

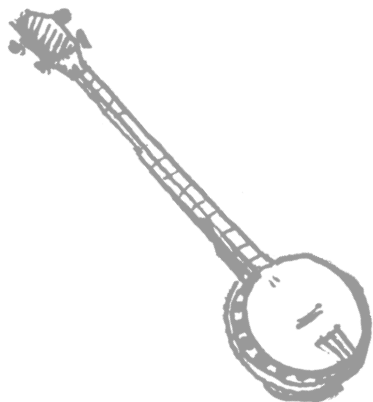
Banjo-Instruments

Originally brought to this country as a gourd instrument by African slaves, the banjo has been radically changed over the centuries to its current form. Records dating to 1678 confirm its long history in the Americas. The banjo was introduced to mainstream white audiences through minstrel shows that rose in prominence just before the American Revolution and continued well into the 19th century. About 1810, illustrations show that the instrument was being adapted to include a short 5th string. The remainder of the century saw the spread of the instrument into Appalachian folk styles, parlor music (now sometimes called old time), and onto the American frontier.

Today banjo is played in styles as diverse as bluegrass, old time, ragtime, jazz, and even the occasional rock song. Banjo is enjoying a resurgence in its popularity that we are thrilled to be a part of it.

Music Folk offers a wide variety of 5-string and tenor banjos everyday. We carry new banjos from Deering, Gibson, Bart Reiter, Nechville, Ramsey, Gold Tone, and Alvarez. Listed in this catalog are a few of our most popular models. If you are looking for something in particular from one of these builders, please check with us. We're happy to help you find what you need.

Of course, we're also well known for our stellar selection of used instruments as well. Contact us for our current selections or check our website to view these instruments.



Nechville Banjos



Nechville Classic

In business since 1989, Nechville has quickly become the instrument of choice for some of the world's top players including Bela Fleck and Alison Brown. Part of what makes their instruments so unique is Nechville's unique Heli-mount banjo design. Replacing more than seventy parts of a traditional banjo, the Nechville Heli-Mount body tightens together much like a lid on a jar, greatly reducing the assembly time and improving the banjo's sound. Music Folk carries these three models regularly with many others available from Nechville.

Nechville Classic

For the player who cherishes the traditional look and feel of the banjo, the Classic offers all the benefits of the Heli-Mount technology with a familiar but distinctive style. The features of the Classic model include:

- Mahogany resonator and neck with black resonator binding
- Ebony fingerboard with Diamond-wing pearl inlay
- Classic peghead
- Nickel 4:1 banjo tuners
- Eclipse Heli-Mount frame with 20 hole tone ring and 3 ply maple rim
- Black hardshell case

LIST PRICE \$3000, OUR PRICE \$2250

Eclipse LC

The Nechville Eclipse LC is the least expensive Heli-Mount banjo. It has all the features that come standard on any Heli-Mount banjo as well as the features which make it an Eclipse LC. The special lightweight tone ring can be exchanged at a later date for a metal pro tone ring. Eclipse LC features include:

- Curly maple resonator with warm cherry tone sunburst stain and black laminate binding
- Maple neck
- Rosewood fingerboard with pearl dot inlay
- Geometric peghead
- Black 14:1 right angle tuners
- Eclipse Heli-Mount frame with lightweight wood tone ring
- Black hardshell case

LIST PRICE: \$2100, OUR PRICE: \$1575

Meteorite Electric Banjo

The Meteorite is Nechville's most affordable electric banjo. It has a built-in Piezo pickup/preamp system with volume and tone controls. The low-profile maple neck features the Geometric peghead, exotic super-dense wood fingerboard with pearl dot inlays. Custom colors are available upon request, with standard color being a warm Cherry brown wood stain on the body and neck. The Meteorite comes with a well-padded gig bag.

LIST PRICE: \$3400, OUR PRICE: \$2550

Bart Reiter Banjos

These open back banjos are outstandingly well-suited to old time styles and many customers have commented on their clarity and value to dollar. We agree! Here are their most prominent models.

Bart Reiter Special

- Rolled brass tone ring
- Ebony fingerboard and peghead veneer
- Hard maple neck
- Dot position markers
- Pearl star in peghead
- Satin lacquer finish

LIST PRICE: \$1140, OUR PRICE: \$912

- Fretless Model also available.

