

or exploring new musical territories, our new banjo strings have got the goods to take you where you want to go. Speaking of bluegrass, we also have a brand new 12-56 gauge of our Naturals acoustic strings that is optimized for the needs of bluegrass players, so now you can outfit the whole band from the banjo to the mando to the guitar-o.

StringJoy.com

Gator Expands ICON Series Drum Bags with New Sizes

Following the recent release of its ICON Series Drum Bags, Gator has announced the addition of nine new sizes. This expansion includes five bass drum sizes (18x16, 20x18, 22x14, 26x14, 26x16), three snare drum sizes (10x5, 12x5, 13x3), and a 14x10 rack tom bag.

Designed to streamline setup and teardown, each bag features a sloping zipper for easy drum access, a bright red interior for improved visibility, and clearly marked exterior sizing tags for quick identification. The bags are constructed from strong, black nylon and feature a rubber-coated base for enhanced protection. Inside, the bags offer thick padding with a soft lining, while compartments in the snare bags provide convenient drumhead storage.

Gatorco.com



BOSS Introduces Katana Gen 3 Guitar Amplifier Series

BOSS introduces the Katana Gen 3 Guitar Amplifier lineup, the third generation of the best-selling Katana amp series. Refreshed with updated sounds and features, the seven Katana Gen 3 models deliver evolved performance to take guitar ambitions to the next level. New Tube Logic enhancements enrich the core platform with even greater sound, feel, and response, including an expressive Pushed amp character that edge-of-breakup fans will love. The BOSS Tone Studio app has also been updated, making remote amp and effects editing workflows more intuitive than ever.

Backed by the acclaimed BOSS Tube Logic amplifier architecture and reactive Class AB power, the Katana series has become a standard for guitarists everywhere since its introduction in 2016. Katana amps embody decades of BOSS development knowledge, offering professional, tube-inspired sound coupled with modern advantages like onboard effects, one-touch memory recall, deep sound customization, and variable power control. Katana Gen 3 elevates the lineup with even more range and versatility, providing a playing experience that goes where no other amps can.

Boss.info



Hercules Releases Double Boom Mic Stand

Tight spaces and complicated multi-mic setups can create unsightly clutter and cause logistical issues for musicians and engineers alike. Streamlining the number of tripods can reduce stress, improve appearance, and even enhance safety. Hercules is helping to optimize performance environments for both stage and studio, with the all-new MS464BPRO Double Boom Mic Stand. Crafted with precision and ingenuity, the stand's two boom arms facilitate the miking of two instruments, with the footprint of only one tripod.

The Double Boom Mic stand boasts two telescopic boom arms,



ensuring optimal mic placement by extending for longer distances while minimizing excess boom for shorter ones. Its dual boom clamps allow for simultaneous adjustments in angle, positioning, and height, all managed by a single tightening lever for convenience. Additionally, the Power Lock Lever provides stability during performances by securely locking the boom arms in place with a ratchet mechanism, preventing any slippage caused by mic weight.

HerculesStands.com

It's Time for a Change of Scenery - McCormick's Backdrop Systems

Ditch the tired old routine and transform your performances with McCormick's high-impact, budget-friendly backdrop and front screen solutions.

McCormicksNet.com



INSTRUMENTS

NS Design Launches the Innovative CR Series Six-String Electric Violin

NS Design continues its commitment to cutting edge solid-body bowed electrics with the latest addition to their CR Series, the CR6 Six String Electric Violin. Tuned in fifths (EAD-GCF), or even like a guitar, the six-string design is an exciting option for violinists and an inviting new adventure for guitarists exploring new sonic territory.



The CR6 is equipped with state-of-the-art active electronics, with dual-mode preamp offering two distinct tonal qualities: a rich, modern electric violin sound and a balanced, traditional acoustic violin sound.

The NS Polar Pickup System captures string vibrations with exceptional sensitivity, offering brilliant sound for both bowed and pizzicato techniques. A three-way toggle switch, along with volume, bass EQ, and treble EQ controls, provide players with unparalleled control over their sound. The CR6 also offers a 1/8" headphone jack for in-ear monitoring and silent practice.

Custom hardshell case standard with bow holder, handle, strap, and accessories pouches; tool kit and owner's manual also included.

ThinkNS.com

Fender Announces the Tom DeLonge Starcaster

Fender has announced the release of a signature guitar in honor of a melodic-punk icon, the fan favorite Tom DeLonge Starcaster. Initially released in the '70s to offer versatile sounds for players, DeLonge was drawn to the Starcaster only recently, with him first using it on stage in 2022. Its infamy was quick and fast, with die-hard fans of this punk icon rushing to modify their own Squier Starcasters at home into makeshift replicas of the instrument! So, what were they trying to emulate?



- Seymour Duncan SH-5 Duncan Custom humbucker
- Comfy modern "C" neck
- 12"-radius rosewood fingerboard for a contemporary feel
- DeLonge's original signature artwork and a custom-crafted neck plate

Available in four modern finishes: Satin Shoreline Gold, Satin Surf Green, Satin Olympic White and Satin Shell Pink

Fender.com