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TARISIO TO SELL VINTAGE TONEWOODS FROM THE COLLECTIONS OF RENÉ A. MOREL AND REMBERT WURLITZER

January 14, 2013 New York In a special auction to be held in March 2013, Tarisio will sell rare and vintage tonewoods from the collections of René A. Morel and Rembert Wurlitzer, Inc.

Over 150 lots of excellent quality maple, spruce, ebony, willow and bridges will be available from Morel's nearly 66 years as a restorer and maker. Trained in Mirecourt, France in the 1940s, Morel worked in New York for luminaries such as Rembert Wurlitzer, Simone Fernando Sacconi, Jacques Francais and finally himself before passing away in 2011.

A Morel family representative says, "The level of talented making is higher now than ever before, with many makers even taught or inspired by our father. We're delighted to make this wood available to today's great makers with this auction."

Also featured are 125 lots of aged pernambuco from Samuel Kolstein & Son, Ltd.. The wood was originally held by Rembert Wurlitzer, Inc. and acquired by Kolstein in the 1950's where it has been cared for and protected since.

Referring to the relative difficulty of legally obtaining pernambuco, an endangered wood species, Barrie Kolstein notes, "My father had tremendous foresight to assume this wood when he did." He continues, "The best bows of our workshop came from this collection, and we want other makers to have the same opportunities through this important auction."

The sale can be viewed at Tarisio New York from January 23 through March 18. Weekend viewing is available on March 16 & 17 during Mondomusica New York. Bidding closes March 19.

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