

Belzer Middle School Orchestra

How Do I Get An Instrument?

So you've chosen to be in the orchestra and are probably wondering what to do next. After you have chosen an instrument (violin, viola, cello, or bass) you need to start the rental process. Since orchestra is a performing arts class you must have an instrument to participate. Below you will find several stores that I highly recommend for your instrument rental.

PLEASE USE CAUTION WHEN PURCHASING A STRINGED INSTRUMENT, especially from the internet. Purchasing an instrument is not recommended at this stage for beginners. Instruments come in different sizes and children will grow. If you are considering purchasing an instrument, always look at this purchase as an investment. Make sure you purchase a string instrument from a store or company that *specializes* in string instruments and is reputable. I have seen many students purchase instruments from the internet, resulting in unnecessary stress for the student and family because of difficulties with playing these instruments, and additional costs for instrument repair. If you are considering buying an instrument, please contact me and I will be more than happy to help you make a good purchase. If after comparing all stores you feel you cannot afford to rent, please contact me ASAP. I will work with you on renting a school instrument. School rented instruments are few and far between. They are reserved for our BMS families who are truly in need and will be rented on a first come first serve basis. If you have any questions or concerns regarding rental of instruments please call me ASAP. The sooner your child has an instrument the sooner they can participate. ***If an instrument has not been acquired by the Friday of the 3rd week of school the students schedule will be changed.***

PAIGE'S MUSIC-ENCORE STRINGS **842-2102**

65th and Binford

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The BMSO works directly with Paige's Music. All of our school owned instruments go through Paige's for repairs and a Paige's representative comes out to the classroom every week for pick-ups and deliveries. By renting with Paige's you will receive the convenience of never having to go to the store for string replacement or repairs. Paige's also offers a loaner instrument while your instrument is being repaired.

Paige's Music Rentals: Violin, Viola, Cello & Bass

THE BAROQUE VIOLIN SHOP **866-846-5469**

Cincinnati, Ohio

baroqueviolin@fuse.net www.baroqueviolinshop.com

Although The Baroque Violin Shop is located in Ohio they work with many students and schools across the country. Their prices are fair and they are a pleasure to work with.

Baroque Violin Shop Rentals: Violin, Viola and Cello

INDY VIOLIN SHOP **624-0441**

www.indyviolins.com info@indyviolins.com

Indy Violin Shop Rentals: Violin, Viola & Cello

THE VIOLIN SHOP OF OLD CARMEL **826-2326**

vscarmel@gmail.com www.vscarmel.com

Violin Shop Of Old Carmel Rentals: Violin, Viola, Cello and Bass