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Music Folk 8015 Big Bend Webster, MO 63119 314 961-2838	St. Louis Strings Violin Shop 6331 Clayton Ave. St. Louis, MO 63139 314 644-6999	City Music 9299 Watson Rd. Crestwood, MO 63126
Clemens Violins, Violas and Violoncellos L.C. 6353 Clayton Road, Saint Louis, Missouri 63117 314 727- 4787	Bearden Violin Shop 8787 Lackland St. Louis, MO 63114 314 427-7570 *please call ahead	<i>Additional Music Dealers are listed in the Yellow Pages of your telephone directory.</i>

## **BASIC Instrument maintenance**

*In order to keep your string student's instrument in the best playing condition, we recommend the following:*

- Remind your student to remove the rosin from strings, instrument and stick of bow by using a clean, soft, dry cloth. (Build-up can cause poor string sound quality and will gradually deteriorate the varnish of the instrument and stick of bow.)
- Remind your student to loosen their bow hair when not playing. (Not doing so may cause a wooden stick to warp.)
- Remind your student to never touch the horse hair on the bow. (The oils from skin react to the rosin and cause a gummy substance to build on bow hair.)
- STRINGS- New strings and upgrading your strings will make an instrument play with a whole new voice. Along with the retailers and luthiers listed above, SHAR and SOUTHWEST STRINGS (online) offer great deals. Please email us for further advice if needed.
- BOW HAIR- The hair of the bow will gradually wear down and your student will need to have fresh hair placed on the bow.
- As your student advances, we recommend an instrument upgrade. Let us know if and when you're ready and we will advise you. 😊