



Maple Leaf Rag

Maple Leaf Music Newsletter

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New Arrivals

Bourgeois Country Boy

The best sounding Sitka guitar from Bourgeois yet. Christian says "This is a really big big big guitar. Revises my thinking that great Sitka may be the top wood of choice."

Huss and Dalton DS Custom Brazilian

This is our first DS in Adirondack and Brazilian and we are every bit as thrilled as we thought we would be! Huge sweet woody sound produced both by the Gibson shape and the excellence of the woods.

Collings O1-A

The bestest small Collings made. This is our second O1-A. The first one disappeared instantly. Adi, mahogany with an ice-tea sunburst top. 1 3/4, 25" scale. Sweetest sound ever.

Taylor 810 Brazilian 2006

Used \$3,200.00 A really beautiful Brazilian/Adirondack Taylor Dreadnaught in most excellent conditions! Lovely bell like sound. A good deal for a Braz/Adi piece!

Collings MF-5V Deluxe

This baby is undoubtedly the most beautiful new mandolin we've ever seen. From the exquisite curly maple back and neck to the lovely tasty sunburst varnish finish to the gold tuners- all we can say is WOW. Bright beautiful sound matches the visual aesthetic- huge woody choppy sound to delight the most discerning picker. Elegant, balanced and bold. It's almost too nice for a mere mortal, but you'd get over that soon.

Froggy Bottom L Limited

Brazilian L Limited with iris engraved on the heel cap. Tiny and unbelievable! The bottom bout is 13" and the scale is 24 3/4 with a 1 3/4 nut. There are not many Frog L's out there.



A Note From Kate

It's hard to believe that yet another year has come and gone. But this one has been exciting at Maple Leaf Music. We have been very busy here and are enthusiastically making some major changes here, from adding new instrument lines to redecorating! For the comfort of our customers, and so Aaron has a place to nap, we have added a leather love seat, six leather chairs and to tie everything together, three oriental rugs! Not only does this upgrade the atmosphere of the store- after all who wants to buy a nice guitar while sitting on a worn out thirty year old wooden chair- but it just plain looks great in here! Really classy!

We also have reduced our number of old wooden book bins to make room for more guitars so the store looks more open and less cramped. And next year we may just bite the bullet and get a point-of sale system so we can print out invoices and have names and serial numbers go automatically into the computer, thus saving precious time in the paper work department.

We continue to expand our inventory of small shop guitars from our five makers- Froggy Bottom, Huss & Dalton, Collings, Bourgeois and Goodall. And I will let you know that the rumors concerning the scarcity of Brazilian Rosewood are true. Collings is no longer taking orders for these guitars and is unsure whether they can fill the orders that they already have. The smaller builders currently have supplies of Brazilian, but again are unsure of availability in the future. So once again, if you have wanted a Brazilian guitar for your whole life, now is the time to make your choice!

We are working assiduously to improve our electric selection, and have recently added both Eastwood and Gretsch guitars. Eastwood makes classy vintage repros like their Airline guitars. We are also waiting for mandolins and arch top guitars from Eastman. (Though having the two new "Easts" will undoubtedly add to the confusion in our brains.) For even more electrics we have more of the over-seas Paul Reed Smith's- they are really, really beautiful and great sounding and playing and real bargains. And we continue to add many fine American Fender guitars to the electric line-up. Check our web site, mapleleafmusic.com for makes and models and photographs!

On a personal note, as many of you know I shattered my tibia while skiing in Canada in February. I want to thank all of you for your concern and let you know that due to my most incredible surgeon, my physical terrorist, and my own stubborn determination, I am about 98% healed and walk quite well with no limp. Don't know yet about skiing this year!

They say when one door closes, another will open. So while I lay in my hospital bed in our kitchen for two months, Tucker Barrett, luthier and repairman extraordinaire, volunteered to fill in some hours at the store. He now works here on Tuesdays and does set-ups for us and meets musicians to discuss their repair needs. And he has been installing multitudes of K&K pickups, our current guitar pickup of choice for any acoustic guitar.

So-Happiest of Holidays to all. For the coming year, work hard, play lots of music and remember that friends and family are the most precious things we have to enjoy on this earth. Give Me the Roses While I Live- and then Deck the Halls! Fa La La La La- with love from Kate

NEW ELECTRICS

Eastwood Airline 2P Deluxe Airline guitars were made in the USA from 1958 to 1968 and sold through Montgomery Ward. These recent reproductions are tons of fun and bargains to boot! This baby we have in the snazzy Sahara Blue. Photos at our web site mapleleafmusic.com

Fender American Deluxe Telecaster This top of the line handsome baby has an alder body with a rosewood fret board. MOTO white moto pickguard enhanced by white body binding next to the aged cherry sunburst finish. It features the S-1 switching system and two Samarium Cobalt Noisless Tele pickups. Very light weight and perfectly set up by the boys at Fender.

Fender American Deluxe Strat "V" Neck This series is the answer for the player looking for a traditional '50's "V" neck strat with modern appointments. Alder body, Samarium Cobalt Noisless pickups, S-1 switching. Ours is the rich coffee-colored honey blonde with a maple board and a copper-colored pick guard. This is one handsome guitar!

Collings I-35 We are extremely proud to add to our growing collection of excellent electrics several fine Collings electric guitars. Every customer who has played this says it's the best guitar they've ever played. Takes everything a Gibson 335 does but much better. Being all solid wood, it has significant acoustic properties in its responsiveness. Amazing!

Please check our web site for photos of all these guitars
Mapleleafmusic.com

A NEW FIDDLE TUNE BOOK FOR 2007

Being a fiddler, I continue to carry a great selection of fiddle tune books, many from small individual publishers. A recently released gem is the second addition of "William Marshall's Scottish Melodies", edited by Randy Miller. William Marshall is regarded as one of the greatest composers of Scottish fiddle music. His tunes have been played for generations, passed down from fiddler to fiddler to the present day in Cape Breton and parts of Scotland. This book is essential to any fiddler's library!

Originally published in 1978 and long out of print, this new edition contains all of Marshall's known compositions including several tunes recently discovered by the editor. The first edition had facsimile reprints that required a magnifying glass to read, and the print has gotten smaller as I grow older. The new book is horizontal with a large spiral binding and has one tune per page; it is a joy to peruse. Exact replicas of Marshall's tunes, including his dynamics and ornaments, with original bass-clef accompaniments, are presented in an easy-to-read format. It is arranged by key and contains strathspeys, reels, hornpipes, marches, jigs and airs. Excellent index, period engraved illustrations, and exhaustive information in the appendices. \$28

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Monday-Friday 9:30 to 6pm

Saturday 9:30-5pm Sunday 11-5pm

Monday Dec 24 and 31 we close at 4pm

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By Kate Spencer

Seagull and Simon Patrick Guitar Sale!!!

We have a few old stock guitars from Godin, our Canadian maker in Montreal. They are new with warranties, but have been here for a couple of years and may be discontinued models. Models available include the Seagull Dreadnaught, Folk and Grande (parlor size) guitars both with and without electronics. Also from Godin are the Simon and Patrick guitars, again including D's, Folks and Grandes, and we have sale prices on all the sizes. Some come with cedar and some with spruce tops; all have laminated back and sides. These are most excellent beginner guitars and are great for a second guitar to take camping so you don't have to take your Collings into the woods. Call for available models and prices. Check the Godin web site at www.godinguitars.com for photos and information.

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