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featuring *The 'Baron von der Leyen'* Stradivarius of C. 1705

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'BARON VON DER LEYEN'



Scholars and experts have written a great deal about Stradivari's golden period, which began in the early years of the 18th century.

Stradivari violins from this period are bold in aspect, fully mature in model and lavish in materials. By the late 1690s Stradivari had abandoned the 'long pattern' model and settled on violins with a consistent back length measuring between 35.2 and 35.6 cm. The arching of these violins is stronger and more confident than Stradivari instruments from before 1700—they are fuller at the edges and less scooped in the area just inside the center bouts. This model and arching remain mostly consistent in Stradivari's output from the early 1700s until the late 1720s.

At some point around 1700 Stradivari must have purchased a quantity of very attractive, broadly flamed maple. Many of the violins that emerged from the Stradivari workshop starting from around 1702 make use of the same highly figured maple for their back, ribs and occasionally the scroll. The backs of these violins are so alike that the wood can be presumed to have come from not only the same source but almost certainly the same tree. This led to a series of violins with very similar one-piece backs, including the 'Phillips' and 'de la Taille' of 1702, 'Rynberger,' 'Harmsworth,' 'Emiliani,' and 'Rougemont' of 1703, 'Sammons' of 1704, 'Marsick' of 1705, and finally the 'Castelbarco' and 'Joest' of 1707.

While the model and wood choice of the 'Baron von der Leyen' could date it as early as 1703, the edgework, purfling and carving of the scroll seem more in keeping with the few other instruments that survive from 1705–1707. The label is not the original and therefore not helpful in this regard, but the violin is stylistically very similar to the 1705 'Marsick' Stradivari famously played by David Oistrakh and the 1703 'Emiliani' now owned by Anne-Sophie Mutter. It's no surprise that so many of these early golden period violins are chosen by top performers: Stradivari was in full stride at this point and had perfected his model, materials and method to create the tone qualities that have been so highly prized for over three centuries.

– Jason Price

The Baron von der Leyen' Stradivarius of C. 1705

A FINE ITALIAN VIOLIN BY ANTONIO STRADIVARI, CREMONA, c. 1705

Labeled, "Antonius Stradiuarius, Cremonensis, Faciebat Anno 1706."

It is a special occasion for a Stradivari violin to appear at auction and it is our pleasure to present a fine golden period example in our April sale. The 'Baron von der Leyen' of c. 1705 comes fresh to the market after over 40 years in private hands.

Certificates

Sold with a certificate from Rembert Wurlitzer Inc. , New York (December 27, 1969).



Bibliography

- How Many Strads?, by Ernest Doring, p. 27
- The Violin Iconography of Antonio Stradivari, by Herbert Goodkind, p. 325

Measurements

Length of back: 35.4 cm Upper bouts: 16.7 cm Center bouts: 11.1 cm Lower bouts: 20.7 cm

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HISTORY & PROVENANCE



Baron Friedrich

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The first known owner of this violin was the Baron Friedrich Heinrich von Friedrich von der Leyen (1769–1825).

The von der Leyens were a family of prominent and wealthy silk merchants who lived in the German city of Krefeld near Dusseldorf during the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Krefeld was a well-known center

for silk production and the von der Leven family was influential in the city's growth. Friedrich Heinrich in fact was made mayor of the city in 1802 and the current Krefeld Stadtschloss, or city hall, is a former von der Leyen family home. The Baron was a notable figure in early 19th century Europe, and was known by Napoleon Bonaparte, who stayed at the von der Leyen home in 1804. The extent of the Baron's interest in music and musical

instruments is unknown, but two other Stradivari violins are associated with him, a 1715 example and the 'von Beckerath' dating from the late 1720s.

The next owner of record was a Mr Klaveness, which likely refers to the Norwegian Anton Fredrik Klaveness (1874–1958), the director of the large shipping company AF Klaveness & Co. Klaveness and his wife were keen patrons of the arts

and in 1918 he led a movement to reconstitute the Oslo Philharmonic which had been disbanded during World

War I. Klaveness gave a substantial sum, as much as 500,000 NOK, to endow the Philharmonic and served as chairman of the Philharmonic Society from 1919–1929. It is not known whether he was a violinist himself or, more likely, purchased it for the use of the Philharmonic and its musicians.



Klaveness

In 1934 the violin was bought by a violinist and attorney in Buffalo, New York named Maulsby Kimball (1874–c. 1950). Kimball earned his undergraduate and law degrees at Columbia University and was an avid collector of paintings and violins. In addition to the 'Baron von der Leyen' he also owned the Stradivaris 'Baron Gutmann' of 1707 and 'Wilhelmi' of 1725.

