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Violin dealers, makers, repairers 30 Queen Anne Street, London W1G 8HX Established in 1892

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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.

*John and Arthur Beare*

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