



# Maple Leaf Rag

Maple Leaf Music Newsletter

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## New Arrivals

*For photos of these instruments please log onto our web site at [Mapleleafmusic.com](http://Mapleleafmusic.com).*

### **FROGGY BOTTOM H-12 BEYOND LIMITED**

What a guitar! There are no holds barred when it comes to this instrument. Brazilian Rosewood back and sides, Adirondack top. Abalone rosette, back strip and all around the top. #3 inlay pattern in fingerboard. A gorgeous trillium on the heel cap and end graft. Aaron says "Lovely to look at and truly inspiring to play. I spent 5 minutes just strumming a G chord and listening." This is one serious guitar, and right out of the woods of Vermont!

### **COLLINGS D-3SB USED \$3500**

Handsome sunburst Sitka top and East Indian Rosewood back and sides. 1 11/16" at the nut. And the sound on this Collings is just stunning. Big, rich, and even across all the strings. If a Dreadnaught weren't too big a guitar for me I'd take this one home!

### **GOODALL PACIFIC**

VERY curly maple back, sides and headstock. Cedar top, snowflake inlay and Koa fingerboard binding! Not to miss mentioning the Koa body binding, back strip, and tasty little Koa truss rod cover! Ebony bridge, tuning knobs and fingerboard. And appointments aside, the sound of this little lady (14" lower bout) is nothing short of phenomenal. Goodall fanatics beware! Huge bright sound, unique and totally present and responsive. There is no other guitar like it in the shop!

### **GIBSON HUMMINGBIRD Used. 2004 \$1600**

A practically new, mint condition Montana made Gibson Hummingbird. This is one handsome fella! We wish every used guitar would look like this one. It is pristine! That classic throaty Gibson sound is just waiting to jump out at the strum of your flat pick. The K&K pick-up adds the extra kick to make this a great performers' guitar!

### **GIBSON LES PAUL STANDARD Used. 1985 \$1500**

This baby is fire engine red, no sunburst, just RED. And handsome! Excellent condition- some minor play wear but nothing through the finish. Pickguard is in the case, in case you notice it missing in the photos. Comes with Hard shell case, probably not original.

## A Note From Kate

Christmas is a coming  
The goose is getting fat  
Please put a penny in the old man's hat.  
If you haven't got a penny  
A ha'penny will do  
If you haven't got a ha'penny  
God bless you!

Happy holidays from your friends at Maple Leaf Music! It has been a busy and enjoyable year for us all. We've been lucky to acquire some fine new lines of guitars this year. James Goodall's beautiful instruments from Hawaii have been very well received here, and we are just getting our first Bourgeois guitars from the Pantheon company in Maine. Fabulous works of art both in terms of construction and sound!

Complimenting our other lines of guitars, the Froggy Bottoms from right up the road in Vermont, Collings, Huss and Dalton, Martin, and Larrivee, we seem to be meeting our customers' interest in high quality high end product. And not to stop with only these products- I have my eye on several other small American builders who I hope will agree to be represented here in Brattleboro Vermont! The real problem these days is getting instruments. Some of our suppliers are 6-8 months out, and the really small shops take 2 to 3 years to fill orders!

This has been a year of greatly increased internet sales for us. While we don't sell directly on line, folks call us up to talk about an instrument they have studied on our web site and then we ship it out to them. As not everyone lives near enough to visit here, this at least gives us a person with a voice to make friends with! And of course we still welcome many many players in the shop, either coming here as a direct destination or stopping by on the way to vacation in Vermont or Canada. So that's the news from Maple Leaf Music in a nut shell.

Oh-I forgot-we got a shop fish, a Beta named...???? We don't have a name yet! He's blue and lives in a crystal wine cooler with a sprig of Ivy. E-mail me name suggestions, and if we pick your choice, I'll send you a free set of strings!



### NEW BOOKS

**The Fiddler's Throne: Selected tunes for Contra Dances, Sessions, and House Parties** collected by Randy Miller  
Editor of the New England Fiddler's Repertoire, Randy Miller has just published 375 traditional and new tunes that he has collected. Here you will find tunes from New England, Cape Breton, and the British Isles. A lovely collection, with guitar chords and documentation. Spiral binding. Highly recommended. \$25

**DOC WATSON AND DAVID GRISMAN IN CONCERT**  
DVD of traditional, country, bluegrass and blues. Includes Summertime, Sweet Georgia Brown, Long Journey Home, and many other tunes and songs. A wonderful show. \$24.95



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Monday-Thursday 9:30 to 6pm

Friday 9:30-8pm

Saturday 9:30-5pm Sunday 12-5pm

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mapleleafmusic.com

### NEW PRODUCTS

Attention all instrumentalists and vocalists! We would like to tell you about the immensely popular Boss RC-20XL Looper. It is one of the most impressive, versatile and creative effects boxes we've ever seen and has numerous applications for anyone who works with sound. Although the word "loop" has become synonymous with electronic music, it is now useful for composition, improvisation, education and performance. The unit has dedicated inputs for instruments, microphones and electronic gear. All that's needed is a means of getting your performances recorded into the looper via pickup or microphone and something to listen through such as headphones or an amplifier. Eleven loops can be saved in it with a total recording time of 16 minutes. There is no other box around a fun as this! \$295

We now have a Larrivee guitar here with **THREE** different pickups installed in it. A Fishman Rare Earth Blender with humbucker and microphone, a K&K bridgeplate transducer and the Fishman under saddle Matrix pick-up. This allows you to listen to the sounds of just the pick-ups, without introducing the variable of changing guitars! Folks have really enjoyed this opportunity here in the shop.

The advent of the holiday season means that heat is on in your house and unless you are properly humidifying your guitar, it will dry out and crack! All solid-topped guitars living where the heat is on the winter **MUST** have a in-case humidifier. Think of it as an insurance policy for only \$18.95! Call or e-mail and we will send you one.

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