

A viola bow by Johannes O. Paulus, Markneukirchen, c. 1965

RKT-0979

\$1,800

Branded: “JOHS O. PAULUS”

Also branded on the frog: “JO.PAULUS” below the image of a hawk.

Repairs: This bow has never needed repair. The grip was recently replaced in our shop.

Condition: This bow is in excellent condition with minor wear to the handle.

Comments: Johannes Paulus apprenticed to Adolf Schuster of Marneukirchen and this influence can be seen in this bow. It was purchased new by a violin and viola player in the Ottawa Symphony c. 1965 and it stayed with him the rest of his life. At 69.5 grams this bow has good weight and balance and is moderately strong and elastic. High standards of material selection and precise workmanship are evident.

Biography: Paulus-Master bows have been produced by four generations of the family. In 1923 the family-owned company was founded by Otto Paulus. He was born in 1891 in Markneukirchen, the home of the music instrument manufacturing. Otto Paulus was fascinated by this tradition so he learned the profession of a bowyer from bowyer master Mönning. Within six years he acquired good and precious knowledge from August Rau. In 1923 he founded his own company and received his master craftsman certificate in 1948.



He passed on his great experience and love for this profession to his son Johannes O. Paulus who learned the bowyer handcraft from Adolf C. Schuster in Markneukirchen and who graduated successfully from master school in 1950. Johannes O. Paulus took over the workshop of his master and kept it running until old age. He retired at age of 78 but nothing could hold him back from coming back to the workshop of his son Günter A. Paulus every now and then to see how things are going and to set his hand to something here and there.

At an early age, Günter A. Paulus discovered his love for the profession of a bowyer, as he was led and qualified by his father. He received his master craftsman certificate in 1972 and kept on working in the workshop of his father until 1973, when he founded his own company. Jens Paulus was born in 1970. He also learned the profession of a bowyer. He apprenticed to his father and graduated the examination for the master's certificate in 1992. Since January 2000 Günter A. Paulus and Jens Paulus run their workshop together.



Every bow gets adjusted strictly to the demands of the individual musician and to the requirements for the practical performance, by using highest perfection, artistic sensitivity and the right sense of personality.

In 2006 Günter A. Paulus passed away. Since then, Jens Paulus continued the family business, now in its fourth generation.

- from the web page of Jens Paulus: <http://www.paulusbogen.de>

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A silver mounted viola bow by Johannes O. Paulus, branded: "JOHS O. PAULUS"
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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 Parisian eye. The divided adjuster is of silver and ebony. There are no evident repairs and the bow is original in all its parts except for the silver wire grip which was replaced in our shop.

Weight: 69.5 grams

Balance point: 24.5 cm. from the adjuster

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