

A violin bow by Martin DeVillers, Portland, Oregon c. 1980

Catalogue Number RKT-0065

\$3,500

Branded: “SCHUBACK-DEVILLIERS”

Repairs: There are no visible repairs.

Condition: This bow is in excellent condition with little wear.

Comments: Although made in the U.S.A. the graduations of this bow show its French heritage. The octagonal stick is particularly strong through the middle of the stick and becomes quite slender and flexible just behind the head. It is just a little heavier than what many would consider ideal, but plays well and is one of our more beautifully finished violin bows. It always draws much attention from players.

Biography: Martin DeVillers is an award winning French bow maker. He took his training at the school in Mirecourt under Bernard Ouchard. He then moved to Portland, Oregon where he worked in Paul Schuback’s shop 1975–1982. The bows he produced for Paul Schuback have the brand, “SCHUBACK-DEVILLERS”. He returned to France in 1984.

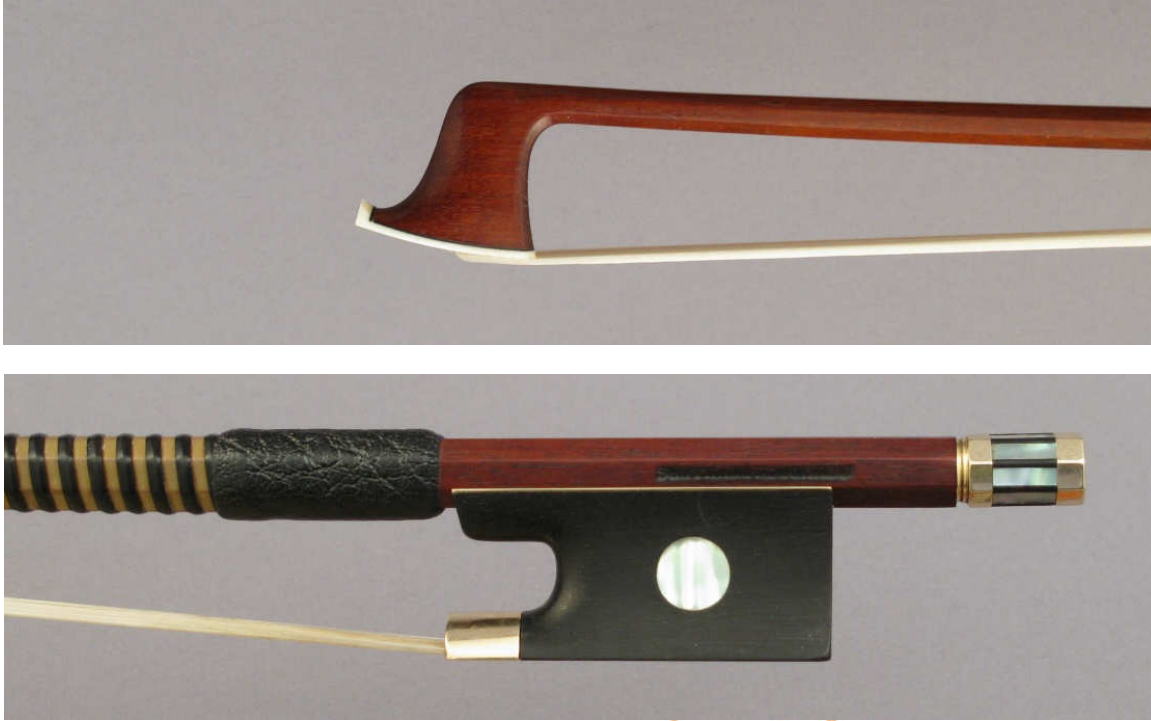
DeVillers, Martin Augustin; Portland, OR. 1956-. Born in Paris, France. Graduated from the school in Mirecourt in 1975. Moved to Portland and worked for Paul Schuback 1975-1982, doing bow making and repair. Established own shop in North Plains, OR, and worked there 1982-1984, making bows. Returned to Paris in 1984. Received two certificates for workmanship at the 1978 VSA competition, and a certificate for workmanship at the 1980 VSA competition. (*Bow illustrated on page 354*)

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Description: This bow has an octagonal stick of red-brown pernambucco wood with an ivory tip face and imitation whalebone grip. It has a gold mounted ebony frog with a mother of pearl slide and large dot. The divided adjuster is of gold and ebony and the facets of the ebony are inlaid with matching mother of pearl. This bow is in excellent condition and shows no repairs.

Weight: 61.5 grams

Balance point: 25 cm. from the adjuster

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