

A violin bow by Cuniot-Hury, c.1900

Catalogue Number: RKT-0664

\$5000

Repairs: There are no visible repairs other than minor scorch marks on the stick.

Condition: This bow is in very good condition considering its age. It has seen a limited amount of playing.

Comments: This bow is slightly light, moderately strong, flexible, and shows careful workmanship. The frog fits the stick very well and the stick is carefully graduated. The scorch marks on the stick may be from the maker, or from a repairer straightening the stick at a later date.

This excellent example of a nickel mounted ebony frog has a round stick with a good balance of strength and flexibility.

Biography: Eugene Cuniot-Hury (1861–1912) was a prolific Mirecourt maker who copied many styles, producing bows under the name of various Parisian shops as well as his own name, and at varying quality levels.

CUNIOT-HURY, EUGÈNE.

Born 1861. Son of Pierre. Died 1912. Hury is the name of his wife. Worked in rue Vuillaume, Mirecourt. Made first group of bows in 14th year, and straightway became a fully-fledged professional. Won several gold medals and diplomas of honour. Produced specimens of various grades in value. Copied all the well-known styles with equal success. Highest priced examples richly merit laudatory testimonials. Each bow doubly gifted with elasticity and strength. Even those purchasable at small expenditure will not be received with any semblance of a frown from any fastidious critic.

Business carried on by assistants, 1914-1920. £45, 1959.

- From William Henley, *Universal Dictionary of Violin & Bow Makers*

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A violin bow by Eugene Cuniot-Hury, branded: "CUNIOT-HURY"

Description: This bow has a round stick of fine brown pernambucco wood with an ivory tip face and silver wire grip. The nickel mounted ebony frog has a mother of pearl slide and dot. The divided adjuster is of nickel and ebony. There are no visible repairs other than some minor scorch marks on the stick.

Weight: 57.5 grams

Balance point: 23.5 cm. from the adjuster

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