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GOLDEN PERIOD STRADIVARIUS TO BE AUCTIONED ONLINE BY TARISIO

Violin from c. 1705 comes fresh to the market after 40 years in private hands

February 15, 2012, New York -- Tarisio announced today they will sell the **'Baron von der Leyen' Stradivarius** at their **April 26, 2012** online auction. The violin, a fine early Golden Period example from the master Italian luthier Antonio Stradivari, will be the highlight of Tarisio's spring Auction of Fine Instruments and Bows.

Dating from **circa 1705**, the 'Baron von der Leyen' has been out of the public view for much of its 300-year life. It is currently for sale from the family of a New York City musician who acquired the violin from Rembert Wurlitzer Inc. in New York in 1969.

"The 'Baron von der Leyen' is an important Golden Period Stradivari which comes **fresh to the market** after more than **40 years in private hands**," says Jason Price, Director of Tarisio. "The previous owner made an orchestral and studio recording career on this violin and cared for it well."

Instruments made during the years of Stradivari's famed Golden Period are universally acknowledged for their technical perfection and tonal excellence. "It's exciting to offer another fine Stradivari which is both a marvel of craftsmanship and yet undeniable in its purpose as a musical instrument," says Price.

Named for an early owner, a 19th-century silk merchant and Baron of Krefeld, Germany, the violin is also known as the 'Klaveness.'

Tarisio has set two world records for Stradivari violins at auction in recent years: the 'Molitor' of 1697 for **\$3.6 million**, and the 'Lady Blunt' of 1721 for an astonishing **\$15.9 million**. Bidding for the 'Baron von der Leyen' begins at **\$2 million** and highly competitive interest is anticipated.

Before the auction the violin will be available to view in **London, New York**, and select other cities upon request.

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