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We Certify that

the violoncello purchased from us by The Razumovsky Trust, 9 Gertrude Street, London, SW10 0JN, is, in our judgement, a fine old Italian instrument, the work of Domenico Montagnana of Venice, whose label it bears dated 1735.

Description

The back in two pieces of handsomely figured maple with broad flames descending from the centre joint; the sides of similar wood; the scroll with slightly narrower figure; the table in two pieces of spruce of quite open grain, narrower towards the flank on the treble side; the varnish of a warm red-orange colour on a golden ground.

This cello is a good and characteristic example of the maker's work. Slightly reduced in size from its original dimensions, it now measures 73.8cm in length of body, with widths of 33.8cm and 43.9cm.

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