



Maple Leaf Rag

Maple Leaf Music Newsletter

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New Arrivals

Huss and Dalton TDR Custom Yet another absolutely stunning Brazilian dreadnaught from H&D. Huge bass, punchy mids and well behaved treble. This baby has a REALLY big sound. Just amazing!



Bourgeois Slope D Short scale mahogany and Adirondack slope shouldered dreadnaught with a handsome sunburst top. Clear, clean, woody sound with deep bass. 1 3/4 nut. Just lovely!



A Note From Kate

Holiday greetings from Maple Leaf Music! It's been quite a year for everyone, the election, the recession, and the uncertainties of life. So if you've been wondering about Maple Leaf Music, yes we're still here! Customers are cautious, sales are down, but the good news is that the bills are paid and we're still here with a store full of most excellent guitars! And mandolins, and banjos, and strings, and books, the list goes on!

Our most sought after guitar this year has been the Brazilian, in any model, D, Slope D or OM. We have one Collings dreadnaught left, ordered two years ago and recently delivered. With the advent of the absence of Collings Brazilians, we have done very well with Brazilians from Huss and Dalton and from Bourgeois. As they are much smaller producers than Collings, they expect to continue to have top quality Brazilian rosewood. My special favorite is H&D's copy of the Martin '66 OOO-28 which I order with a top grade sitka top (no bearclaw please!), a 1 11/16 nut and a short scale. The last one we had was one of the best sounding OM's I've every heard! We'll have another one in mid December.

The other "hot seller" has been the Slope D model from Huss and Dalton, Collings and Bourgeois. Basically Gibson J-45 type guitars, we stock short and long scale models in Indian rosewood and mahogany with either sitka or Adirondack tops. And they usually sport a fantastic sunburst, in keeping with their role model! Model designations are a little confusing, but just to make searching easier, Collings calls them their CJ, H&D refers to them as DS and Bourgeois labels them Slope D. Short scale is 24.9 inches and long scale is 25.5 inches. We have several displayed on our web site, MapleLeafMusic.com. Also, we can design a guitar to your specifications and order it from any of these fine manufacturers.

As for next year, just say we're looking at 2009 with a jaundiced eye through rose colored glasses!



Froggy Bottom guitars this year moved from Newfane to Chelsea Vermont, way north of here. Production has resumed after the interruption of the move and the guitars are better than ever. For the first time, we have two Madagascar rosewood instruments in stock, an M Deluxe and an H-12 Deluxe with this heelcap:



Now is the time to start humidifying your guitar! If you do not it will get very unhappy and the strings will lie close to the fret board, making it unplayable unless you love the sitar sound. Next step is the big ole' top crack. Not only ugly, but expensive to fix, to say nothing of the razor sharp fret ends sticking out from the sides of your dried up fingerboard! Order humidifiers from us, two are better than one!

GO HAWAIIAN!

This is the year of the ukulele! We have them in all sizes and prices. **Mahalos** in red, green, orange or any color you can think of for \$29.95 with color coordinated gig bag! Watching that cute four year old girl march out with her new pink uke is too much for words!

From Hawaii are the Pono ukes made by Ko'olau. They offer a vast assortment of ukes made both in Hawaii and in Java, all sizes and fanciness and all of solid woods; we currently have in stock their solid mahogany tenor with a pick-up and a beautiful solid curly Koa concert. More are on the way. These are the nicest ukes that we have found yet!

We carry as well the Gold Tone ukes, the GU 100 and the GU200, both at discounted prices with hard case. Great sounding for the money! And we have in stock nearly every uke book in print-check our web site for titles.

Store Hours

Monday-Friday 10:00 to 5:30pm
Saturday 9:30-5pm Sunday 12-5pm
Wednesday Dec 24 and 31 we close at 4pm
Friday Dec 26 and Jan 2 we open 12pm

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Don't forget to visit our web site
mapleleafmusic.com

Amplifiers and other Electronic Hits

The new Fender tube amps are very exciting this year; we have several limited editions including the gray and black python snake Hot Rod Deluxe, a red Blues Junior (no political indicators here, honest!), and a lacquered tweed Hot Rod Deluxe. For an acoustic amplifier, this year's star is the Fishman Loud Box 100, producing a true acoustic sound for the individual with a fine high-end acoustic. With two channels, this light weight amp makes a great portable PA system as well. Effects pedals have really taken off this year; players really enjoy comparing boxes in our amp room. We have boxes from Electro Harmonix, Boss, MXR and others. From MXR, the Classic 108 Fuzz, Custom Shop Script Phase 90 and the Custom Shop GT-OD overdrive are especially popular. From Boss, we continue to sell the ever-popular ME50 multi-effects pedal and we've added the less expensive ME20 and ME20B (bass) for anyone looking to experiment with sound for not a lot of bank! Electro-Harmonix pedals continue to be fast-movers. The new stereo Memory Man is Aaron's personal favorite, which he has a lot of trouble not using constantly in his own rig! Our discounted prices are completely competitive with catalog prices. Call and talk to Aaron about what you need for sound and he'll match you up with the right product!



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