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Revolutionary Instrument Condition Report Service to Aid Music Industry

A new company providing uniquely objective and truly independent, comprehensive instrument condition analysis reports will launch in February 2012. Instrumental Insight will be the only company in the world using computed tomography (CT) software designed specifically for wood rather than living tissue, significantly improving the depth of analysis. Using revolutionary techniques, they can show what even the eyes of trained experts cannot see. Although the focus is on instruments of the violin family they can provide reports on virtually any instrument made of wood.

CT technology is common in hospital settings and used as a diagnostic tool for non-invasive evaluations. Instrumental Insight uses CT technology for this same purpose. Rather than take an instrument apart or expose it to mechanical analysis tools CT allows information to be obtained non-invasively. In a manner of minutes, hundreds of thousands of individual measurements are obtained for analysis. The data is imported into their custom software where previous repairs and structural issues not visible to the eye are revealed for analysis. Detailed images and information about CT technology can be found on their website at www.instrumentalinsight.com.

Their team consists of two internationally recognized specialists in their respective fields, guaranteeing the highest quality data interpretation. Terry Borman is a violin maker in the United States with over 35 years experience studying, analyzing, and building instruments for some of the top soloists in the world today, as well as being one of the pioneers of CT analysis for stringed instruments. Berend Stoel, Ph.D. is a professor of medical imaging in the Netherlands with a specialty in software development and quantitative CT analysis. Together they have designed imaging software that provides a level of analysis unavailable from any other source. To date, they have completed condition analysis reports on some of the most prized instruments in the world including many by Stradivari and Guarneri del Gesu.

Collectors, curators, instrument shops, auction houses, restoration specialists, and of course musicians will all benefit from this revolutionary service. Performing a scan before purchase would be a prudent investment, as opposed to discovering later there were significant internal issues that reduce the instrument's intrinsic or resale value. Purveyors will be able to provide complete transparency and independent corroboration of the condition of instruments they are selling.

Expect Instrumental Insight to become the new gold standard in what will most certainly become the new wave of musical instrument digital imaging reporting for the marketplace.

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