

# Gracious Approaches to the Plight of the Purple Violin

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## Characteristics of a Quality Student String Instrument

- Pegs of good quality—custom fit
  - Bridge is custom fit from high quality maple blank (correct shape, height, thickness; feet that are correct thickness, fit flush to the top of the instrument)
  - Fingerboard made of well-seasoned ebony conforming to accepted standards of thickness, arch, and scoop
  - Nut- ebony, correct high and string spacing. Correctly shaped and lubricated grooves
  - Tailpiece- ebony, rosewood, or boxwood
  - Built in fine tuners (violin, viola, cello)- Wittner\*
  - Comes with (un-warped!) horse hair bow, unbleached and undyed hair
  - Set-up and adjusted for local climate by a luthier who specializes in string instruments (From “Trouble-Free and Built to Last” brochure, WH Lee & Co., 2013)
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## Writing a Bid Request

- Be as specific as possible
- If you are able, work with merchants who have a trial policy, a return policy, insurance, and a reputation to uphold

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## Helpful Links for Parents

<http://www.sharmusic.com/profiles/ParentsGuidetoVSO.pdf>

[http://wvhsorchestra.weebly.com/uploads/1/3/2/9/13298214/parent\\_guide\\_to\\_chosing\\_a\\_good\\_quality\\_instrument.pdf](http://wvhsorchestra.weebly.com/uploads/1/3/2/9/13298214/parent_guide_to_chosing_a_good_quality_instrument.pdf)

<http://www.antioch34.com/webpages/JDudley/index.cfm?subpage=784298>

<http://www.davis.k12.ut.us/cms/lib09/UT01001306/Centricity/Domain/6307/Elementary%20Info/Urgent%20Letter%20to%20Mom%20and%20Dad.pdf>