

**【World's First】 The First Playable Glass Violin, Crafted with Heatproof & Masterful Artistry, Recognized by GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title!**  
**Celebrating the Excellence of Japanese Craftsmanship.**



Violinist Ikuko Kawai  
The First Violinist to Play the Glass Violin



### **A Revolutionary Fusion of Glass Craftsmanship and Music**

Tokyo, Japan – HARIO Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Chuo-ku, Tokyo) has combined over 60 years of expertise in heatproof glass manufacturing with the craftsmanship of highly skilled Japanese artisans to create a groundbreaking innovation: the world's first playable glass violin, redefining traditional perceptions of musical instruments.

### **Guinness World Records Recognition**

Originally crafted in 2003, this glass violin was officially recognized by GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title on March 19 as the "first playable glass violin."

### **Masterful Hand-Blown Glass Technique**

The body of the glass violin was meticulously shaped using traditional hand-blown glass techniques. Typically, hand-blown glass is formed into simple spherical shapes, making it extremely challenging to replicate the intricate curves and delicate details of a violin.

To ensure the instrument was not only visually stunning but also fully playable, HARIO artisans had to thin and evenly distribute the glass thickness - a level of precision and craftsmanship that machines cannot achieve. Each violin was painstakingly handcrafted by expert artisans, demonstrating an unprecedented level of skill and innovation.

### **"Realizing Your Creative Vision — Co-Creation Through HARIO's Advanced Glass Technology"**

For decades, HARIO has been a pioneer in glass manufacturing, producing a wide range of products, from coffee siphons to tableware.

The company continues to push the boundaries of glass craftsmanship, supporting both its own brand and collaborations with individuals and businesses that rely on high-quality glass.

### **Limited Edition Glass Violin for Sale**

To commemorate this GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ achievement, a single glass violin will be available for purchase at around £28,950 (GBP). If multiple applications are received, the buyer will be chosen via lottery.



Koga Factory: Koga City, Ibaraki Prefecture

## About HARIO

HARIO is a heatproof glass manufacturer founded in 1921. Its name also means “the King of Glass”. As the only company in Japan with a mass-production factory, HARIO has been at the forefront of environmental responsibility since 1972, operating a “chimney-free factory” that melts glass using electricity instead of fossil fuels.

At its inception, HARIO specialized in handcrafted laboratory glassware such as beakers and flasks. Today, the company designs, manufactures, and sells a wide range of products, including coffee and tea equipment, kitchenware, and more.

The cone-shaped coffee dripper “V60” in particular is a favorite of baristas and is now sold in over 75 countries worldwide.