

# Instrument Care

## Viola

Do not turn the pegs or the fine tuners until you have been taught how to.

The bridge is not stuck in place, only held on by the tension of the strings, so be careful not to knock it or move it.

It is best to handle your instrument by the neck only.

Never put your instrument upside down.

Dust the instrument and fingerboard with a soft cloth after practicing to prevent rosin dust from building up.

Never use alcohol or nail polish remover near the instrument. It will dissolve the varnish.

When putting your Viola into the case, remember to remove the shoulder rest before closing the lid. Make it a habit to automatically fasten the latches of the case whenever you close the lid, even if you don't intend to carry it away immediately.

## Bow Care

Never touch the horse hair.

Unwind the bow, counting to 3, before putting it in the case. (The hair should feel loose.)

Wind the bow, counting to 3, before playing. (The hair should feel tight with a light bounce.)