

On the back of this page is a list of local stores and online sources that are recommended for their knowledge of commitment to high quality instruments. **If you have any questions or want further guidance please do not hesitate to contact me!**

Thank you!

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Sources for quality stringed instruments and service

Local Sources

Atelier

403 E. Putnam Avenue
Cos Cob, CT 06807
(203) 661-9500

www.atelierconstantinpopescu.com

DZ Strad

60 S Lexington Ave
White Plains, New York 10606
(914) 831-7415

www.dzviolin.com

Ardley Musical Instrument Service

219 Sprain Road
Scarsdale, NY 10583

www.ardsleymusic.com

Music and Arts Centers

604 Mamaroneck Ave.
Mamaroneck, NY 10543
(914) 381-5205

www.musicarts.com

Online Sources

www.sharmusic.com

www.johnsonstring.com

www.swstrings.com

This list is not exhaustive and we do not endorse any one particular vendor. This list provides trusted music stores who have been found to consistently provide appropriate quality instruments for students.

If you have any questions or need any guidance please contact me, I am happy to help!

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