## THE LOFT VIOLIN SHOP

## SIZING GUIDE

Please follow the steps below to measure your student for the appropriately sized instrument. If you have any questions, please follow the QR code to an instructional video or call us at 614-267-7221.

- 1. Lift the student's left arm and extend it fully to the side, palm facing upward, fingers flat and straight out.
- 2. Place the yardstick under the chin, touching the base of the neck. The student should be facing forward.
- 3. Determine the measurement from the base of the neck to the center of the palm, at the base of the thumb. Match the measurement to the appropriate instrument chart to find the needed size. Note: bass size is determined by height.

Violin Sizing		Viola Sizing		Cello Sizing		
	Arm Length	Size	Arm Length	Size	Arm Length	Size
	23 5/8"	4/4	Over 27 1/8"	16.5"	23 5/8"	4/4
	22  /4"- 23 5/8"	3/4	26 3/8" - 27 1/8"	16"	22 1/4" - 23 5/8"	3/4
	20 3/8"- 22 1/4"	1/2	25 5/8" - 26 3/8"	15.5"	20 3/8"- 22 1/4"	1/2
	18 1/2"- 20 3/8"	1/4	24 7/8" - 25 5/8"	15"	18 1/2"- 20 3/8"	1/4
	16 7/8"- 18 1/2"	1/8	23 1/4" - 24 7/8"	14"	16 7/8" - 18 1/2"	1/8
	I5 3/8"- I6 7/8"	1/10	21 7/8" - 23 1/4"	13"	I5 3/8" - I6 7/8"	1/10
	14"- 15 3/8"	1/16	20 3/8" - 21 7/8"	12"	14"- 15 3/8"	1/16
	Under 14"	1/32	18 1/2"- 20 3/8"	II"	Under 14"	1/32

Bass Sizing		
Height	Size	
Over 64"	3/4	
61"- 64"	1/2	
57"- 60"	1/4	
53"- 56"	1/8	



Cello Hand Span		
Hand Span	Size	
6"	4/4	
5.5"	3/4	
5"	1/2	
4.5"	1/4	
Ч"	1/8	
3.5"	1/10	
3"	1/16	
Under 3"	1/32	

Bass Hand Span			
Hand Span	Size		
6.5"	3/4		
5.75"	1/2		
5"	1/4		
Under 5"	I/8		
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Are you more of a visual learner, or do you still have questions? A step by step video walking through the process can be found on YouTube or by scanning the QR code.



## **Please Note:**

We never recommend "growing into" a size. Playing an instrument that is too big can cause a multitude of problems including improper technique and physical discomfort. We always err on the side of "too small".

Hand span should be taken into consideration when a student is between sizes, particularly with a larger instrument. To measure the left hand span, take the distance from the outstretched pinky to the index finger.