

Why won't my instrument stay in tune???

String instruments are made primarily of wood and therefore are most sensitive to changes in humidity. Humid weather causes the moving parts to swell together, and the instruments tend to stay in tune much better in the spring/summer. (The same reason a door in your house will stick in the summer, but not the winter.) Not only does the humidity drop during the winter, but the heat turns on and dries the air out even more. What can we do?

- Avoid leaving your instrument immediately near a heat source- especially vents
- When not practicing, leave your instrument in a room with a humidifier
- Don't have a humidifier in the house? Leave it in the basement
- Avoid exposing the instrument to extreme temperatures. (Don't leave it in the car overnight.)
- **DON'T TRY TUNING IT YOURSELF!!!**