



House of Note

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❖ Fall Hours — Open Saturdays 9:30 am – 3:00pm ❖



New at House of Note!

We are thrilled to have CONCERTO CHARLIE, who was a part of the 2001 St. Paul event "Charlie Brown Around Town." This public art event commissioned 101 statues of Charlie Brown, placed around the city, to celebrate the life and work of PEANUTS creator Charles Schulz.

Our CONCERTO CHARLIE was sponsored by the Minnesota Orchestra Association. The artist was Josh Porter.

CONCERTO CHARLIE was a generous gift to House of Note. He spent over a year in restoration with Museum Restoration Services.

Pictured is Henry Miazga and his father Mark.

New Rental Program for the advanced player

We are in the process of starting up a new rental program for the more advanced student, or for those who want an instrument superior to our basic rental. The program will be very similar to our existing one and should be suitable for those who are not quite ready to make a purchase. Call us for more details.

Featured

Instruments, Cases and Bows at House of Note

If you are interested in auditioning any of our instruments or bows please phone toll free (877) 503-2181 or (952) 929-0026 for an appointment and one of our talented sales staff will be happy to assist you.

SPERZAGA INSTRUMENTS

We are pleased to offer the following instruments from Maestro Liutaio Angelo Sperzaga, Cremona:

Violin: Cremona 2004 *Stradivari pattern*
Violin: Cremona 2008 *Stradivari pattern*
Cello: Cremona 2008 *Gofriller pattern*

In addition to making instruments in his own shop, Angelo Sperzaga teaches at the International School of Violin Making in Cremona. He has won numerous awards and has had several apprentices.



We have a great selection of 1/8 and 1/4 size violins for the advanced student.

We are pleased to offer a new line of electric violins. **Bridge** electrics feature a molded Kevlar® and carbon fiber composite body. These stunning new instruments come with their own oblong case and carbon fiber bow. Call for an appointment to check them out.

4-String \$1,250
5-String \$1,350

DECEMBER CASE SALE

All cases will be on sale an additional 20% from our already discounted prices during December.



Friends at House of Note

Amber Peterson Takes Her Music Seriously!



AMBER PETERSON is four years old and is a student of Cindy Uhlemann. Amber started violin in March 2008. One reason that Amber is remarkable is that she was born without her right hand and two-thirds of her forearm. For her daily activities, Amber uses a myoelectric prosthesis, which is an electronic hand.

Another reason Amber is remarkable is she plays violin. For playing, Amber has a custom prosthesis. The custom prosthesis was designed by resident prosthetist, Steve Jahn, at Shriner's Children's Hospital. The custom "violin prosthetic" is much lighter than her myoelectric prosthetic and allows Amber to move the bow across the strings. Amber uses a Bow Right Guide to help keep her bow straight.

Amber is enthusiastic and loves to play her violin for people. She is proud of the fact that she can play violin and likes to show everybody, and, as you can see from her photo, is very serious about music-making.

We at House of Note are very proud of you, Amber, for your commitment to playing the violin in the face of adversity and we look forward to helping you with your future violin needs.

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FOR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE

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IN FRENCH AND GERMAN DESIGNS



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- HYBRID PERFORMANCE DESIGN
- NATURAL GRAPHITE TINT
- GRAPHITE DIAMOND WEAVE TECHNOLOGY
- 100% KEVLAR ACOUSTIC CORE
- STERLING AND NICKEL-SILVER MOUNTINGS
- AERO-DESIGN XEBONY™ FROG WITH MOTHER-OF-PEARL SLIDE
- FIRST-SELECTION STALLION HAIR
- LIMITED WARRANTY

Available for Violin



A compelling testament to the power of collaboration, The INFINITY embodies the performance achievable

when players, bow specialists, and leading scientists work together. World-recognized authorities in bass bows and composites pooled their expertise to produce a distinctive bow that masterfully blends technology and tradition. The clear favorite of soloists, the INFINITY's strong, agile, well-balanced shaft unlocks and projects an instrument's core sound. The advanced frog design plays into the string and quickens initiation.

- PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE DESIGN
- NATURAL FINISH
- GRAPHITE WEAVE TECHNOLOGY
- 100% KEVLAR ACOUSTIC CORE
- STERLING AND NICKEL MOUNTINGS
- AERO-DESIGN XEBONY™ FROG WITH MOTHER-OF-PEARL SLIDE
- FIRST-SELECTION STALLION HAIR
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Available in French and German Designs

Paganini Rosin
in a hinged wood box **\$25.00**

Music Stands
starting at **\$14.95**

Korg Tuner **\$27.95**

Matrix MR-500 Metronome
\$22.95

Classical CDs
starting at **\$8.95**

Planet Waves Humidifier
Violin **\$14.95** Cello **\$16.95**

Musical Note Cards
\$6.95 - \$7.95

Bobelock Bow Case
\$60.00

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Our very own Paul Dahlin was featured in the August/September 2008 STRINGS Magazine. The article "Catching the 'Red Eye'" reflects on the annual Swedish Music and Dance Weekend at Folklore Village just outside of Dodgeville, Wisconsin.

The article gives an in-depth look at Swedish Fiddling and how prominent Paul and his family are in the world of Swedish Fiddling. The tune "Red Eye" featured in the article was made by Paul's son Daniel Dahlin.



More News of Note

Next year — 2009 — House of Note will be celebrating **50 YEARS** IN BUSINESS. Look for Special Promotions and Announcements. Our celebrations will include the House of Note Players.

In Memoriam

We are saddened by the loss of two very dear friends of House of Note. Both were long-time customers and world-class musicians.



Harry Dunscombe, who passed away suddenly Jan. 21, 2008, was the Orchestra Director and Cello Professor at Minnesota State University, Mankato. He was a world-class cellist who impressed his students and colleagues with his knowledge of music and the world in general. He is remembered as a consummate musician and true gentleman.



Bruce Allard, who passed away August 23, 2008, was well-known in the Twin Cities area as an accomplished classical and jazz musician. Bruce was a past Concertmaster of the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra and was also a noted trumpet player. Bruce was an avid supporter of House of Note and we miss him.



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Welcome to House of Note!

We are a full-service violin shop serving the string community since 1959. House of Note searches the world over to bring you the best-sounding instruments for the best value. Whether you're a beginner, professional or reacquainting yourself with the joys of playing, House of Note brings you the very best instruments, accessories, and personal service.

If you'd prefer to receive this newsletter via email, just drop us a note at info@houseofnote.com.

Hours:

We are open: Monday – Wednesday, Friday

9:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Thursday 9:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:30 – 12:00 noon (summer)

Saturday 9:30 – 3:00 p.m. (winter)

For your convenience, Evening hours on Thursday until 8:00 p.m.

Just a few of the many services we at House of Note have to offer:

- INSTRUMENT & BOW REPAIR**
- INSTRUMENT & BOW RESTORATION**
- APPRAISALS**
- TONAL ADJUSTMENTS**
- INSTRUMENT TRADE-INS**
- THE FINEST RENTAL INSTRUMENTS**

Advantages to Purchasing from House of Note:

All instruments, regardless of price, are professionally reconditioned and set up with the same care. We maintain a large selection in all price ranges under \$15,000. Home trials are available, allowing the player and teacher time to assess an instrument or bow. Written appraisals are included with all fine instrument purchases. Repairs of previously owned instruments are guaranteed for one year.

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Selecting an Instrument Can Be Easy!

With Krasimir's help, it's easy for the student and teacher to select the perfect "next" instrument together!

You determine the time and place, and at your own pace you can review instruments specially selected for your student's level and ability.

If you are interested in seeing and playing an instrument in your home, at your studio, or at your school, just give Krasimir Bakardjiev a call at 612-790-0617 or call the shop at 952-929-0026 to set up an appointment.

House of Note has professional musicians on staff who are eager to help you select the perfect instrument.



The friendly staff at House of Note brings experience to you with a combined total of over 150 years in the violin business.