

CHARVEL® ANNOUNCES NEW ARTIST SIGNATURE MODELS

THE LEGENDARY JAKE E. LEE, VIRTUOSIC GUTHRIE GOVAN AND GOJIRA'S JOE DUPLANTIER RECEIVE SIGNATURE MODELS

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (January 23, 2014) – Charvel is proud to announce three new signature models, the **JEL SIGNATURE PEARL WHITE** model, **GUTHRIE GOVAN SIGNATURE** models and **JOE DUPLANTIER SIGNATURE SAN DIMAS STYLE 2**.

For decades now, the most requested Charvel guitar ever is a Jake E. Lee signature model based on the distinctive white “Charvel-ized” instrument the great guitarist has played ever since he bought it new back in 1975. With this special guitar, from his first notable successes in the early 1980s through an acclaimed career that continues today with Red Dragon Cartel, Lee remains an admired and influential musician’s musician. It is with great pride, then, that Charvel now introduces the first instrument in the Jake E. Lee Signature series, the Charvel JEL Signature Pearl White guitar.

It is the instrument that Charvel players have long clamored for, with the familiar So-Cal ash-body contours, the unmistakable lavender-hued Pearl White finish, the reverse-slanting DiMarzio® neck and middle pickups and the Seymour Duncan® JB humbucking bridge pickup. Other premium features include a quartersawn maple neck with oiled back finish, compound-radius (12”-16”) rosewood fingerboard with 21 medium jumbo frets and bone nut, single control knob (volume) and five-way white-tip pickup switch, single-ply black pickguard, hard-tail bridge with black base plate, Gotoh® tuners with pearl buttons, and more. Hard-shell case included.

As a preeminent modern virtuoso, U.K. guitar master Guthrie Govan dazzles all who hear him. After two years in meticulous development working closely with the man himself, Charvel is profoundly pleased to introduce the ultimate ultra-pro guitar—the Guthrie Govan Signature model. With so many special features and high-performance

appointments, it's truly the ideal expression of Govan's artistry rendered in distinctive Charvel form.

The San Dimas body has a beautiful bird's-eye or flame maple top, with a thin clear matte finish and a specially contoured heel (sans neck plate) for easy access to the upper reaches of the fingerboard. The bolt-on neck is quartersawn flame maple with a "caramelized" heat and drying treatment that makes it sound and feel much older, with graphite reinforcement and a convenient truss rod adjustment wheel at the body end. Most unusually for a San Dimas model, the compound-radius (12"-16") flame-maple fingerboard spans two octaves, with the same caramelized treatment as the neck, 24 extra jumbo stainless steel frets and special maple dot inlays with ebony borders.

Other premium features include three specially wound Charvel custom MFB pickups arranged in a versatile HSH configuration with five-way switching for the expansive tonal openness and dynamic sensitivity that Govan demands, two notched control knobs (master volume, master tone) with brass position markers set into the body, recessed original-style NOS Floyd Rose® tremolo bridge with Tremol-No™ unit and oversized brass block, bone nut, chrome hardware and 25.5" scale length. Hard-shell case included.

Charvel is proud to honor Gojira's Joe Duplantier with a signature model of distinctively elegant ferocity. The Joe Duplantier Signature San Dimas Style 2 is designed with the latest in Charvel high performance, Duplantier's preferred style and specs, and monster tone equal to his band's name from dual Charvel custom MFB humbucking pickups.

The San Dimas Style 2 body has a specially contoured heel for easy access to the upper reaches of the fingerboard, and the bound mahogany neck has a smooth oiled back finish and convenient truss rod adjustment wheel at the body end. Other premium features include a compound-radius (12"-16") ebony fingerboard with 22 medium jumbo frets and special 12th-fret Gojira "G" mother-of-pearl inlay, three-way toggle pickup switching and single knurled control knob (volume) in special placement slightly back from playing position, Tune-O-Matic bridge with stop tailpiece, Charvel locking tuners and black hardware. Available in Flat Black and Flat Gray with matching headstock. Hard-shell case included.

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