

Thank you for your interest in my handmade Kobo. Here is some more information so you can understand if this bow is right for you. Kobo is Art made by an Artist for another Artist to make their Art, it is not a commercial product. In a way, Kobo is a relationship.

Please read this information and contact me anytime with questions and to discuss an order, tatsuyanakatani@me.com.

Who is this for?

You really need a special bow and special sound.

If you are looking for a different sound than a conventional bow on traditional musical instruments. You need to bow Gong or percussion, material that has attached contact mic or electronics, guitar, toys, kitchen sink or truck bumper or something with a hard surface... probably Kobo will give you a good answer.

You need to explore, step out of normal bow sound.

You must step out of the idea of the traditional bow to use Kobo.

The sound, length, weight, touch, feel, and type of energy are all different.

Kobo stands alone as an experimental tool that can take you away from hundreds of years of traditional sound.

How long will it take to get my Kobo?

Each Kobo Bow is handmade in my workshop, it takes over twenty working hours to complete each bow. Ask about the waiting list.

What kind of bow?

The most popular models are my original Percussion Bow and Bass Bow (French or German grip, or hybrid). I have many more styles I have developed, and can work with you on further customization.

Kobo has a synthetic hair which is extremely durable and makes a very powerful sound. There is no tensioner and no need to release hair tension after playing- Kobo retains it's tension until it is re-haired. The strength of the synthetic hair means it is very rare to need to re-hair the bow.

I have had many experiences with Kobo on contra Bass. The sound is very different than a traditional horsehair bow...thick, louder and lighter weight. If you are a classical percussionist- Kobo is excellent on Vibraphone, Xylophone and Marimba. There is great clear space between the hair and the body when you press hard on the edge of keys. Kobo is just the right tool for these instruments.

Repair?

Re-hair is generally around \$50 (+s&h).

I can also repair minor damage, contact me about your specific problem. I want Kobo to last many generations.

How can I purchase? How much does a Kobo Bow cost?

Please contact me TATSUYANAKATANI@ME.COM to discuss your needs and initiate an order.

The price of each Kobo Bow depends on the type of wood, size, and customization. We will come to a price during our discussion.

Generally, a Kobo Bow costs between \$180 and \$600+, not including shipping and handling.

I am based in the US, so all payment must be in USD\$, through PayPal or check/money order. Shipping and handling varies due to your location, I am happy to ship internationally. You pay when your Kobo Bow is finished.

A Kobo Bow is a work of art, no returns and no complaining.