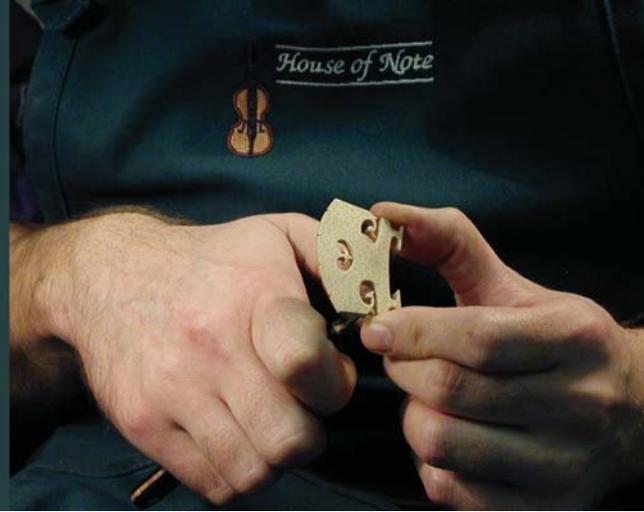




House of Note

News of Note



Our Customers are Key

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Passing on a love of music

At House of Note, we never tire of the joy that comes from outfitting a young player with a new instrument. This month, we thought we'd share with you the excitement of customers with the new school year starting up at House of Note.

Clockwise, from top:

Graduating to a larger instrument – Sales Manager Sheila Graves with Holly Balfour and daughter Adeline;

Selecting a new solo instrument – Gita Mazumdar and daughter Cecilia;

Happy House of Note customers – Sarah Zarrin and daughters Tara and Shara Mohtadi;

Making the final decision – Ingrid Liepins sells a violin to Sarah Roe;

It's all in the family – Sonja and Greg Grimes Family.



Featured Violins, Violas and Cellos

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.

Violin:
WEST COAST STRING
INSTRUMENTS, CHINA
2006



This violin boasts a one-piece back with a Dragon carved in relief. The front and back are decoratively inlaid with two rows of normal black-white-black purfling enclosing alternate diamonds and circles of pearl. The ribs and scroll have inlaid black arabesques. This is a violin of great character.

\$1,800.00

Viola: 15 3/4"
modèle artistique à l'ancienne
JAY HAIDE, BERKELEY
2005



Another great House of Note Exclusive which offers an authentic Maggini model viola that perfectly recreates the dark, rich tone of the Old Brescian Masters. The à l'ancienne model brandishes imitation-old varnish where all the marks of age and wear are skillfully reproduced. These superb instruments are available in body lengths from 15 1/2" to 16 3/4" and each one features the characteristic Maggini f-holes, double lines of top and back purfling and above all the legendary Brescian tone that is so desired by professionals for solo, quartet and orchestra work.

\$3,400.00

Cello:
ROGER LANNE, N^o. 13
PARIS
2000

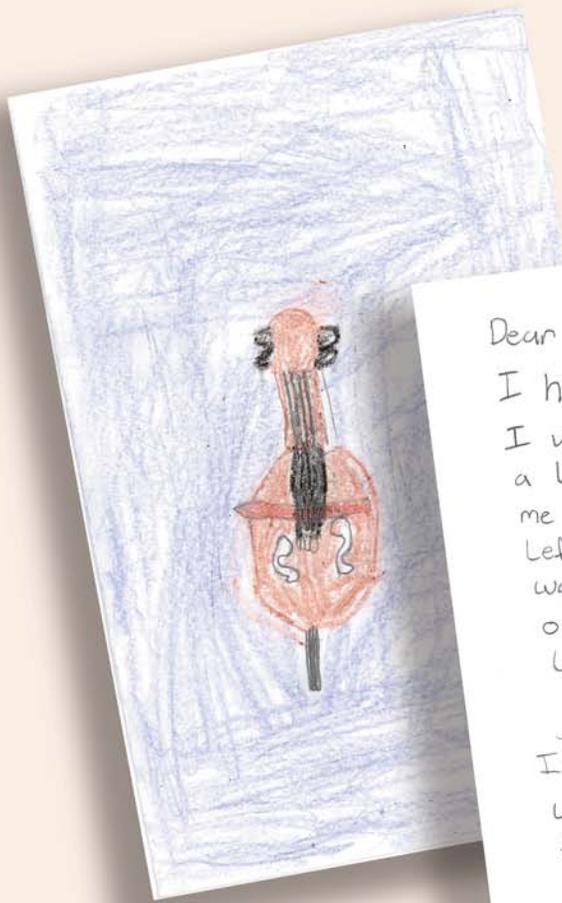


ROGER LANNE is a string instrument maker in Paris, France and a UFE (Union Française des Experts) expert. He specializes in alto violin, violin and cello. He is known in the music world for the precision of his work, his irreproachable restorations and his tuning expertise. His reputation spreads far beyond frontiers. A traditional string instrument maker for 20 years, he has dedicated a large part of his work to the research of new forms which he makes prototypes of and accessories for. He was awarded the "Viaduc d'Argent" during the Geste d'Art 1997. This cello has exceptional power combined with clarity and depth. It is evenly balanced with quick response and a wide palette of tonal colors.

