



Metzler Violin Shop, Inc.

www.metzlerviolins.com

CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF A BOWED STRING INSTRUMENT

- 1) I will wash my hands before I play, and I will use a soft cloth to wipe rosin off my instrument and bow stick after I finish practicing.
- 2) I will loosen the bow each time I put my instrument away.
- 3) I will check the bridge often to make sure it is straight.
- 4) I will store my instrument in its case, making sure the case is securely closed, and I will take off the shoulder rest when I put the instrument in the case,
- 5) I will set the case down so that my instrument is lying with the bridge face up, not lying on its bridge.
- 6) I will not leave my instrument in direct sunlight, hot areas, or in a parked car.
- 7) I will put finger tapes and stickers on the fingerboard only – I will not put Scotch tape on the instrument or bow. Any stickers or tapes will be removed before I return the rental instrument to Metzler Violins.
- 8) I will handle the instrument only by the neck and endbutton, and the bow only by the “handle” and frog. I will not touch the horsehair with the fingers.