

Getting Started With Your Violin Rental

This year you may find yourself with a budding violinist! Renting or buying an instrument is easy, and I'm here to help.

Buying an instrument vs. Renting an instrument

During your child's musical journey, you'll need to decide whether it's best to buy or rent a violin. Renting your child's small sized violin is highly recommended – for many reasons. The biggest reason is that kids grow quickly through the various sizes of violins – 1/16th size, 1/8th size, 1/4th size, 1/2 size, 3/4 size, and full size! (The bigger the violin, the better it sounds! Too big, and it's hard to reach the notes.)

Another advantage to renting a violin is that there's a lower degree of commitment. If you find that the violin isn't for you after all, you can simply return the rental, no questions asked!

Other Reasons to Rent with Dr. Rachel:

- Educator-approved instruments and accessories
- Flexible return and exchange options
- Free instrument insurance included!
- Competitive rental rates
- Expert violin advice
- FREE delivery

*Free delivery within 20 miles of Lady Lake, Florida

Renting A Violin Is Easy – Contact Dr. Rachel at:

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THE PERKS OF RENTING A VIOLIN

A VIOLIN THAT GROWS WITH YOU

As your child grows, the rented violin can be exchanged at no additional cost for an equivalent, larger violin size.

As he or she improves on the violin, the instrument can also be upgraded to Better and Best level models that are hand-crafted for the more advanced violinists.

RENT-TO-OWN

After 15 months of renting the same size beginner level violin, you will own the instrument! It will be yours to keep and enjoy!

ASSURED QUALITY

When you rent a violin, you gain the advantage of professional violin maintenance and tune-up. Before being rented out, violins are carefully serviced and put into prime playing condition – and since they're already tuned, adjusted, and have finger tapes, this makes them much better than a "V.S.O" – a "violin shaped object" – and far more enjoyable to play and hear.

PEACE OF MIND AND NO HASSLE SERVICE

With the **free instrument insurance** that is included in your rental, you will be covered for a replacement in the event of a damaged or stolen violin. Periodic repairs and adjustments are also covered, and if work is needed on your violin, a replacement instrument will be exchanged with your rental violin for hassle-free servicing!

VIOLIN RENTAL OPTIONS

All rental violins come equipped with a violin case, a bow, rosin to make your bow hair sticky, a shoulder rest, a special cleaning cloth for wiping the rosin off your violin, and a colorful luggage tag to identify your violin case!

Beginner Violin Rental: \$25 per month, no commitment

Better Violin Rental: \$35 per month, no commitment, **great value!**

Best Violin Rental (for advanced students): \$45 per month, with a \$200 deposit

VIOLINS FOR PURCHASE

The “Everything You Need for the First Year” Package: \$200

(Includes the Violin, Bow, Case, Shoulder Rest, Rosin, Violin Cleaning Cloth, a Violin Book for class, and Free Delivery!)

Advanced Violins and Bows Available: \$600-3000

ITEMS FOR PURCHASE (RECOMMENDED)

Beginner Wire Music Stand: \$20

Best “Manhasset” Music Stand: \$50

Violin Method Books: \$13-22

VIOLIN CARE TIPS

Just like any other instrument, the secret to keeping your violin performing at its best is to make sure it is maintained. To give your violin the TLC it deserves, check out these basic tips:

BEFORE PLAYING:

- Tighten the bow. Look for the screw below the frog and tighten the hair until it is about 1 centimeter from the bow stick.
- Rub the bow hairs gently with rosin daily. The easiest and most effective way to do this is by running the hairs slowly back and forth against the rosin all the way from the tip to the frog.
- Set up your Violin Shoulder Rest on the back of the violin.

WHILE PLAYING:

- Keep pets in another room while your violin is out.
- Avoid touching the bow hair. (Rosin is sticky and will come completely off on your finger. If you do touch the hair, re-rosin the bow for 1 minute.)
- Create a violin practice sanctuary, ideally with carpet, a music stand, a desk, and a mirror to watch for a straight bow stroke.

AFTER PLAYING:

- Take off your violin's shoulder rest before putting it in the case.
- Use the soft, dry cloth that comes with your violin to clean the whole violin, strings, and the stick of your bow. Look for any built-up rosin dust, and ensure it's removed.
- Loosen the bow hairs before putting the bow away. This will prevent them from becoming overstretched.
- Always keep the violin in its case when not in use and avoid leaving it for any length of time in a place that's hot or humid (especially avoid leaving the violin in the car, in the sun, or outside).

