

CARE GUIDELINES FOR YOUR INSTRUMENT

We would like to remind you that **wooden musical instruments must be checked by a professional luthier on a regular basis.** Handling as well as climate conditions can damage the instrument and professional attention could prevent further deterioration. Damages are not always visible to the untrained eye. Also important is the assessment of the condition of the bridge, strings and bow.

Bring your instrument in for a check-up before winter (October/November), and after winter (March/April). Avoid bringing the instrument in during August/September, as these are our busy rental months. These visits could save you costly repairs in the future, and proper care and maintenance is important to insure ideal playability!

IMPORTANT!

- Do not expose your instrument to extremes of heat, cold, dampness, or dryness.
- **Starting in October**, please purchase and use a “**Dampit**” (green **humidifier tube**) in your instrument and a **humidifier** in the room in which you keep your musical instruments.
- The **Dampit** should be removed in **April** when you stop using the heat in your house.
- **Check regularly the position and angle of the bridge. If the bridge does not stand at right angle to the top of the instrument (leaning slightly toward the tail piece), ask the instructor or an expert luthier to adjust. Failing to adjust the bridge will lead to warpage and the need for another bridge. (Expensive!)**
- Due to extreme dry climate conditions in the winter and extreme humid air in the summer, **pegs can be difficult to turn in the summer or may be very loose in the winter.** If this happens, the pegs are not defective; it is a natural reaction of the wood. Bring your instrument to one of our repair experts (luthier) to have your pegs treated professionally.