

HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR STRING INSTRUMENT

1. Keep your instrument in its case when you are not using it.
2. Always wipe the rosin off the strings and body with a soft cloth after you are done playing. Accumulated rosin can damage the finish and will deaden the instrument's tone.
3. Hold the instrument by the neck. Acids and oils from your hands can wear away the varnish.
4. Always loosen the bow hair when you are done playing. Keeping the hair tight can warp the stick and stretch the hair or pull the hair out of the frog or tip.
5. Be sure that your case is completely closed before you pick it up.
6. Keep your instrument out of extreme cold or hot temperatures and avoid sudden temperature changes. Don't store your instrument near heat or air conditioning vents.
7. Don't touch the bow hair with your fingers. Oil and other things on your fingers can create bad spots in the hair.
8. Cellos and basses should keep their endpins in when you are not playing your instrument.
9. You should plan to change your strings and have your bow rehaired at least once a year.
10. Do not try to make home repairs. Your instrument is delicate and needs to be repaired by a trained, professional repair person.
11. Do have your instrument repaired when something is wrong.