The most recent owner of the 'Baron von der Leyen' purchased the violin from Rembert Wurlitzer in 1969 and made a career of orchestral and studio work in New York. As a discerning player he frequented the wellknown shops of the day, including those of Wurlitzer, Moennig, and Français. In addition to the 'Baron von der Leven', his collection included instruments by Giuseppe Guarneri 'del Gesù', Jean-Baptiste Vuillaume and Nicolò Gagliano, and a large collection of classic French bows. The 'Baron von der Leyen' is being sold by his estate.



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The production volume from each year of the previous decade (1690–1700) has left us an average of around 10–15 known instruments per year. Allowing for some attrition we can guess that the Stradivari workshop was producing an average of between 15 and 30 instruments per year. This trend continues, or even accelerates, into the 1700–1710 decade, with the small but mysterious exception of the two years 1705 and 1706. In these years the production of the Stradivari workshop, at least as measured by its surviving examples, plummets to less than five known instruments per year. This could of course be a statistical fluke—perhaps more 1705 and 1706 instruments were lost than from any of the surrounding years—but the trend seems too large to ignore.

The Hills noted this in their 1902 treatise on Stradivari and they suggested that perhaps a substantial portion of the output of these years was lost en masse through 'fire, pillage or otherwise'. They also suggest that the War of Spanish Succession (1701–1714) was taking its toll on the output of Cremonese violins of this period. Indeed

STRADIVARI WORKSHOP IN 1705-1706

The early 1700s were prolific days for the Stradivari workshop. Antonio was in his mid 50s and was producing dozens of instruments per year. Yet suddenly in 1705 and 1706 something changed and the output of the Stradivari workshop dwindled to only a handful of instruments per year.

The 'Baron von der Leven' lacks an original label but it almost certainly belongs to the period from 1704-1707. Is it one of the few and rare examples from 1705 or 1706?

Cremona found itself as battleground to the dueling Austrians and French twice during this period: in 1702 and in 1706. It's not surprising that the commercial activity of the Stradivari workshop was affected as all of Cremona adapted to alternating periods of peace, war and occupation.

We can find further evidence of economic upheaval by analyzing the surviving output of the only other workshop in Cremona with a significant production at this time, that of Giuseppe Guarneri 'filius Andrea'. Surprisingly there are almost no extant instruments with original labels from the years 1704–1705 and yet the subsequent and previous years are fairly consistent.

What was happening in the Stradivari workshop in 1704–1706? We may never fully know the answer, but the instruments from these years are all the more important in appreciating the body of work from this great master.



A FINE ITALIAN VIOLIN BY LORENZO STORIONI, CREMONA, 1792 Labeled, "Laurentius Storioni fecit, Cremona, 1792." LOB 35.7 cm

* Sold with a certificate from William Lewis & Son, Chicago (September 5, 1950). Also illustrated in 'Violin & Violinists', November–December 1952.

\$280,000-\$350,000

A GOOD FRENCH VIOLIN BY JEAN BAPTISTE VUILLAUME, PARIS, c. 1855

Labeled, "Jean Baptiste Vuillaume…" Branded internally. Bearing the traces of a signature internally and the number "2616". LOB 35.8 cm

* Sold with a receipt from Johann Stübiger, Vienna (February 21, 1931) and certificates from Gael Français, New York and from Reuning & Son, Boston.

\$70,000-\$100,000

A GOOD ITALIAN VIOLIN BY ENRICO ROCCA, GENOVA, 1898 Labeled, "Rocca Enrico fu Giuseppe, fecit in Genova, anno Domini 1898."

LOB 35.5 cm

\$70,000-\$100,000



* Sold with a certificate, a bill of sale and correspondence with Rembert Wurlitzer, New York (February 14, 1963).

AN ITALIAN VIOLIN BY LORENZO AND TOMASSO CARCASSI, FLORENCE, c. 1745 Labeled, "Loro e Tomo Carcassi, In Firenze nell' Anno 1745, All'Infegna del Giglio." LOB 35.5 cm \$60,000-\$90,000

