



Sound adjustment center

The two top stars of international violin making, **Stefan-Peter Greiner and Stephan von Baehr**, form the sound competence center at SIMA 2026. They are available to participants for sound optimization on their instruments. Participants will also have the opportunity to try their hand at the workshop – who hasn't wanted to plane and carve a violin themselves?



Greiner and von Baehr building a violin together for the Swiss Instrument Fund (SIF)

The practice of two violin makers building an instrument together dates back to the Amati family. Stefan Peter Greiner and Stephan von Baehr are now taking on this challenge! With mutual respect and great curiosity about each other's work, the two are planning to build a violin together. Von Baehr and Greiner have never actually met in their 40 years of violin making. We are delighted to offer them a platform for this wonderful project at SIMA 2026.

The plan is to have the new violin ready to play, unvarnished, for the final concert. The varnishing will then be carried out by Stephan von Baehr's daughter Léonie. Once it is finally completed, the violin will be made available to the Swiss Instrument Fund (SIF). Greiner and von Baehr are among the world's leading violin makers. We are very grateful for this wonderful initiative, which is characterized by idealism and generosity.