

A German violin, c.1800

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\$12,000

With a handwritten facsimile Jacob Stainer label inside.

This is a fairly old violin in the highly arched German style, though the neck may be a modern replacement. It has seen much repair work of varying quality. The facsimile label is similar to many seen in instruments of this type with the standard wording in Latin, handwritten as authentic labels would most likely be. Reference works state that many authentic Stainer instruments were never labeled by their maker.

Repairs: This instrument has several repaired cracks in the front which were done before it came to the present owner. The fingerboard has been shortened at the nut to shorten string length. The centre back joint has been repaired and the button has been patched.

Condition: This instrument is in good repaired condition. It is sold as is with a guarantee to re-repair cracks if necessary.

Comments: Though of fairly small voice in its present shortened setup it is sweet and enjoyable to play.

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Labelled:

*“Jacobus Stainer in Absom,
prope Oenipontum fecit 1663”* (handwritten)

Description: This instrument has a two-piece maple back showing fine flame running perpendicular to the centre joint. The sides are of quilted material and the head shows medium flame. The front is of two pieces of spruce showing medium grain becoming broader towards the edges. The fittings are of ebony with rosewood pegs. The varnish is of a light brown colour over a yellow ground, in good condition and showing wear from playing and retouching. There are repaired cracks in the front and the centre back joint has been repaired. The scroll which is not original has been grafted to a new neck of plain wood and the peg holes have been bushed. There is a lengthened nut installed to shorten the fingerboard and playing string length. The button area of the back has a large external patch which is quite well done.

Back measurements:

Length: 356 mm. Upper bout: 164 mm. Middle bout: 111 mm. Lower bout: 203 mm.

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