

SA533059

Victorian Military Campaign Collapsible Trench Cello by WE Hill & Sons, London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA533059****Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Dimensions

Height = 30 cm (11.8")

Width = 80 cm (31.5")

Depth = 25 cm (9.8")

Description

An extremely rare Victorian military campaign collapsible cello or 'holiday cello' by WE Hill & Sons. This rare and historic musical instrument is comprised of a pine box with f type holes cut into the base and a sliding lid to the top. The top is removed to reveal all of the necessary component parts to make up the cello including a neck with scroll, fingerboard, tuning pegs, bridge, tailpiece and end pin. In order to play it, the neck slots into the top of the box and the lid is then replaced to create the body of the instrument and is secured in place by means of a brass threaded screw. The fingerboard is then slotted into place upon some screws located on the neck piece and the end pin is inserted into the end of the box. All of the other components can then be placed onto the instrument as normal. This highly unusual version of a cello seems to have been conceived as part of a growing trend during the period for travelling practice instruments. I have previously owned and sold a collapsible violin that was marked to the famous French violin maker Jules Grandjon who was manufacturing instruments in Paris in the late nineteenth century. The method of manufacture on t...

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