



NEMPAC

North End Music &
Performing Arts Center

Where Can I Get an Instrument?

Renting an instrument is a relatively inexpensive way to get started. It is often a good option for children who are just beginning, especially if you are unsure of their long term commitment. Most rental locations allow you to rent-to-own which applies your rental payments toward the eventual purchase of an instrument. Renting can also be a good option if your child is growing quickly and may soon be ready for a different size (this applies to string players).

Buying an instrument is a great investment if you or your child plans to play for some time. Some instruments, like guitars, are fairly reasonably priced and it may make more sense to buy. Most instruments appreciate value over time. Make sure to compare prices, and make sure you have an instrument that is comfortable for you or your child. Look for instruments that are in good playing condition. Used instruments can be just as good as new ones, but realize that repairs can be expensive if the instrument is not yet in playing condition. Additionally, be prepared for some additional costs, depending on the instrument. For example, most new guitars (and some used ones) require a set-up job of \$30-50. If you purchase a violin or viola, you will need to purchase a bow, case, rosin, and shoulder rest as well. Occasionally, you can find good deals online, but be careful, and make sure there is a return policy in place. Your instructor can advise you on what to look and listen for as you shop for a new instrument.

NEMPAC's Instrument Rental Partner

Virtuosity Musical Instruments | Rental, Retail & Rent to Own

234 Huntington Ave. Boston, MA 02115

617-530-1993 or info@virtuosityboston.com and ask for Alek

Brass (Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, etc) & Woodwind (Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone, Oboe, etc)

Additional Recommended Locations in the Boston Area for Instrument Rental/Retail

Steinway & Sons | Retail

1 Columbus Ave.

Boston, MA 02116

617-426-1900 | www.steinway.com

New & Used Pianos and Keyboards

Mr. Music | Retail

128 Harvard Avenue

Allston, MA 02134

617-783-1609 | www.mrmusicguitars.com

Guitar, Bass, Amp, Drums, Keyboard, Ukulele

Instrument / Face Coverings | Retail

JW Pepper | www.tinyurl.com/jwpeppernempac

Singer, Woodwind, & Brass Face Mask,

Instrument End Cover

Guitar Center | Rental & Retail

1255 Boylston Street

Boston, MA 02215 | 617-247-1389

OR

159 Massachusetts Ave

Boston, MA 02115 | 617-450-4311

www.guitarcenter.com

Keyboard, Guitar, Bass, Amp, Drums, Violin
(retail only), Ukulele (retail only)

Johnson Strings | Rental & Retail

1029 Chestnut Street

Newton, MA 02464

1-800-359-9351 | www.johnsonstring.com

Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass, Ukulele (retail only)