

# HIERONYMUS KÖSTLER

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## PROFORMA CERTIFICATE

The violin of which are pictures enclosed and bearing a facsimile label  
**„Thomss Balestrieri Cremonesi....Mantuae.....“**  
is an instrument of this famous maker and has been produced around 1770-80.



The back is of two pieces of maple with medium wide flames. The not to the violin belonging top is of two pieces of spruce with narrow grain widening towards the flanks. The ribs are of wood similar to the back. The scroll is nearly unflamed maple. The instrument is original in all its important parts except for the top which is in my opinion of the Italian school around 1800.

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