LIST PRICE: \$1190, OUR PRICE: \$952

Rim Construction:

- Three ply laminated maple
- 5/8 inch wall thickness
- 11 inch diameter
- Notched tension hoop
- 24 L-shoe brackets
- Fiberskyn 2 head
- Rosewood cap on bottom of rim
- 5/8 inch ebony top bridge
- Waverly tailpiece



Bart Reiter Regent

Neck Construction:

- 26 1/4 inch scale length
- 22 nickel silver frets
- Bone nut
- Steel reinforced (adjustable)
- Maple dowel stick
- Veneer laminated in center of neck
- 4 planetary tuning pegs
- Geared fifth peg
- Traditional peghead shape and neck contour

Bart Reiter Standard

- Rolled brass tone ring
- Ebony fingerboard and peghead veneer
- Hard maple neck - stained brown
- Dot position markers
- Pearl star in peghead
- Satin lacquer finish

LIST PRICE: \$990, OUR PRICE: \$792

Rim Construction:

- Two ply laminated maple
- 1/2 inch wall thickness
- 11 inch diameter
- Notched tension hoop
- 24 L-shoe brackets
- Fiberskyn 2 head
- 5/8 inch ebony top bridge
- No Knot tailpiece

Neck Construction:

- 26 1/4 inch scale length
- 22 nickel silver frets
- Bone nut
- Steel reinforced (adjustable)
- Maple dowel stick
- Veneer laminated in center of neck
- 4 planetary tuning pegs
- Geared fifth peg
- Traditional peghead shape and neck contour

Bart Reiter Regent

- Whyte Laydie tone ring
- Ebony fingerboard and peghead veneer
- Hard maple neck
- Ivoroid fingerboard binding
- Pearl star peghead inlay
- Dot position markers
- Satin lacquer finish

LIST PRICE: \$1420, OUR PRICE: \$1136

Rim Construction:

- Three ply laminated maple
- 5/8 inch wall thickness
- 11 inch diameter
- Notched tension hoop
- 24 L-shoe brackets
- Fiberskyn 2 head
- Rosewood cap on bottom of rim
- 5/8 inch ebony top bridge
- Waverly tailpiece

Neck Construction:

- 26 1/4 inch scale length
- 22 nickel silver frets
- Bone nut
- Steel reinforced (adjustable)
- Maple dowel stick
- Veneer laminated in center of neck
- 4 planetary tuning pegs
- Geared fifth peg

Ramsey

Ramsey banjos are each uniquely crafted using high quality woods and fine finishes. The inlay and engraving is of the highest quality. Using various rim diameters and other options to individualize their banjos, Ramsey banjos are great for old time music! Here are our most popular models with others readily available.

Woody

This banjo derives its well-deserved name from its unique wooden tonering. The thicker rim and wooden tone ring produces a rounder, distinctive tone, with ample volume and a complete sound all it's own.

LIST PRICE: \$1350, OUR PRICE: \$1012



Ramsey Special



Ramsey Standard

Standard

This openback has a good, plunky sound. The maple rim is ebonized similar to many vintage banjos. This model comes with a mahogany neck for rich tone.

LIST PRICE: \$1050, OUR PRICE: \$788

Student

A fine quality entry-level instrument at an affordable price, the Student model incorporates the finest materials and workmanship.

LIST PRICE: \$700, OUR PRICE: \$525

Deering

Building for over 25 years, Deering has become one of the premier banjo builders in the country. Many players comment favorably on their slim, easy to play necks. We carry a wide array of banjos from Deering. Here are our most popular models. Please contact us for other models.

Maple Blossom

Maple with bound fingerboard, flower inlays, bell bronze tonering.

LIST PRICE: \$2849, OUR PRICE: CALL



Deering Banjos

Sierra

Deering's most affordable profession model. Mahogany with bell bronze tonering.

LIST PRICE: \$1769, OUR PRICE: CALL

Boston

Steel rim. Rings like a tonering, records well, plays great!

LIST PRICE: \$1199, OUR PRICE: CALL

Vega Little Wonder

Maple with ebony fingerboard, 3-ply maple openback rim

LIST PRICE: \$769, OUR PRICE: CALL

Goodtime Banjo

Maple openback, weighs only 4lbs. Sounds great and fun to play. **LIST PRICE: \$299, OUR PRICE: CALL**

B-6 Boston 6-string

LIST PRICE: \$1399, OUR PRICE: CALL

Gibson

With the pre-war Gibson Mastertone being the Holy Grail of tone, Gibson launched a quest to return their banjos to prominence in the 1980s. Now recognized as one of the pre-eminent instruments on the bluegrass scene today, Gibson is back to stay.

Due to dealer agreements, Gibson prices cannot be listed in this catalog. Please contact us for more information.

RB

Replicas of the original Mastertone banjos from the 1920s and 30s, these banjos feature a mahogany neck and resonator, pearl inlay, and rosewood fretboard.

