

WHAT'S NEW ON E-BAY?

Item #23411B

7-1/2 stringed delch, used for backup in disbanded Uzbeki - Maori fusion group. Good condition, if indeed a delch can ever really be in good condition. New set of jackal-sinew strings (some hair and meat at higher ends but should wear off with heavy playing; present owner suggests avoid summer gigs or dog-pound benefits in meantime). Perfect for DADGAD, BEEFED, or DEAFED tuning. Asking price 2345 zlotnicks (\$34.87 at present exchange rates, although in all candor it's not easy to find anyone who wants to exchange dollars for zlotnicks at ANY rate). But hey, make us an offer!

Item #13488C

Low D whistle, fipple end badly chewed by a rabid Rottweiler, some holes blocked by unspecified clotted material. Nice tone, cheap. Comes with bottle of disinfectant, rubber gloves, and primer on AIDS prevention. Your best offer please!

Item #22234J

Hugely overpriced, tasteless tenor banjo, Gibson Mastertone Wonder Erotico DeLuxe, 1927 or thereabouts. Diamond, ruby, and emerald inlay work; nut hand-crafted from hummingbird beak; head made of skin removed on a moonlit night in June from an ibis (or maybe ibex) scrotum; ytterbium hardware. Bridge is made from wood stolen from sarcophagus of Pharaoh Rameses III. Resonator hand-painted (and signed) by Picasso (must be covered in presence of children or members of clergy). Played only during transits of sun by Saturn by a Zen banjo player who vibrated the strings by thought waves. Price: more than you or anyone else can possibly afford. We include stuff like this just to make you feel inadequate. Comes with cheesy case, sheet music for "The Butterfly", and a photocopy of the section of the Kama Sutra having to do with banjo head tightening procedures (we think).

Catalog #87789G

Politically correct bodhrán, made of recycled cardboard (rim) and slightly-used personal paper products (head). Clapper is shinbone of a weasel that is guaranteed to have died of natural causes at an advanced age (for a weasel). Overall tone is awful, but are you callous enough to care? Price: \$225.00. (Portion of sale price contributed to Greenpeace - we know you'd want that!) Optional portraits of your heroes (Ben and Jerry, Anita Roddick, Jacques Cousteau, Shamu the Killer Whale, Al Gore, Michael Jackson) can be painted non-toxically on head for an additional \$135. Carbon trading credits available.

Catalog #22117N

Video kazoo lessons by Dave Ulvdrunt, Minnesota regional kazoo champion for the past ten, maybe eleven, years. Learn Dave's secrets for:

- holding the thing
- controlling the vibrations of your hum
- avoiding annoying nose tickle and the dreaded sinus feedback
- washing the crummy tin taste out of your mouth when you're finished playing
- playing slip-jigs correctly in spite of cold sores
- solving soggy membrane syndrome

Last five minutes of tape, which would otherwise be empty, features Dave's ice-fishing tips 'n' tricks. Invaluable, but since we have to charge something, let's try \$37.50 and see how we do then!

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