

A violin from the shop of John Juzek, Prague 1939

Catalogue Number: RKT-0884

\$8,500

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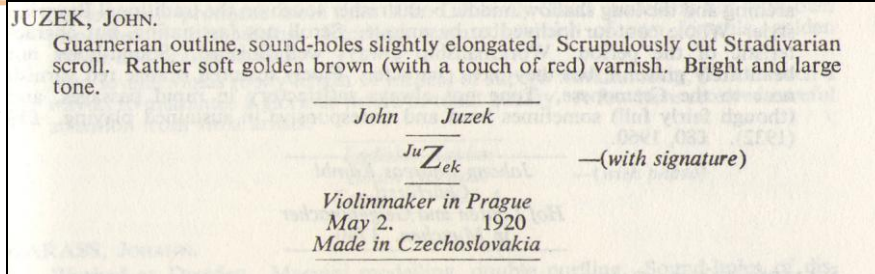
“John Juzek,
Violinmaker in Prague,
No: 256, Yr: 1939,
Master art, Copy of *Strad.*
Made in Czechoslovakia”

Repairs: This instrument has had a full restoration, including a crack on the treble side of the saddle and a smaller one to the treble side of the top block. All work is unconditionally guaranteed.

Condition: There are repaired cracks in the front, otherwise in very good condition. There is some re-touching of the varnish, especially at the treble side corners of the front. The fittings are new.

Comments: Although this instrument is from a commercial production shop it is well made and has a surprisingly rich and open sound. The varnish has a modest amount of original antiquing from the maker as well as some faint wear patterns from the hand of the player for home this has been a long time companion.

John Juzek is a well known name in 20th century Czech violin making. His shop prospered, producing instruments of various grades and his name is still used on student instruments.



The label of this present instrument describes it as ‘Master Art’ indicating the best grade which the shop produced at that time.

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Description: This violin has a two piece maple back showing medium figure descending slightly from the centre joint. The sides and neck are of matching material. The front is of two pieces of spruce showing medium grain becoming slightly finer towards the centre joint. The fittings are of ebony. The varnish is of an orange/brown colour over a yellow ground with some shading and a small amount of original antiquing. There are repaired cracks in the front to the treble side of the neck and at both sides of the saddle. Otherwise it is in good condition.

Back Measurements:

Length: 363mm. Upper bout: 165mm. Middle bout: 114mm. Lower bout: 205mm.

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