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The Gold Star Banjo is Back and Better Than Ever!

San Francisco, CA / March 22, 2004 – After a ten-year hiatus, SAGA re-introduces the Gold Star GF-85 Flathead Banjo.

The Gold Star GF-85 banjo was originally introduced by Saga Musical Instruments in the late 1970's by replicating, and in most cases, improving upon features generally found only in the most highly regarded and collected Prewar originals. In fact, Gold Star banjos produced during the 1980's and 1990's have become the collector's banjo for the current crop of pickers, being one of only two brands of 5-string banjos that have consistently increased in value after purchase.

The new GF-85 is no exception to SAGA's high quality and definitely lives up to its brand name's honorable legacy. Reentering the market at a fraction of the price of comparable instruments, the cost to get a professional level instrument has never been lower. To make a banjo of this caliber it is necessary for only the best materials be used including: choice mahogany for both the neck and resonator, a bound rosewood fingerboard with "leaves and bows" inlays, a 3-ply rock maple for the rim, and reformulated flange, tension hoop, and tone ring, and nickel plated hardware – all of which are carefully fitted together resulting in a banjo that has that elusive Prewar sound.

So, if you are looking for the best possible banjo you can buy – and that will be talked about for years to come – be sure to get your Gold Star GF-85 and start your collection off right!

SPECIFICATIONS

- Three-ply rock maple rim
- Traditional Mahogany neck with adjustable truss rod and double cut headstock
- Rosewood fingerboard with medium nickel-silver frets
- Beautiful mother-of-pearl, Gold Star script and style 3 inlay pattern
- Single piece die-cast resonator flange
- 20-hole flathead-style tone ring
- Deluxe mahogany resonator
- P-140 Planetary tuners (4)
- P-142 Geared fifth-peg (1)
- P-118 Old Presto tailpiece
- P-104 armrest
- Deluxe maple bridge
- All hardware is triple-nickel plated
- Shop adjusted