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Peace, love and goodwill from Violin World,
and the happiest of Season's Greetings to
all!

Violins, Violas,
Cellos, Double
Basses, &
Accessories
Instrument repairs,
restorations and
valuations

NEWS, INFORMATION, TIPS
AND BEST WISHES OVER THE
HOLIDAY BREAK TO ALL OUR
FRIENDS FROM VIOLIN-WORLD

FINE INSTRUMENTS: PANORMO SCHOOL, ANTONIAZZI AND BISIACH

Violin World has recently come into the possession of a number of fine, high quality instruments; violins and violas.

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SANDNER INSTRUMENTS

Established in 1924 by Franz Sandner, and combined with innovative manufacturing technology, Violin World is thrilled to present these quality violins, violas, and cellos.

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ANDREW METAXAS

In this edition Violin World would like to welcome Andrew Metaxas to the team. Andrew brings with him a wealth of experience from his 25 years as a professional viola player with the West Australian, Tasmanian and Melbourne Symphony orchestras.

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REPAIRS AND RESTORATIONS OVER THE HOLIDAY PERIOD

Violin World is dedicated to maintaining a high standard of customer service all year round, and to preserve the quality of violins everywhere. In tradition with this standard, Violin World will be open for purchasing, hiring, repairing and restoring instruments almost all throughout the duration of the holiday period

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Fine Instruments at Violin World



Sandner Stringed Instruments



Instrument repair

*"If music be the
food of love, play
on." - William
Shakespeare*





A fine instrument in the making

FINE INSTRUMENTS: ROTH AND ANTONIAZZI

E.H.ROTH VIOLIN:

1953. Originates in Germany, specifically Markneukirchen. A replica of a Stradivarius violin, the back, scroll and ribs are of a fine figured maple, and the top is of an even grained spruce. Remains to be in excellent condition.



Retains a robust tone on all strings, and may be a very popular instrument among players or investors.

ANTONIAZZI VIOLIN:

1913. Originating from Cremona, Italy, this work by the maker Antoniazzi is varnished in a very rich, deep scarlet, characteristic of violin making in the period. The volutes of the scroll are deeply undercut and accentuated.



The instrument has a brilliant tone with great and superb projection.

“Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the flight, flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and to everything.” - Plato.





SANDNER INSTRUMENTS

Established in 1924 by its founder Mr. Franz Sandner, the Sandner company has been specializing in the manufacture of musical instruments for over eighty years. During this period, Sandner was well received in many countries around the world by innovating manufacture technology.

As the pace of globalization speeds up, Sandner accelerates its renovation in research and development.

At the end of 20th century, the joint venture SANDNER DYNASTY CO. LTD. was set up by SANDNER and Taiwanese company DYNASTY, and the German musical instrument manufacture technology was transferred into Taiwan, and later to Mainland China.

SANDNER DYNASTY spares no efforts in innovating manufacture technology with an aim to offer the finest musical instrument for all the musical lovers.

We here at Violin World are thrilled to be able to bring you such quality violins, violas and cellos.

We receive the instruments from the factory and ensure the pegs work properly, the fingerboards are correctly profiled, custom fit quality French Despiau bridges and high quality spruce sound posts, and finally fit quality light weight tailpieces, *Thomastic Dominant* strings and adjust the instrument for optimum tonal response.

All this extra attention to detail means you are to purchase a

completely trouble free instrument at what we believe is the best value possible in Melbourne.

Violins are available from \$380 including case and bow in all sizes, 1/32 to full sized.

Violas are available from \$480 including case and bow in sizes 12 inches to 16 inches (30.4cm to 40.5cm)

Cellos are available from \$1200 including a soft cover and bow, sizes range from 1/8 to full sized.

For those who may not wish to buy an instrument, we also have instruments for hire:

Violin/Viola - There is a non-refundable hire fee of \$66 and a weekly rental (or part thereof) of \$5.50

Cello -The is a non-refundable hire fee of \$132 and a weekly rental (or part thereof) of \$11

Bass - There is a no-refundable hire fee of \$176 and a weekly rental (or part thereof) of \$11.

