

Violintusoribus



The etymology of a musical instrument is often as fascinating as the sound it produces. The word violin, for example, comes from the Medieval Latin word *violintusoribus*, meaning “violent noisemaker.” Indeed, many early violins were specifically designed with fighting in mind. Due to unreceptive audiences, performing music in those days was extremely hazardous – maybe even more so than today. (Okay, probably not *that* hazardous.)