Selecting an Instrument

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One of the great things about the bowed string instruments is that they are available in fractional sizes to fit any person. This allows students to start playing a string instrument at a very young age.

The instruments available in the Texas Tech University String Project are:

**Violin**
The violin is the smallest and highest sounding instrument in the string family.

**Viola**
The viola looks and plays like a violin, but is slightly larger with a warmer, deeper, and a more mellow tone.

**Cello**
The cello is played sitting down. It has a wide range with a tone that most resembles a human voice.

**Bass**
The bass is the largest of the stringed instruments and is either played from a standing or a sitting position on a stool. The bass is the lowest sound instrument in the string family.

Learn more about the stringed instruments by watching this video: [https://youtu.be/JShnG6aZ-7U](https://youtu.be/JShnG6aZ-7U)

_PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE AN INSTRUMENT FROM AN ONLINE AUCTION SITE, CRAIGSLIST, A DEPARTMENT STORE, ETC. WITHOUT CONSULTING US._

Poor quality instruments frustrate students and negatively impact a student’s progress.