Antonio Stradivarious Violin 'The MacKenzie' 1694 Replica made by a local Luthier



SUMMARY

Here is a very rare opportunity to own, not only a hand built violin, but a very accurate replica of one of the best violins ever made by Stradivarious.

The total build time is approximately 600 hours, by a local instrument maker and repairer, who is credited with working on some extremely valuable instruments.

The wood used for the body, neck and sides is approximately 200 years old and was sourced from a well known and respected luthier from York, who has now moved back to Germany.

It is currently fitted with new strings.

There is no bow or case included.

The instrument is fitted up exactly as it should be, with correct string height and spacing. The sound post is again perfectly positioned. These settings ensure that the violin plays exactly as it should with strong, but with very resonant tone across the full range, which is very difficult to achieve.

It is fair to say that this violin is probably as good as it gets and will give many years of really satisfying enjoyment and will be an increasing asset to any musician.

Finally, this instrument is so versatile that it can be used in any genre of music from classical, jazz, blues through to folk.

See below for photos and descriptions of build

The body is finished and ready for the neck to be fitted



The back is ready for finishing.



Detail of side bouts before they were finished



Detail of back



Ribs, blocks and sides newly glued in place



Back ready for finishing



Ready for final shaping



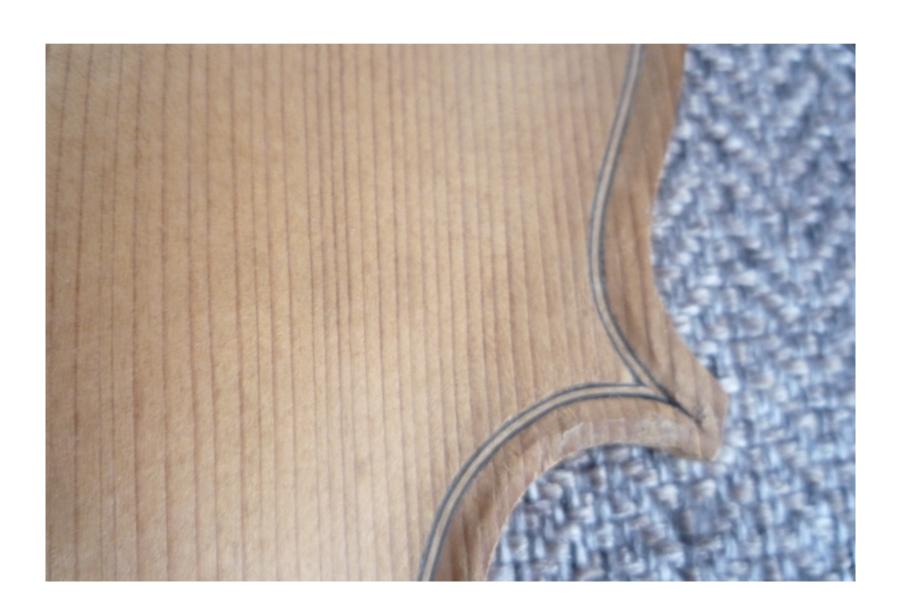
Detail inside the top



Detail of top outside



Detail of purfling









Bidding

During the weekend, starting on Friday, we will start taking bids including maximum amount you are willing to go to, right up until one hour before the auction which will start at 5.30pm on Sunday. So, if you want to show your intent, don't be shy and get in early!

Happy bidding.