## **Music City Strings Instrument Contract:**

The instrument on loan from Music City Strings will be cared for as described. I/we understand that Music City Strings may decline to provide instruments if they are not cared for properly and treated with respect.

If the instrument is lost or damaged beyond repair, I/we will pay Music City Strings \$65.

Name		
Grade		
Teacher		
Instrument #		
Parent/Guardian name (print)		
Address		
City, state, zip		
Phone #		
Parent Guardian Signature	Date	

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## Instrument and Bow Care

Always pick up and hold your violin carefully.

Tighten your bow before playing by gently turning the tension screw. Avoid making the bow hairs too tight. The separation between the bow stick and hair should be about the width of a pencil.

When you handle your bow, try not to touch the bow hairs with your fingers or hand.

After playing the violin, gently clean it with a soft cloth to remove rosin build-up on the strings and instrument.

When you are not using your instrument and bow, always place them in the case.

Loosen the hair on your bow before putting it back in the case.

Make sure you have securely closed your instrument case with any zippers and latches before picking up your instrument case.

Do not store your instrument in extreme hot or cold locations, and <u>never leave your</u> <u>instrument in direct sunlight or in a hot car</u>. Do not store or place your instrument near a heater.

Humidity changes can sometimes cause wood pegs to stick or loosen. Let the teacher know if the pegs need attention so they can be adjusted. Using too much force with stuck or swollen pegs can cause the pegs or peg box to crack.

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