\$12,000.00

A notable note...

This note was found with a cello that was returned from being rented. It was written by seven-year-old Katrina who wanted to make sure her cello went to a good home.



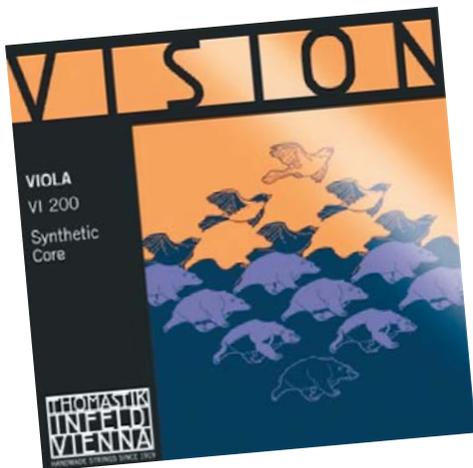
Dear New Owner,
I hope ^{Cello} you like me. I used to be owned by a little girl that played me since she was five. She left me here when she was 7. I will be passed on and on. I hope you like my voice and me.

I shant stop there I will tell about my miracules shape. It is a wonderful tale. I hope you like my roaring Lughtter voice and me.

We hope you Like us!

Dear New Owner,
I hope you like me, I used to be owned by that same girl. My horse hair is very delicate. I myself don't like being handled roughly.

from Bowe and from Celloe
P.S. please handel us delacatley.



NEW VISION VIOLA STRINGS

Thomastik-Infeld has released Vision Viola, its first new viola string in more than 30 years. The strings produce a bright powerful sound with a quick response and good balance from string to string. Vision Viola is part of the Vision family of violin strings, which are designed to break in quickly, stabilizing in as little as ten minutes when new.

Tartini Rosins are back!

For those of you who have been mourning the disappearance of the TARTINI ROSINS we have good news. It is being manufactured again by ANDREA ROSIN.

Formulas available:

For Violin:

Paganini (solo)
Vitali (symphony)

For Viola:

David (solo)
Vienna (symphony)

For Cello:

Casals (solo)
Toscanini (symphony)

For Contrabass:

Alex (all)
For All
Vivaldi (all)



We Will Miss You Steve

STEVE BENNEFELD

June 5, 1953 – September 10, 2006

It is with great sadness that we learned of Steve's passing. "The Old Ben Fiddler," as Paul used to call him, was House of Note's first repair person. To the best of our best recollection, Steve started with House of Note in 1974 and stayed until 1984. At that time he went on his own and repaired instruments out of his home. Steve was pretty much self-taught and quickly developed his skills.

During those years, Steve may have been the top repairer in the area. Many Minnesota Orchestra and St. Paul Chamber Orchestra members came to Steve to service their instruments and bows. He also became known as the top man to go to for bass repair and adjustment. It was not unusual to have twenty-some basses in the shop waiting for Steve to attend to them. Steve was a very talented man with many skills and interests. He became proficient in watch repair, restoring automobiles; he collected and dealt in Oriental rugs, was an avid fisherman and enjoyed nature. I particularly enjoyed our conversations about baseball, which we were both interested in.

What a wonderful memorial service that Paul and I attended at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church on September 13th. Many of the area's top musicians were in attendance including most of the bass players. The service included prayer, reflection, singing, a bass solo and a bass ensemble. His service won't be soon forgotten. We will miss you Steve, may you rest in peace.

— *Ed Volker*

Introducing the Custom Coda *Aspire* Violin Bow

This is quickly becoming our best-selling violin bow. House of Note has been working with Coda Bow to design a bow that sets a new standard for superior performance at breakthrough pricing.

This is a special bow that you won't find anywhere else. We have been working with Coda to help design a bow that is within normal weight ranges, has a strong stick that offers players a powerful yet focused sound with exceptional response. This bow is designed to offer a lifetime of reliable, trouble-free play.

\$260.00



ASPIRE™

Prelude to Performance



Has your student been sized?

Ed Volker sizing grandson TJ Hallfin.



The first thing House of Note staff will ask you when you come in to rent an instrument is whether your student has been sized. Playing a violin of the proper size will help prevent physical injury from repetitive motion, improve technique, and help prevent loss of interest in playing due to discomfort and poor production. House of Note staff are expert at discerning appropriate sizing, and in addition are familiar with the sizing preferences of many area teachers. Even if we are not familiar with your teacher, with House of Note's rental program, it's easy to switch to a different instrument if your teacher requires it.



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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)**

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**For your convenience,
New 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 AND 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.



House of Note around town!

House of Note attended the Suzuki Association of the Americas Convention with a booth at the Minneapolis Convention Center May 26–29th.

Pictured: *Front:* Ingrid Liepins, Sheila Graves, Ruth Nielsen, Ed Volker
Back: Krasimir Bakardjiev