RB-250

A warhorse from the 1950s to 70s, the new model has been retro-updated to include pre-war styling.

RB-75 J.D. Crowe

J.D. Crowe used an RB-75 to establish his unique banjo style. The RB-75 Crowe pay homage to the man and his banjo. It includes the RB-75's tone ring, with lighter weight and an altered shape when compared to the standard flathead style.

Earl Scruggs Standard

This banjo replicates Earl's personal Granada model. The Standard features nickel-plated hardware so it looks just like Earl's. Ebony fretboard with Hearts & Flower inlay.

Goldtone

BG-250F

Larger resonator for piercing tone in bluegrass music. Bell brass tonering, planetary tuners, maple neck & body, convertible to openback. Quality sound at a great price!

LIST PRICE: \$759, OUR PRICE: \$569

WL-250

Goldtone's premier open back banjo has remarkable tone and exquisite cosmetics. White Layde tonering, maple neck, ebony fingerboard, shoe style lugs.

LIST PRICE: \$799, OUR PRICE: \$599

CC-100

An entry level openback banjo with great tone! Features include maple neck and body, neck and resonator binding, Straight Line tailpiece, brass tone ring, 2 way adjustable truss rod, and low action.

LIST PRICE: \$299, OUR PRICE: \$225

BT-1000 Banjitar

An entry-level banjitar with lots of features and a small price. **LIST PRICE: \$478, OUR PRICE: \$359**

Alvarez

4294 Silver Belle

Hard rock maple neck, mahogany resonator, rosewood fretboard, chrome hardware, planetary tuning pegs.

LIST PRICE: \$899, OUR PRICE: \$675

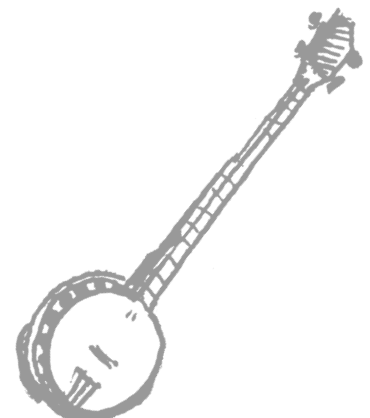
4280 Minstrel Banjo

Hard rock maple neck, mahogany resonator, rosewood fretboard, chrome hardware, planetary tuning pegs.

LIST PRICE: \$599, OUR PRICE: \$449



Gibson Banjos — Gibson Banjo models (left to right) RB, Earl Scruggs, RB-75 J.D. Crowe, and RB-250



Banjo Accessories

Tuners & Knobs

Grover Banjo Pegs (5-string Sets)
Perma Tension Nickel Buttons (117N).
OUR PRICE \$49.50

Friction 5th Set (25B). OUR PRICE \$39.50

Grover Banjo Pegs (4-string Sets)
Perma Tension Nickel Buttons (115N).
OUR PRICE \$40.00

Geared with Chrome Buttons (119C).
OUR PRICE \$80.00

Geared with Gold Buttons (119G).
OUR PRICE \$105.00

Grover Geared 5th String Banjo Pegs
Chrome Button (162C). OUR PRICE \$20.00

Chrome with Square Pearloid Button (163C).
OUR PRICE \$20.00

Chrome with Round Pearloid Button (164C).
OUR PRICE \$20.00

5-Star Planetary Tuner 4-string Set.
OUR PRICE \$130.00

5-Star Single Geared Tuner. OUR PRICE \$35.95

Stewart MacDonald 5th String Tuner.
OUR PRICE \$6.50

Schaller Scruggs Detuner. OUR PRICE \$89.00

Pearloid Tuner Knobs. OUR PRICE \$1.00 EACH

Plastic Tuner Knobs. Ivory (0195) or Black (0195B).
OUR PRICE \$1.35

Grover Tuner Knobs.
Chrome (118C). OUR PRICE \$11.00
Nickel (118N). OUR PRICE \$11.50

Heads

Remo Banjo Heads. Top quality replacement heads in low, medium, and high collar depths. OUR PRICE \$16.95

	11" High Collar	11" Medium Collar	11" Low Collar
	BJ1100H3	BJ1100M3	BJ1100L3
Coated Top	BJ1100H1	BJ1100M1	BJ1100L1
Coated Under	BJ1100H2	BJ1100M2	BJ1100L2
Fiberskyn	BJ1100H5	BJ1100M5	BJ1100L5

Five Star Banjo Heads. Patented design locks .007" Mylar plastic into a special mounting loop for extra strength under high tension. Fits standard 11" diameter flathead or arch top tone rings on most banjos.

