

A viola bow by Siegfried Finkel, Schwanden/Brienz, Switzerland

Catalogue Number: RKT-0631

\$3,000

Branded: “SIEGFRIED FINKEL”

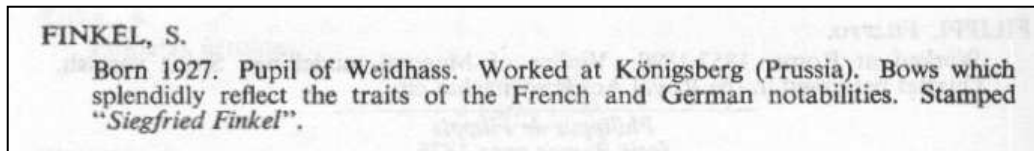
Also: “SWISS MADE” on the opposite side of the stick

Repairs: There are no repairs.

Condition: This bow is in very good condition with moderate wear. There are no repairs and it is original in all its parts.

Comments: The materials and workmanship of this bow are admirable and with a subdued style. The stick is moderately strong and stable. The weight is just a bit less than average and is balanced closer to the tip.

Biography: Siegfried Finkel moved to Switzerland from Germany in 1952 and established a workshop which produces fine bows under the various names of the principal makers in the shop. The shop is known for exacting workmanship and consistent standards. As this bow is branded “Siegfried Finkel” it indicates it was made before his retirement over 10 years ago. It is now the shop of his son, Johannes S. Finkel.



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FINKEL-WEIDHAAS bows have been on the international market since 1868.

Johannes S. Finkel, born in 1947 is the fourth generation of bowmakers of the Finkel-Weidhaas bowmakers dynasty. He was trained by his father, Siegfried Finkel, who moved from Markneukirchen to Switzerland in 1952. His great grandfather was Ewald Weidhaas (b 1869;d 1939). His grandfather Paul Weidhaas, who studied with Bausch (undoubtedly after A.E. Prager) and with V. Fétieue in Paris and then worked on his own in Markneukirchen.

On his father's retirement Johannes Finkel took over the family workshop, and now works together with three more bowmakers, W. Ernst, M. Fischer and J.M. Lüthi, in Schwanden/Brienz.

-From the web page of Johannes S. Finkel: <http://www.finkel-bows.ch/>

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Description: This bow has an octagonal stick of red-brown pernambucco wood with an ivory tip face and silver wire grip. The silver mounted ebony frog has a mother of pearl slide and a dot. The divided adjuster is covered in silver. There are no repairs.

Weight: 69 grams

Balance point: 25 cm. from the adjuster

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