

# Tarasio

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How many Bitcoins does it take to buy a Stradivarius?

The answer: 1,941 BTC.

As of November 20th, fine-instrument auction house Tarasio will be including peer-to-peer digital currency Bitcoin in their list of reference currencies.

Initially damned as a pyramid scheme, Bitcoin has just made news for breaking the \$1000 mark, and there is a strong possibility Bitcoin payments will now be considered by financial institutions and even governments in the future.

Tarasio is famed for having brought the 18<sup>th</sup> century violin-trade into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with their online auction platform, and their foray into the world of Cryptocurrency is their latest digital venture.

The famous Stradivarius that was stolen from Euston Station in 2010 and recovered earlier this year will be under Tarasio's digital hammer on 18<sup>th</sup> December; bidding has opened at £1 million, a mere 1,941 BTC.

It's very early days for Bitcoin in the art world. What will be the effects of this digital currency on international high-end art? Will Bitcoin's volatility stabilise enough to partake in the art market? When will the first Bitcoin sale of a Stradivarius take place? We're taking bets...

**1 A FINE ITALIAN VIOLIN BY ANTONIO STRADIVARI, CREMONA, 1696**

Labelled, "Antonius Stradivarius Cremonensis facebat anno 1696."  
LOB 35.4 cm

\* Sold with a certificate from J & A Beare, Ltd., London.

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Ending: **Dec 18, 2013 2:00 PM GMT (21d 19h 47m)**

£ 1,000,000 GBP		
\$ 1,618,830 USD		
€ 1,197,890 EUR		
Fr 1,474,720 CHF		
¥ 164,794,000 JPY		
₩ 1,716,330,000 KRW		
\$ 1,709,630 CAD		
\$ 1,767,370 AUD		
BTC 1,941 BTC		

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£1,200,000	

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