

LEARNING TRADE SECRETS WORKSHOPS

Basic Violin Set-Up Workshop

Suggested Enrollment Cap: 12

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Description: This course is for those with some experience setting up instruments, but are looking for a reliable set of standards and techniques for a professional level set-up. The workshop will be focused on new instrument set-up from laying out peg holes to finishing a bridge, and some sound adjustment. We will cover some problem-solving in regards to tool set-up to increase work efficiency.

Course Objective: The objective of this course is to provide participants with measurements, methodology, and techniques for setting up instruments. While we will be primarily focused on violins, some techniques will be applicable to violas and cellos as well. All questions will be answered.

Materials: Instruments and materials will be supplied, but participants may bring one additional instrument for specific questions or case studies.

Tools: Students are required to bring their own set-up tools. A full list will be sent prior to the course, while some tools will be available during the week.

RESOURCES AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

Resource Materials: Some spreadsheets and diagrams will be provided, but all participants are encouraged to take notes and collaborate.

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

Instructor: Kristin Siegfried Ballenger is happy to answer any questions before or after the workshop. Please contact Kristin at KSiegfriedViolins@gmail.com.

PARTICIPATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

Participation: Some students have previous experience and are attending workshops to refine their skills. Participants are expected to communicate with the instructor as a learning resource prior to other students.

Instruction: Both time and supplies are valuable, if you do not understand the instructions, please ask for clarification before beginning work.

COURSE CONTENTS

Syllabus Changes: While every attempt has been made to prepare this syllabus and class schedule in final form, it will be at the instructor's discretion to make any changes as he/she may deem necessary in order to meet the learning outcomes of the course.

General Policies: The instructor expects attention to detail and meeting course expectations, including participation in discussions and addressing technical problems immediately.

Phones: Please be courteous to your bench partners by silencing your cell phone during work hours and taking calls outside the workshop when necessary.

Tools: Do not borrow tools without permission. Everyone should have all the tools and supplies they need; if not, please ask your instructor. Students are prohibited from using any power tools or equipment without instructor permission and supervision.

WORKSHOP GROUND RULES

Safety Concerns: While COVID-19 is still a safety concern, please cancel your attendance should you be feeling ill prior to the workshop. If necessary, consider seeking out a medical professional for reliable COVID testing.

We realize it is difficult to work while wearing a mask, but we ask that you wear a mask if you are recovering from any kind of illness. A First Aid and Eye Wash Station also is available should an injury occur.

Work Hours: Hours are typically 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Check with your instructor for possible evening hours.