

Alessandro Gagliano – Founding Figure of the Gagliano Dynasty



This exquisite violin is made by Alessandro Gagliano, widely recognized as the founding father of the famed Gagliano family of Neapolitan instrument makers. His work marks the inception of a lineage that would produce some of Italy's most esteemed stringed instruments. While later members of the Gagliano dynasty often employed warm orange and yellow hues in their varnish, Alessandro's finishes possess a different character—more aligned with the legendary Cremonese tradition of Stradivari, Guarneri, and Bergonzi.



The varnish on this instrument is a soft, luminous reddish tone, evocative of classical Cremona and executed with an artist's touch. Not only is it visually stunning, but it also serves as a vital acoustic function: allowing the wood to resonate naturally, free from the constraints of heavier or more brittle finishes found in other violins from the era. This dynamic response gives the instrument an expressive tonal palette, rich in color and projection.



Though historical records on Alessandro Gagliano are scarce, many experts believe he may have worked in the Stradivari atelier during the late 17th to early 18th century. Given the massive output of Antonio Stradivari, it's highly plausible that such a prolific master relied on skilled collaborators—and Gagliano, with his extraordinary abilities, was likely among the elite craftsmen supporting that legacy. The overlap in their active periods further lends weight to this theory.

A Concert-Ready Masterpiece This particular violin stands in excellent condition and embodies the hallmarks of a professional concert instrument. Its tonal quality is commanding yet refined—capable of meeting the demands of the serious performer. Whether in recital or symphonic setting, this violin offers both artistic expression and technical brilliance, making it an ideal companion for a career virtuoso.

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