BY VINCENZO CAVANI, SPILAMBERTO, 1918 \$10,000-\$15,000

A GOOD ITALIAN VIOLIN

BY MARIO GADDA,

MANTUA, c. 1970

\$10,000-\$15,000

AN ITALIAN VIOLA

A GOOD ITALIAN VIOLIN BY GIORGIO GATTI, TURIN, 1919 \$30,000-\$50,000

> A GOOD ITALIAN VIOLIN BY RENATO SCROLLAVEZZA, PARMA, 1972 \$15,000-\$22,000



A GOOD ITALIAN VIOLIN

\$500—800



AN ITALO-AMERICAN VIOLIN BY ALFRED LANINI, SAN JOSE, 1931 \$6,000—\$9,000

A GOOD ITA**LIAN VIOLIN** BY ROMEO ANTONIAZZI, CREMONA, **1924** \$40,000—\$60,000

A GOOD CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN VIOLIN BY DAVID GUSSET, EUGENE, 2002 \$8,000-\$12,000

ex-Eugene Ysayë & Isaac Stern A FINE 19th CENTURY 12 BOW CASE



A GOOD ITALIAN VIOLA BY GIULIO DEGANI, VENICE, 1890 \$30,000-\$50,000

AN ENGLISH VIOLIN BY JOSEPH ANTHONY CHANOT, LONDON, 1902 \$20,000-\$30,000 AN ENGLISH CELLO BY WILLIAM FORSTER, LONDON, LATE 18th CENTURY \$40,000—\$60,000

A GOOD FRENCH VIOLA BY HIPPOLYTE CHRETIEN SILVESTRE, PARIS, 1899 \$15,000—\$22,000

A GOOD FRENCH VIOLIN BY JOSEPH MARIE CHARDON, PARIS, 1878 \$20,000—\$30,000

AN ITALIAN VIOLIN BY DANTE AND ALFREDO GUASTALLA, REGGIO EMILIA, 1926 \$10,000—\$15,000

A GOOD ITALO-AMERICAN VIOLIN BY DARIO D'ATTILI, NEW YORK, 1958 \$15,000—\$22,000

AN ITALIAN VIOLIN BY LUIGI GALIMBERTI, MILAN, 1930 \$25,000—\$40,000

A GOOD ITALIAN VIOLIN BY ANSALDO POGGI, BOLOGNA, 1961 \$40,000—\$60,000

> A GOOD DUTCH VIOLIN BY MAX MOLLER, AMSTERDAM, 1931 \$15,000—\$22,000

> > A FINE ITALIAN VIOLIN BY SIMONE FERNANDO SACCONI, ROME, 1928 \$60,000—\$90,000





A FINE FRENCH VIOLIN BOW BY DOMINIQUE PECCATTE

Stamped, "Peccatte." The gold and tortoiseshell mounted frog and button later. 61.5 grams with gold lapping

\$30,000—\$50,000

A FINE FRENCH VIOLIN BOW BY ETIENNE PAJEOT

Unstamped. Silver mounted. 59.0 grams

* Sold with a photocopy certificate from Bein & Fushi, Chicago (December 7, 2010).

\$20,000-\$30,000

A GOOD FRENCH VIOLIN BOW BY CHARLES PECCATTE

Stamped, "Peccatte" to both sides of the handle. Silver mounted. 59.0 grams * Sold with a certificate from

Pierre Guillaume, Brussels. \$18,000-\$25,000

A FINE FRENCH PICTURE BOW FOR VIOLIN BY FRANCOIS NICOLAS VOIRIN

Stamped, "J.B. Vuillaume." Silver mounted. The lens depicting Jean Baptiste Vuillaume. 58.0 grams

\$15,000-\$22,000

A FINE FRENCH VIOLIN BOW BY JEAN JOSEPH MARTIN

Unstamped. Silver mounted. 58.5 grams \$12,000-\$18,000



A GOOD AND INTERESTING FRENCH VIOLIN BOW FROM THE VUILLAUME WORKSHOP

Faintly stamped. Silver mounted. 59.5 grams

* Sold with a certificate from William Moennig & Son, Philadelphia (March 28, 1984).

\$8,000-\$12,000

A FINE FRENCH CELLO BOW BY PIERRE SIMON

Faintly stamped, "Vuillaume à Paris." Silver mounted. 78.5 grams

* Sold with certificates from Isaac Salchow, New York, and Gaël Français, New York.

\$15,000-\$22,000

A GOOD ENGLISH CELLO BOW BY ARTHUR BULTITUDE

Stamped twice, "A. R. Bultitude, England." Gold mounted. 80.0 grams

\$4,000-\$6,000

Sam Zygmuntowicz

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A FINE CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN CELLO BY SAMUEL ZYGMUNTOWICZ, NEW YORK, 2003

Labeled, "Samuel Zygmuntowicz, 2003, New York." LOB 73.5 cm \$50,000—\$80,000



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ex-Ruggiero Ricci

A FINE CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN VIOLIN BY SAMUEL ZYGMUNTOWICZ, NEW YORK, 1995

Labeled, "Samuel Zygmuntowicz, NY, 1995, Copy of 'the Plowden', made for Ruggiero Ricci." LOB 35.1 cm \$50,000—\$80,000







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