

# A cello by John B. Wells, Westbank BC 2000

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\$10,500

**Labeled:** “John B. Wells Violin Maker, Westbank B.C. 2000”

**Repairs:** There is a small well repaired crack in the lower treble bout of the side. This was done in our shop in 2008 and required the removal of the front. At that time we re-shaped the neck and fingerboard to professional specifications. These repairs and the condition of the cello come with our guarantee.

**Condition:** This cello is in good condition with the repairs noted above. The varnish on this instrument is quite delicate and has required re-touching several times in the past, especially at the edges. This cello has been recently set-up in our shop to ensure that it is playing its best.

**Comments:** John Wells is a cellist in the Okanagan Symphony and an active instrument maker specializing in cellos. This Stradivari model cello has been well played by the original owner and shows some evidence of this. It is apparently made of native Canadian big-leaf maple and sitka spruce. It has performed well as a solo instrument and a recording is available.

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**Description:** This cello has a two-piece back of big-leaf maple showing fine figure, descending slightly from the centre joint. There are two small knots visible in the upper bouts, on either side. The sides and neck are of similar material. The front is of two pieces of spruce showing medium to fine grain with a repaired sap pocket visible near the bottom edge of the lower treble bout. The fittings are of ebony with boxwood pegs. The varnish is of a light red/brown over a yellow ground and in fair condition with noticeable re-touching, especially to the front and edges. There is a well repaired crack in the lower bout of the side. This repair was done in our shop in 2008 and required the removal of the front. At that time we re-shaped the neck and fingerboard to professional specifications. There are no other apparent cracks or repairs.

**Back Measurements:**

Length: 757mm.      Upper bout: 345mm.      Middle bout: 236mm.      Lower bout: 434mm.

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