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Subject: Briggs Hill Benefit: Amazing Guitar In Tomorrow's Auction...
Hi everyone!

I just arrived home with the incredible guitar built and donated by Steve Toney and Joel Nowland of [Nowland Guitars](#). This guitar is as much a work of art as it is a musical instrument, and it has amazing tone to boot! For those of you not familiar with Nowland Guitars, they are among the finest built anywhere. If you watch Dave Letterman this next week (the 18th?), you will have a chance to see and hear one of Joel's guitars being played...

I took a few photos tonight when I got home tonight - take a look and you'll see what I'm raving about!



I know that a custom guitar of this caliber would sell for five or six thousand bucks (or more) at auction in any of our major cities. I'm expecting a minimum bid here of around 2,000.00 to 2,500.00, which is an amazing starting price for a one of a kind, custom built guitar. The bridge pins, bridge saddle and nut alone would cost over four hundred bucks as they have been cut out of fossilized mammoth ivory! I know this to be true, I just checked the price on the internet...



Here's a description Steve Toney sent me detailing the materials used in the construction of this guitar (I particularly liked the serial number - it is indeed "one of a kind"):

"This guitar has sitka spruce top from a tree that stood dead for 60 years before being blown over and harvested. The back and sides are shimmer grain indian rosewood it has an ebony fret board and bridge with a Nowland-Toney designed rosette and fret bored markers. it's bound with Mexican Bacote, it is fitted with fossilized Mammoth ivory nut, saddle, and bridge pins. Waverly tuners, and a LR Baggs I-beam style pickup. It comes in a Cedar Creek Hard Shell case. The serial number is SSD 00001."









Thanks again to Steve and Joel - their generosity seems boundless.

Hope to see you tomorrow at the benefit - once again it is at Fremont High School (Plain City) and starts at noon...

Mike Iverson