White top frosted plastic for full tone.
Traditional appearance and texture (SM100).
OUR PRICE \$21.95

Smooth white plastic for a slightly brilliant tone (SM100W). OUR PRICE \$21.95

Transparent plastic with eye catching appearance and bright response (SM100C). OUR PRICE \$21.95

Mid East Goat skin heads.
14" skin (GT14). OUR PRICE \$10.00

16" skin (GT16). OUR PRICE \$13.00

Bridges

Grover Leader. An old favorite made of hard maple with and ebony top.

Tenor Banjo 1/2" or 5/8" (30). OUR PRICE \$4.50

5-String Banjo 1/2" or 5/8" (30B). OUR PRICE \$4.50

Grover Acoustcraft. Made of seasoned maple with ebony insert and individual ivoroid blocks.

Tenor Banjo 1/2" (90). OUR PRICE \$9.00

Tenor Banjo 5/8" (91). OUR PRICE \$9.00

5-String Banjo 1/2" (95). OUR PRICE \$9.00

5-String Banjo 5/8" (96). OUR PRICE \$9.00

Grover Non-Tip. Hand fitted with the famous Grover "non-lip" center support.

5-String Banjo 1/2" or 5/8" (4). OUR PRICE \$5.00

Tenor Banjo 1/2" or 5/8" (5). OUR PRICE \$5.00

Grover Minstrel. Popular 3-legged model. Select maple with ebony strip.

Tenor Banjo 1/2" (70). OUR PRICE \$5.75

Tenor Banjo 5/8" (71). OUR PRICE \$5.75

5-String Banjo 1/2" (72). OUR PRICE \$5.75

5-String Banjo 5/8" (73). OUR PRICE \$5.75

Grover Compensating. Select maple with a specially shaped compensating ebony top. Gives each string its proper scale.

5-String Banjo 1/2" (76). OUR PRICE \$8.75

5-String Banjo 5/8" (77). OUR PRICE \$8.75

Snuffy Smith Bridges. Available in 5/8" and 11/16" sizes. Available in slotted and unslotted varieties.

OUR PRICE \$19.50

Sampson Banjo Bridge (SAMPSONBRIDG).
OUR PRICE \$32.00

Tailpieces

Alvarez Tailpiece Cover (AA100TPC).
OUR PRICE \$4.00

Golden Gate Waverly Style Tailpiece (P-110).
OUR PRICE \$23.95

Golden Gate Kirschner Style Tailpiece (P-113).
OUR PRICE \$39.95

Golden Gate No Knot Style Tailpiece (P-115).
OUR PRICE \$14.95

Golden Gate Waverly Style Tailpiece (P-117).
OUR PRICE \$14.95

Golden Gate Presto Style Tailpiece (P-118).
OUR PRICE \$21.95

Golden Gate Grooved Tension Tailpiece (P-13).
OUR PRICE \$29.95

Golden Gate Coordinated Rod Style Tailpiece (P-171).
OUR PRICE \$23.95

Armrests

Single Leg Banjo Armrest (P-100).
OUR PRICE \$13.95

Vega Banjo Armrest (P-101).
OUR PRICE \$12.95

Single Leg Banjo Armrest (P-104).
OUR PRICE \$15.95

Gold Tone Single Leg Armrest (AR).
OUR PRICE \$8.00

Gold Tone Double Leg Armrest (AE2).
OUR PRICE \$12.00

Straps

Woven tapestry with vinyl backing, metal clips on both ends for lightweight banjos (WBS2).
OUR PRICE \$7.95

Softy, all leather, cradle brown or black (71060).
OUR PRICE \$24.00

Softy, cradle leather deluxe with pad, light tan (71065). OUR PRICE \$38.40

Nylon with plastic clips. Black (BBS-BK).
OUR PRICE \$8.95

Polypropylene metal clip, black and tan (M10).
OUR PRICE 12.50

2" leather with metal hooks, brown or black.
OUR PRICE 20.60

2 1/2" leather cradle, black or brown (PM14).
OUR PRICE \$32.10

Miscellaneous

Golden Gate Banjo Bracket with Nut (P-44).
OUR PRICE \$1.25

Golden Gate Flat Banjo Brackets Set (P44).
OUR PRICE \$19.95

Golden Gate Banjo Mute (P-180).
OUR PRICE \$12.95

5/16" Hex Banjo Wrench (SM850).
OUR PRICE \$7.60

1/4" Hex Banjo Wrench (SM852).
OUR PRICE \$7.85