

**NEW GUARDIAN
FOR \$1 MILLION
SA VIOLIN**



PRECIOUS: SA philanthropist Ulrike Klein and violinist Sophie Rowell with the South Australian-owned Guaragnini violin.

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SOUTH Australia's precious \$1 million Guaragnini violin, bought to benefit the careers of promising young local violinists, has a safe future with a new guardian.

The people of SA bought it for £1750 through public subscription in 1955, in a campaign run by *The Advertiser*.

But Adelaide philanthropist Ulrike Klein, who runs Ngeringa Arts, approached the SA Guaragnini Violin Trust about a transfer when she realised the violin was suffering from lack of maintenance and risked falling into disrepair.

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"I became aware of the instrument when Sophie Rowell played it as the lead violinist of the Australian String Quartet," Ms Klein said. "At that stage, the instrument was OK but not really shining and couldn't be played to its full potential."

The violin, made by Italian master luthier JB Guaragnini,

was originally bought for the brilliant Carmel Hakendorf to help further her international career, with the idea it would be available in the future to other promising SA violinists.

It has now been placed in the care of Ngeringa Arts, which will be responsible for maintenance and insurance.