

Timeline

1596 Nicola Amati born; died 1684

1599 Founding of the first lute maker's guild in Paris.

17th Century

~1600s The violin became so popular that the rebec and lira da braccio fell out of use.

1602 Beginning of opera in Florence, Italy

1607 Monteverdi's opera "*Orpheo*" in Mantua performed with a mixed orchestra. In the score: two violini piccoli alla francese, ten viole da braccio.

1611 de Mayerne, T.T. wrote *Pictoria, Sculptoria, Trinctoria ...*, Ms. kept in the British Library

~1617 Jakobus Stainer born; died 1683.

1618 Start of the 30 Years War in central Europe

1618/19 Michael Praetorius, "*Syntagma Musicum*", Wolfenbüttel

1620 Founding of New England by the Mayflower Pilgrims

Thermometer developed from the thermoscope

1629/30 Hendrik Jacobs born. In his early period, he worked in the style of Nicola Amati. Died 1699.

1630 Girolamo Amati died of the plague

1631-1632 Melchior Lorenz is the first known real violinmaker in the region of northwest Bohemia/Saxony.

1632 P. Maggini died.

J.B. Lully born; died ~1687 from overwhelming infection caused by accidentally stabbing himself in the foot with his conductor's baton.

1633 Galileo Galilei convicted of heresy in a Holy Tribunal.

1634 Matthias Alban born Kaltern/Tyrol, worked in Bolzano-Bozen; died 1712.

1635 Latin Grammar School, first free public school, founded in Boston

1636 Mersenne described how to test good and bad strings. He mentioned copper and steel used as materials in string making.