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## **RARE STRADIVARIUS VIOLIN EXHIBITED IN SAN FRANCISCO**

April 3, 2012, San Francisco – In anticipation of an online auction of fine musical instruments including a 300 year old violin by Antonio Stradivari, the New York-based auction house Tarisio will hold a public exhibition at the San Francisco War Memorial & Performing Arts Center on April 12 & 13.

Among the exhibited violins and bows will be the ‘Baron von der Leyen’ Stradivarius of c. 1705, named for an early owner of the instrument a 19<sup>th</sup> century German silk merchant. The violin has been in private hands for nearly half a century. Read more about this violin at [tarisio.com/baronvonderleyen](http://tarisio.com/baronvonderleyen).

Jason Price, Director of Tarisio, said, “There are only 600 or so Stradivari in existence and only a handful of these come up for sale every year.” He adds, “This is an extraordinary opportunity to see an important and very valuable instrument up-close and in person.”

Bidding on the ‘Baron von der Leyen’ will begin at \$2 million. See a video of the ‘Baron von der Leyen’ being played at [youtube.com/watch?v=wg02nh4Rnkc](http://youtube.com/watch?v=wg02nh4Rnkc).

Exhibition hours are 12pm-7pm on Thursday, April 12, and 10am-7pm on Friday, April 13 at the San Francisco War Memorial & Performing Arts Center, in the Green Room, at 401 Van Ness Avenue.

Over 70 Italian violins and French bows of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries will be viewable to the public.

The auction will be held on Wednesday, April 25 & Thursday, April 26 at [tarisio.com](http://tarisio.com).

Tarisio rose to prominence among musicians and collectors in 2003 after auctioning instruments and memorabilia from the estate of the late maestro Isaac Stern, the famous violinist and San Francisco native.

### **About Tarisio**

Tarisio is one of the world’s leading sources of fine and rare stringed instruments. Launched in 1999, Tarisio brought a fresh approach to the instrument market, combining the services of a traditional auction house with the efficiency and accessibility of online sales. Offering first-class expertise and guaranteed cataloging, Tarisio quickly earned the respect of musicians, collectors, restorers and members of the trade the world over. It now sells over 2,000 violins, violas, cellos, and bows each year, with offices in New York and London. In 2011, Tarisio auctioned the ‘Lady Blunt’ Stradivarius of 1721 for a world record \$15.9 million.