



### **Brescian viola \$99,000.00**

This exceptionally rare viola, dating back to the early 1600s, produces a truly remarkable sound. Its one-piece back features a striking flame, though crafted by a different hand than the top. Despite this, the match is both visually appealing and seamlessly integrated. The scroll, an eighteenth-century French head, adds to the instrument's unique character.

Brescian violas from the same maker, Gaspar De Salo, often exceed one million dollars in value, making this instrument an extraordinary find. With a top plate of Brescian origin, its tone rivals those of the great Brescia makers and is available at a fraction of the price of a flawless example. Recently tested in a hall against a highly esteemed viola priced at \$650,000 (Rivolta), this Brescian viola demonstrated a fuller and more beautiful sound, largely influenced by the exceptional quality of its rare, aged top table.

Great 300+ year old Brescian composite viola with superb sound, certified by Dmitry Gindin, one of the world's foremost authorities. This viola has been officially recognized as a genuine Brescian instrument.

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