Instrument changeover for the next size - \$38, with respects to the condition of the instrument being changed

Professional musicians have tried our customised Sandner violins with a unanimous reaction of acceptance. We are equally sure that you or your family and friends will be similarly delighted with such a thoughtful and beautiful gift this holiday season!



A Sandner violin

“Music is enough for a lifetime, but a lifetime is not enough for music” - Sergei Rachmaninoff





Andrew in the workshop

“After silence, that which comes closest to expressing the inexpressible is music” - Aldous Huxley



While in Tasmania Andrew also examined for the AMEB in Violin, Viola and Harp. Since moving to Melbourne he is busy teaching and assisting John in the shop while learning the craft of violinmaking and repairing. He enjoys helping customers and demonstrating violins and violas to them.

His interest in making and repairing began when he was a high school student in rural Western Australia. " I would travel to Perth every weekend for youth orchestra and lessons. Being two and a half hours out of town made me concerned about the "what if " factor- what if something happened to my viola and I guess it all started from there!"

While studying music at UWA Andrew led the viola section of the W.A.Youth Orchestra, attended National Music Camps, and was a member of the Australian Youth Orchestra on its first European Tour in 1984. He also won prizes in performing chamber music.

"I had many wonderful experiences while I was a student, I was so keen I couldn't get enough and the staff at Uni joked that the viola was surgically implanted- very funny!"

"I think making music with others is one of the most joyful things you can do in life and I encourage all my students to get involved whatever their level- I have friends I've known for over half my life through music that I get together with and play chamber music, it's so incredibly rewarding!!"

Andrew loves woodwork and had a large workshop while in Tasmania where he built up his skills making and restoring furniture.

"You know, to make a violin requires relatively few tools, but you need the right ones- the rest is skill. John is teaching me to see all over again, balance and form down to the tiniest detail, not only is he a fabulous craftsman but he is a fine teacher as well."

He says " To me, violin making is the flip side of my playing activities-the other side of the same coin! It is the art of making that supports the art of playing!!"





OPENING HOURS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON

Violin World will remain open throughout the holiday season, with standard hours from 9 AM to 5 PM, save for Christmas Day (December 25th), Boxing Day (December 26th) and New Year's Day, (January 1st, 2012).

A reminder that all of our usual services are available during the holiday period... Don't be afraid to come in should there be an emergency with an instrument at the very last minute!

Bow Repair:

Violin World has **same day** bow rehairing services, an art taught to John by Charles Bazin of France. As such, we always aim to the highest of standards. You are also able to request and specify the amount of hair you desire for your bow.

Feel free to call us or email us to make an appointment to let us know when you're coming in!

PRICE:

Violin \$85 (basic bows)

Viola \$85 (basic bows)

Cello \$105

Bass \$105

Repairs and Restorations

John has more than 40 years of experience in repair/restoration both in Europe and Australia, and uses high quality materials to repair and restore very high profile instruments, some well sought after and deemed very valuable. The repairs and restoration service is however not limited to violins, violas, cellos and double basses; instruments such as guitars, mandolins, ukeleles, essentially any stringed instrument may be repaired or restored to its finest condition

Again, please feel free to call or email us to make an appointment, whereupon the instrument in question will be assessed and quoted upon being brought to the shop.

Instrument Hire:

Perhaps a gift to a budding student, instruments are available for hire throughout the season. All the hired instruments are inclusive of a bow and case. As per standard procedure, the basic hire fee is non refundable, and if one chooses to purchase the instrument at the end of the hire period, the fees paid will be deducted from the total cost of the instrument.



Violin Making Class in the Workshop

HIRE RATE:

VIOLIN/VIOLA

Non Refundable Hire Fee – \$66 Weekly
– \$5.50 Monthly – \$24

CELLO

Non Refundable Hire Fee – \$132
Weekly – \$11 Monthly – \$48

DOUBLE BASS

Non Refundable Hire Fee – \$176
Weekly – \$11 Monthly – \$4

Hope to see you over the holiday period! Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year to all!

*“Music expresses that which cannot be put into words, and cannot remain silent.”
- Victor Hugo.*

