Instruments can be obtained in several ways. You can either rent or buy your instrument from a trusted local shop (or shops further away often do mail order) or perhaps you have a friend or family member who has an instrument to spare! PLEASE DO NOT order instruments on Ebay – there are often too many problems to fix with these which usually ending up costing more than just purchasing an instrument from a trusted shop.

Most families choose to rent their first few instruments and most shops have a rental program where most or all of your rental fees will go towards the purchase of an instrument down the road. This can vary from shop to shop so it is best to call ahead. Most of our students rent from Musical Innovations in Greenville – they make the drive to Columbia about once a week so arranging to pick up or exchange an instrument is fairly easy.

**Musical Innovations**  
Speak with Tracy or Scott  
150 Tanner Rd  
Greenville, SC  
(864) 286-8742

**Beau Vinci Violins**  
Speak with Emily Dixon  
Alpharetta, GA  
emily@beauvinciviolins.com  
678.691.2394

**Potter Violin Company**  
Bethesda, MD  
www.pottersviolin.com  
1-800-317-9452

**Shar Music**  
Ann Arbor, MI  
www.sharmusic.com  
1-800-248-7427

**Damir Horvat (Luthier)**  
Horvat Fine Violins & Bows  
Columbia, SC  
(803)-572-7845  
horvatviolins@gmail.com

**Musician’s Supply**  
718 W. Main St  
Lexington, SC 29072  
803-957-3707

**Lisle Violin Shop**  
3 Locations in Texas  
www.violins.com

**Sims Music**  
(Guitar – Recommended)  
1110 St Andrews Rd,  
Columbia, SC 29210  
803) 772-1185  
www.simsmusic.com

**Pecknel Music**  
732 Saluda Ave,  
Columbia, SC 29205 ·  
(803) 799-6860  
www.pecknelmusic.com

**William Harris Lee Shop**  
Chicago, IL  
www.whlee.net  
1-800-447-4533

**Johnson Strings Instruments**  
1029 Chestnut Street  
Newton Upper Falls, MA 02464  
617 964-0954 | 800 359-9351  
www.johnsonstring.com

**Guitar Center**  
253 Park Terrace Dr,  
Columbia, SC 29212  
(803) 749-8054

**Star Music (Guitar)**  
3 Columbia Locations:  
Two Notch, Assembly,  
St. Andrews  
www.starmusiccompany.com