

Rental Set up and Repair Luthier – Wilmette, IL

William Harris Lee & Co. is looking for a Rental Set up and Repair Luthier to join our team in our violin shop in downtown Wilmette. You won't just be doing ebony work, gluing cracks and open seams, straightening or cutting bridges, doing touchup and clean and polish. You'll use your detail-oriented eye and finely developed motor skills to prepare a great-sounding, well-setup, problem-free instrument for some inspired student to learn on. And when the instrument needs maintenance or repair, you'll to ensure it gets meticulous, expert care, so they can keep learning and progressing. And by doing so, you'll be supporting orchestra directors and private teachers in their labor of love. We have a talented, happy, dedicated team, a beautiful shop, beautiful instruments, and great customers. If you have a learning mind, are conscientious and energetic, and a music lover who wants to help young musicians experience the joys of music, come join us!

What You'll Be Doing

- Primary duties will be setup, repair, and maintenance of student-level instruments in our string rental program.
- Primary requirement is a teachable spirit: the ability and desire to learn, and follow established WH Lee shop methods, standards, and specifications.
- Additional duties are:
 - Occasional customer interaction when doing on-the-spot rental repairs, or to share general instrument care knowledge.
 - Assisting with general workshop operations, including organizing and cleaning regularly to help keep a tidy shop.
- This is a full-time position (40 hours per week), Tuesday through Friday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.
- Areas of future advancement, contingent on acquired level of skill and experience are:
 - repair of school-owned instruments,
 - set up and maintenance of WH Lee workshop instruments,
 - repair of customer instruments,
 - repair and restoration of WH Lee-owned antique instruments
 - repair and restoration of customer consignments

Essential Qualities

- Recent repair school graduate, or experience in violin repair. Knowledge of a variety of luthier and woodworking tools—their use, care, and sharpening—is expected.
- Able to tune and play a violin, viola, cello, or double bass.
- Excellent craftsmanship and attention to detail, while maintaining equally excellent time management skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- A passion and willingness to learn and further the instrument repair trade.

Job Type:	Full-time (40 hours per week)
Work authorization:	United States (Required)
Work Location:	1138 Central Ave. Wilmette, IL 60091
Benefits:	Health & dental insurance, Retirement plan, Paid time off, Store discounts
Schedule:	Tuesday through Friday 9 am – 6 pm, Saturday 9 am - 3pm

A personal interview and bench test will be required. Salary will be competitive based on skill level and experience.

About Us:

Since our founding, William Harris Lee & Company has become the leading workshop in the tradition of the great violin houses which combines European craft and American ingenuity. As makers and dealers of fine string instruments, we focus on providing our community with incomparable value to meet the needs of every musician. We are passionately dedicated to high quality string education and bringing great instruments into the hands of string players of all levels, so they can bring great music to the world!

Serving our community is at the heart of our business and why we provide space for artistry and inspiration at our shops in Chicago, Wilmette, and Atlanta. We encourage teamwork to advance the practical wisdom and expertise of our employees. Our team members come from seven countries in Europe, Asia, and Latin America as well as ten states in the Continental United States. Together we are artists in violin making, restoration, and repair, as well as musicians and music educators.

THE W. H. LEE & CO. MISSION: To enrich life through the joys of music in ways that nurture growth for our community.

W. H. LEE & CO. CORE VALUES: We believe in cultivating passion and quality in all that we do. We are devoted to learning and sharing our knowledge to support every employee, every customer, every teacher, every student. We embrace innovation and creativity as essential factors for success.

Interested individuals should send an e-mail with attached resume to info@whlee.com. Potential candidates will be contacted to schedule an interview and bench test.