

Bow Comparison and Evaluation

	Bow A	Bow B	Bow C	Bow D	Bow E
Initial Considerations					
Price					
Size: e.g. full size, fractional size					
Materials: e.g. wood, other					
Condition: e.g. new, restored					
Playability Factors					
Comfort of Frog & Grip					
1 comfortable					
2 moderately comfortable					
3 uncomfortable					
Perception of Weight					
1 good					
2 too heavy					
3 too light					
Strength of Stick					
1 good					
2 too stiff					
3 too flexible					
Tone Quality of Long Tones					
1 pleasing					
2 too bright					
3 too dark					
Consistency of Tone					
1 good					
2 changes gradually					
3 changes suddenly					
Loud Dynamics					
1 plays very loudly					
2 plays moderately loudly					
3 does not play loudly					
Soft Dynamics					
1 plays very softly					
2 plays moderately softly					
3 does not play softly					
Action of Spiccato and Sautillé					
1 bounces well					
2 too much bounce					
3 too little bounce					
Tone Color Contrasts					
1 many colors					
2 few colors					
3 only one color					
Vibrato Color Contrasts					
1 allows many colors					
2 allows few colors					
3 allows only one color					
Bow Directional Changes					
1 not noticeable					
2 somewhat noticeable					
3 very noticeable					