Taking care of your violin

- 1) Always loosen your bow or "put it to sleep" when you are done playing to avoid excess tension on the bow. Leaving it tight can cause the bow to warp.
- 2) Tune with the tuning pegs first, then use the fine-tuners for microadjustments. You don't want your fine-tuners cranked all the way down, this puts excess tension on the strings and can cause them to break.
- 3) Avoid exposing your violin to extreme temperature and humidity changes. This can cause the instrument to go out of tune, strings pop, or even crack the instrument. If it is very cold or hot out, try to let your instrument regulate before opening the case to play.
- 4) Always wipe down your instrument with a soft cloth after playing to avoid rosin build-up.

What your maintenance covers:

Once a year cleaning

Tuning

Bridge and sound post adjustments

Replacement of up to 1 of each string over the 3 year contract