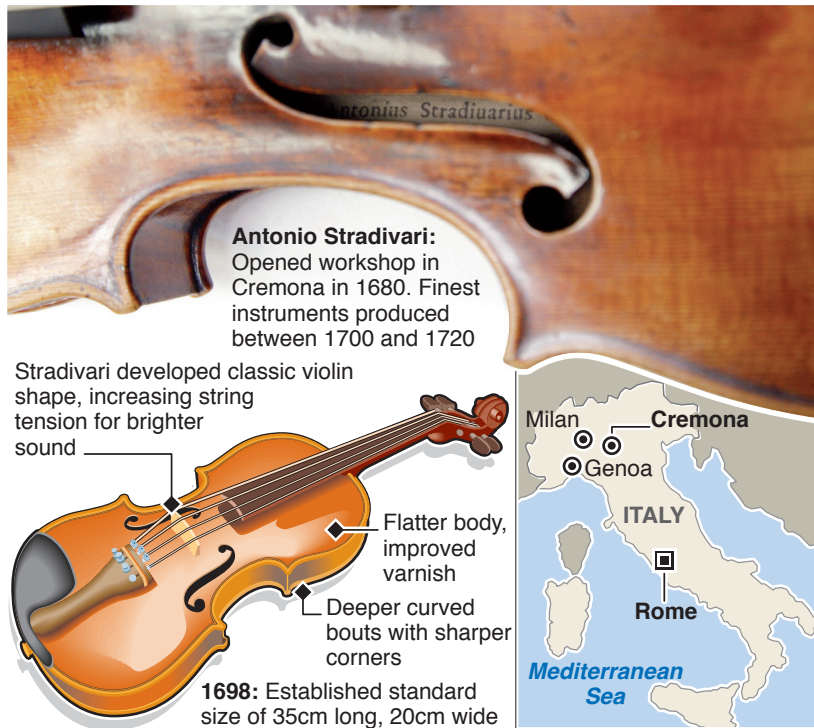


Stradivarius sets new auction record

A rare Stradivarius violin known as the “Lady Blunt” sold for a record \$15.9 million in an on-line auction for Japanese disaster relief. The 1721 violin was named after the granddaughter of English poet Lord Byron



Recent Stradivari auction prices (US\$ exchange rate in year sold)

| Auction date / location | | Instrument / year of manufacture | | Price |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------|----------|
| 2011 | Tarasio on-line auction | Lady Blunt | 1721 | \$15.89m |
| 2010 | Tarasio on-line auction | The Molitor | 1697 | \$3.54m |
| 2007 | Christie's, New York | Solomon Ex-Lamber | 1729 | \$2,72m |
| 2006 | Christie's, New York | The Hammer | 1707 | \$3.54m |
| 2005 | Christie's, New York | Lady Tennant | 1699 | \$2.03m |
| 1998 | Christie's, London | The Kreutzer | 1727 | \$1,33m |
| 1990 | Christie's, London | The Red Mendelssohn | 1720 | \$1.76m |