DO YOU OWN A VIOLIN THAT YOU NO LONGER NEED?

I am always looking for high-quality violins to add to my rental fleet! I will offer you a cash price for your violin, or you can apply your trade-in towards the purchase or rental of a larger or higher-quality instrument!

What I look for in a high-quality violin:

- Well built and professionally set-up instrument, specifically with a hand-cut and fitted bridge, planed fingerboard, reamed pegs, and a minimum of rosin buildup on the varnish
- New or “like new” strings (Strings cost around \$30)
- A high-quality straight bow with clean, full hair (wood, fiberglass, or carbon fiber bows accepted) (New basic bows cost around \$75.)
- Clean violin case with all zippers and clasps working
- I will also buy gently used Kun shoulder rests, Suzuki books, music stands, metronomes, bow buddies, and tuners.
- Thank you!

Contact me at:

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RENTAL AGREEMENT

TERMS OF USE

Rental Agreement Terms

1) The undersigned ("Client") and Dr. Rachel Friedman ("Lessor") agree that Dr. Rachel Friedman will rent to the Client the instrument and accessories described at the stated rental fee. This agreement commences on the initial date of the agreement and continues until the instrument and accessories are returned or after 15 months of on-time payments, at which point the violin will be given to the Client.

2) Payments: All rental fees are payable in advance monthly through Paypal or via automatic bank check, beginning on the date of the rental agreement. Client is responsible for the full month's payment, and payments will not be pro-rated for partial months. A late fee of \$10.00 will apply to all payments received after the 15th day past due and again every Monday thereafter. The Client understands that this is a 15-month agreement unless the instrument is paid for or returned, and Client may terminate this agreement at any time upon return of the instrument and accessories to Dr. Rachel Friedman. The Client agrees to update payment information within 15 days of expiration or change. The Client agrees to allow Dr. Rachel Friedman to charge his/her account on subsequent billing dates. Rental account must be kept current, otherwise the security deposit and rent-to-own accumulation will be forfeited. Client will own the instrument after 15 months of on-time rental payments on the same size instrument.

3) Instrument Care: The Lessee acknowledges receipt of the goods in good condition, including violin, strings, bridge, case, bow, wipe cloth, and rosin. Instruments must be kept in rentable condition, with regular maintenance as needed to assure rentable condition.

4) Security Deposit: A security deposit of \$25 is due upon initial rental of an instrument in addition to first month's rent. This deposit will be returned to the renter if the final month has been paid when the instrument is returned in satisfactory condition as stated above. If Client defaults on rental payments, the security deposit will be applied toward rental owed or equipment damage - damage consisting of excess wear, complete destruction, or damage due to negligence.

5) Insurance and Maintenance: Included in the violin rental price is a maintenance and insurance fee, which provides comprehensive repair or exchange for the rented instrument and bow in all damage except that which is caused by negligence or abuse.

INITIAL HERE:_____

6) Insurance coverage;

- Free periodic checkups and minor adjustments - tuning not included
- Non-negligent damage repair and replacement
- Loss due to burglary with police report filed and copy of report sent to Lessor
- Minor scratches in finish

Items not covered include;

- Negligent care or mishandling that results in extensive damages. Examples: Subjecting instrument to extreme temperatures for extended periods of time, dropping instrument, excessive finish wear, and other careless acts.
- Theft due to leaving unattended in school, job, or car
- Misuse of equipment
- Everyday supplies such as strings, rosin, etc., or bow rehairs
- Loss due to fire, flood, earthquake, or other natural disaster

INITIAL HERE: _____

RENTAL FORM

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

INSTRUMENT SIZE: 1/16TH 1/8TH 1/4TH 1/2 3/4 FULL

GRADE: _____

PARENTS' NAMES: _____

BEST PHONE NUMBER: _____

BEST EMAIL: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CIRCLE ONE: BEGINNER RENTAL (\$25 PER MONTH)

BETTER RENTAL (\$35 PER MONTH)

BEST RENTAL (\$45 PER MONTH, \$200 DEPOSIT)

PLUS KIT (\$5 PER MONTH)? YES NO

VIOLIN RENTAL STARTING DATE: _____

TOTAL PER MONTH THROUGH PAYPAL: _____

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN THE RENTAL AGREEMENT

CLIENT SIGN: _____ DATE: _____

DR. FRIEDMAN SIGN: _____ DATE: _____