

# PHILIP J. KASS

Expert, Appraiser, and Author on Fine Stringed Instruments and Bows  
Member, Appraisers Association of America

May 15, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I have this day examined the following Violin, submitted to me by Van Pittman, and offer the following Appraisal for Insurance Purposes only:

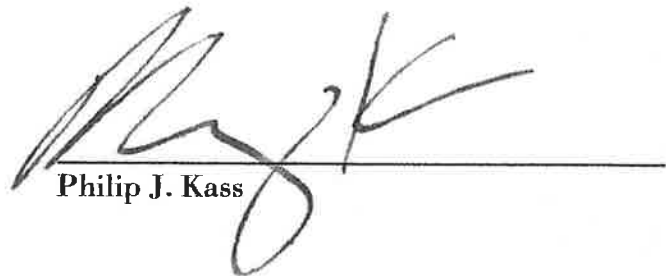
Violin labeled "copie de / Nicolas Lupot, Luthier, rue Croix / des petits Champs, à Paris, l'an 1800", and further labeled on the interior surface of the top block "Paul Lorange", in my opinion, the work of Paul Lorange of Lyons and dating from the first quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

**Description:** The back is carved from two pieces of quarter cut maple marked with a very narrow, interlaced, horizontal curl. The sides are of similar maple but with a more mixed and broader figure. The scroll is carved from maple with a faint broad flame. The top is two pieces of spruce with medium straight grains that grow broader to the flanks. The varnish is a rich red-orange in color.

This violin is in an excellent state of preservation as of this date.

**Measurements:**  
Body Length: 35.6 cm.  
Upper Bout: 16.7 cm.  
Lower Bout: 20.5 cm.  
Middle Bout: 11.2 cm.

I recommend insuring the above Violin at Twelve Thousand (\$12,000.00) Dollars.



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June 1, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I have this day examined the following Violin and Violin Bow, submitted to me by Van Pittman, and offer the following Appraisal for Insurance Purposes only:

½ size Violin labeled “Compagnon”, in my opinion, Mirecourt work dating from the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

**Description:** The back is two pieces of maple with a narrow interlaced ascending flame. The sides are maple with a broader and fainter figure. The scroll is carved from mostly plain maple. The top is two pieces of spruce with mostly medium straight grains. The varnish is a golden orange in color.

This violin is in an excellent state of preservation as of this date.

**Measurements:**      **Body Length:** 31.4 cm.  
                                 **Upper Bout:** 14.7 cm.  
                                 **Lower Bout:** 18.1 cm. scant  
                                 **Middle Bout:** 9.8 cm.

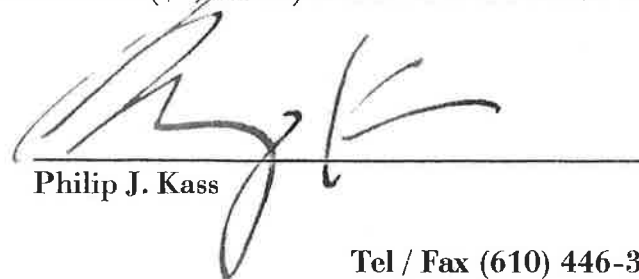
½ size Violin Bow stamped “Alfred Knoll”

The stick is octagonal and is carved from orange brown colored pernambuco. The head is fitted with an ivory plate. The ebony frog is nickel mounted and has a pearl eye on each face. The ebony button has two nickel bands and a pearl end dot.

This Violin Bow is in a good state of preservation as of this date.

**Measurements:**      **Stick Length:** 60.1 cm.

I recommend insuring the above Violin at Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars and the above Violin Bow at Three Hundred Fifty (\$350.00) Dollars.



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INVOICE NUMBER 10742

INVOICE DATE 5/7/97

## INVOICE

**BILL TO**

Van Pittman  
116 Stonecrest Road  
Greer, SC 29650

803-877-4291  
803-380-4513 cellu

<i>APPROVAL NO.</i>	<i>AMDATE</i>	<i>SHIP VIA</i>
001891	4/23/97	UPS ZONE 145

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
1/2 size older French violin circa 1900 labelled "Compagnon"	\$1,500.00
1/2 size German Pernambuco violin bow stamped "Alfred Knoll" (List 400)	\$320.00
1/2 size Bobelock 1027 case (List 170)	\$125.00

Subtotal:	\$1,945.00
Less Discount:	(\$44.50)
Tax:	\$0.00
Shipping:	\$80.00
Less Trade-In:	(\$1,347.40)
<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>	<b>\$633.10</b>

# THE VIOLIN HOUSE of Weaver

4706 Highland Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20814

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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

As requested by Van Pittman  
116 Soncrest Dr.  
Greer, SC 29650

*the following information regarding musical instruments and/or accessories in his/her possession is herewith submitted:*

**INSTRUMENT:** 3/4 Violin of French origin labeled 'Breton Brevete  
D.E.S.A.R.M.E.' Value \$ 2,500.00

## DESCRIPTION:

Body length: \_\_\_\_\_ Lower bout: \_\_\_\_\_  
Upper bout: \_\_\_\_\_ Varnish: Orange Amber  
Center bout: \_\_\_\_\_

Condition: Fine state of preservation

## BOWS and/or ACCESSORIES:

3/4 Violin bow stamped 'ARY France' Value \$ 150.00

3/4 Violin case - Bobelock - oblong Value \$ 150.00

Current Market Value of the above stated property

\*\*\*\*\* Twenty eight hundred dollars (\$ 2,800.00) \*\*\*\*\*



Respectfully

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3/4 size Violin labeled "Breton / Breveté / De S. A. R. M.<sup>E</sup>", in my opinion, from the Thibouville-Lamy workshop and dating from the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

**Description:** The back is carved from a single piece of maple with a sporadic mixed horizontal figure and a prominent fleck. The sides are maple with medium-narrow, soft even curl. The scroll is carved from plain maple. The top is a single piece of spruce with medium straight grains on the treble side that grow broader to the bass. The varnish is a golden orange in color.

This Violin is in an excellent state of preservation as of this date.

**Measurements:**      **Body Length:** 33.4 cm. scant  
                                 **Upper Bout:** 15.7 cm.  
                                 **Lower Bout:** 19.4 cm.  
                                 **Middle Bout:** 10.9 cm.

I recommend insuring the above Violin at Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500.00) Dollars.

  
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