



TONY ECHAVIDRE
LUTHIER

AMATEUR VARNISHING COURSE

Training on the preparation and application of oil
varnishes for violin making

Trainer : Tony ECHAVIDRE

Duration : 5 days (35 hours)

Date : From Monday 3 July 2023 to Friday 7 July 2023 (trainees are invited to come to the course the day before)

Location : Le Bois de lutherie, 4 Rue de la Scierie, 25330 FERTANS

Accommodation : <https://gite-lecloset.com/>

Maximum number of trainees : 9

Price : 1000€

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TRAINING PROGRAMME

Target audience and prerequisites :

This course is aimed at amateur violin makers with little or no knowledge of oil varnishes. The trainees will have to come with an unvarnished instrument or ask to be provided with a blank instrument, in order to put into practice the steps and operations of the programme.

Objective :

The aim of the course is to master the finishing of instruments in its entirety, from the wood base to the polishing of the final coat of varnish, including the preparation and application of pigmented coats. This course focuses on practical application, supplemented by theoretical knowledge of the properties of the materials.

Course description :

The week will start with a comparison and application of wood primers: primer, glue and filler, in relation to the background colour and the reflection index.

This will be followed by the application of the varnish, the thickness and number of coats, the addition of lacquer pigments, dilution, graining, etc. Trainees will leave with a better understanding of the varnishing process and greater confidence in the result thanks to the acquisition of new skills.

SUMMARY

1. Initial phase

Finishing the wood
Staining

2. Wood base (comparisons)

Gluing
Coatings / primers Filler Emulsions

3. Application

Drying and polymerisation of varnish layers; thickness and number of layers
Preparation and incorporation of pigments in a medium
Choice of brushes according to viscosity
The different pigments used in violin making

4. Finishing

Graining, sanding the surface
Finishing work on satin and glossy finishes in relation to the state of the surface
Study of wear, patina and cracks

The number of places is limited to 9 trainees ; however, you should be aware that there are many requests, so it is recommended to register as soon as possible.

MODALITY OF ORGANISATION

Date: Arrival the day before, Sunday 2 July, departure at the latest on Saturday 8 July in the morning.

Timetable: 8.30am - 1pm and 2pm - 6.30pm.

The timetable and break times can be adapted by the trainer according to the programme.

The course is given in French and translation into English can be done on a case by case basis.

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The list of equipment will be sent by the trainer to the registered participants.

Cost of the course: 1 000 €.

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Name and First name : Echavidre Tony

A deposit of 300 € is required to validate the registration.

Accommodation: <https://gite-lecloset.com/> between 15 and 25 €/ night /per person.

Contact the gîte or "Le Bois de Lutherie" on 03 81 86 55 55

Lunch + tea + coffee: 17 € / day / person.

Evening meal and breakfast to be organised between participants at the gîte.