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TARISIO TO SELL THE 'DA VINCI, EX-SEIDEL' 1714 STRADIVARI VIOLIN

The Stradivari violin owned by Toscha Seidel - once heard on concert stages around the world, and on some of the most iconic Hollywood film soundtracks - to be auctioned June 9

***Private Viewings Planned for New York, London, Berlin,
Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Tokyo***

NEW YORK – March 9, 2022 – Tarisio—the leading international venue for fine instruments and bows—will present the 'da Vinci, ex-Seidel' Stradivari violin on June 9, 2022 via worldwide auction. In advance of the sale, Tarisio will offer special viewings of the famed violin in the U.S., Europe, China, and Japan.

Crafted in Italy in 1714 by the legendary Antonio Stradivari, the 'da Vinci, ex-Seidel' belongs to the most exclusive and coveted "Golden Period" of his production. This instrument presents a rare opportunity for collectors, soloists, foundations, and investors to acquire one of the master's most desirable instruments. It has been more than 15 years since a violin from the esteemed Golden Period has been offered at auction. Previously part of several important 19th century collections, this violin was the concert companion of the celebrated Russian-American virtuoso Toscha Seidel for nearly forty years; such provenance assures its stature in the oeuvre of Stradivari. Seidel was a protégé of the legendary pedagogue Leopold Auer, a classmate of Jascha Heifetz, and is widely considered one of the greats of the 20th century. The violin currently forms part of an important Japanese collection.

On April 27, 1924, the violin made front-page headlines in *The New York Times*, when it was acquired by Seidel. He said of his prized acquisition "...we precisely suit each other, and I am convinced it is one of the finest examples of the famous violin maker." Seidel owned the violin for nearly four decades, during which he performed with major orchestras, made numerous acclaimed recordings, hosted a popular radio program and served as CBS Network's musical director. He also recorded several early Hollywood film scores with this violin, including *The Wizard of Oz* (the plaintive "Somewhere Over the Rainbow"), *Intermezzo*, and *Melody for Three*.

"Antonio Stradivari is the greatest violin maker of all time; it is our tremendous pleasure to present this instrument, whose exquisite voice still speaks to us through many classical recordings and film scores performed by the incomparable Toscha Seidel," said Carlos Tome, Director at Tarisio. "We can only imagine the thrill that this instrument has generated for countless musicians and audiences over the centuries. We are grateful to have the privilege of finding the next owner for this exceptional instrument, and to continue its living legacy."

Over the next few months and in advance of the auction, Tarisio will exhibit the 'da Vinci' in London, Berlin, Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Tokyo, and in New York City, where it will be on view through early June. Further details about the 'da Vinci' Strad are available at tarisio.com/davinci

About Tarisio: Founded in 1999, Tarisio is recognized as the leading venue for fine and rare stringed instruments and bows. The company revolutionized the fine instrument market by bringing efficiencies to global internet bidding combined with unparalleled professionalism and ethics. Tarisio currently has offices in New York, London, and Berlin. Its team of specialists travels extensively to source and evaluate the finest instruments worldwide. Tarisio conducts nine auctions each year, as well as numerous private sales of high-value items to musicians, patrons, dealers, collectors, and institutions.. Annually, it sells more than 3,000 fine instruments and bows across global markets. Tarisio holds numerous international auction records, and in 2011, set the current world record for a Stradivari instrument with the sale of the "Lady Blunt" for \$15.9M (U.S.)

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