

Starting Violin

Congratulations on deciding to play the violin! It really is a lovely instrument. Here are a few basic tips to help you find an instrument and teacher.

Finding a violin & bow

Violins are available to rent or buy.

Violins come in fractional sizes. If you are an adult, get a full size violin. If you are looking for a violin for a child, have an experienced teacher or luthier (violin maker) size your child for a violin and acknowledge that growth will happen and you'll eventually need to switch to a bigger violin.

Used is great...but check for cracks, make sure there's a sound post inside, check to see if the bridge looks about in the center symmetrically and that the strings aren't too high or low off the fingerboard. If in doubt, have a luthier check it out.

Play it or have someone else play it before buying or renting a violin to see if you like the sound. Each violin has its own voice which may be mellow, bright or somewhere in-between. You'll be hearing a lot of it so make sure it's a sound you like to listen to!

Resources

Local violin shops for renting or buying a violin

Local music shops for renting

Online listings like Craigslist, Facebook marketplace, and more

Online shops like sharmusic.com and robertsonviolins.com

Finding a teacher

Lessonface! With over 300 violin teachers to choose from, you can find the teacher that's the perfect fit for you and your schedule.

"Music exists for the purpose of growing an admirable heart." - Shinichi Suzuki

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Teacher: Mandi Vance

Class: Intro to Violin

