

# What is a step-up?

As your child grows musically, the right instrument makes a difference. Step-up models support their progress with better sound, control, and playability, keeping them motivated and confident.

## How It Helps Support Your Child:



Richer Tone

Better Dynamic Control

Easier Technique

More Rewarding Practice

Greater Confidence



## We Make Upgrading Simple

Choosing the right instrument or bow can feel overwhelming. But it doesn't have to be.

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Learn more about:

- When it's time to upgrade
- What strings you should be using
- More accessory upgrades
- Booking a time to playtest

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*A closer look at the instruments designed for students who are ready for more.*

# Orchestral Upgrade Guide



# What's the difference?

Did you know the thickness of the wood (graduation pattern) affects how your instrument resonates?

## Beginner

- Simpler, functional finishes
- Basic, durable materials
- Some machine-made construction
- Limited dynamic range
- Less responsive to complex bow and finger work
- Designed for durability

**Why do they sound different?**

\* Three MAJOR factors contribute to the sound & resonance of the instrument.

Wood Choice & Age

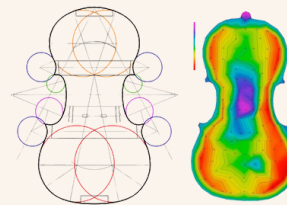
Graduation Pattern

Set-Up & Adjustments

\* The higher the level of craftsmanship, the fewer people have worked on it. \*

## Step-Up

- Hand-applied varnishes
- Premium aged tonewoods
- Handcrafted with precision
- Rich, resonant sound with depth
- Enhanced responsiveness
- Crafted for tonal quality and artistry



# Choosing the Right Bow

The right bow brings out the best in both the player and the instrument.

**Balance, weight, flexibility, and sound** should all be considered when play-testing a new bow.

## What are bows made out of?

### \* Pernambuco (Wood)



Pernambuco is known for their exceptional responsiveness, balance, and tonal depth: qualities that have made them the professional standard for centuries.

*\*\*This type of wood is endangered - so many bow makers are now crafting more with alternative, sustainable resources.*

### \* Carbon Fiber



Carbon fiber bows are strong, consistent, and great for advancing players seeking durability and reliable tone.

### \* Synthetic/Composite



Synthetic options are budget-friendly and lightweight, making them ideal for beginners, though they offer less nuance.