

CHARVEL® ANNOUNCES NEW JOE DUPLANTIER AND GUTHRIE GOVAN SIGNATURE MODELS

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (January 19, 2017) – Charvel is pleased to announce new models for our esteemed signature artists Joe Duplantier of Gojira and Guthrie Govan of the Aristocrats.

As a preeminent modern virtuoso, U.K. guitar master Guthrie Govan dazzles all who hear his playing. For 2017, Charvel is offering new incarnations of Govan's models — the **Guthrie Govan Signature HSH Caramelized Ash** and **Guthrie Govan Signature HSH Flame Maple** —loaded with special features and high-performance appointments.

The **Guthrie Govan Signature HSH Caramelized Ash** features a caramelized ash body, while the **Guthrie Govan Signature HSH Flame Maple** offers a caramelized basswood body with a gorgeous flame maple top.

Both guitars feature a 25.5" scale length and a San Dimas® body with a specially contoured heel (sans neck plate) for easy access to the upper reaches of the fingerboard, as well as a graphite-reinforced bolt-on two-piece flame maple neck with a "caramelized" heat and drying treatment that makes it sound and feel much older, hand-rubbed urethane gel on the back of the neck and a convenient truss rod adjustment wheel at the body end. Most unusually for San Dimas models, these sig axes feature a 12"-16" compound-radius flame maple fingerboard that spans two octaves, with the same caramelized treatment as the neck, 24 jumbo stainless steel frets, special maple dot inlays with ebony borders and Luminlay side-dots that emit light for the darkest of stages.

Other premium features on both models include three specially wound Charvel custom MF pickups arranged in a versatile HSH configuration with five-way switching for the expansive tonal openness and dynamic sensitivity that Govan demands, a two-way mini toggle switch to engage single-coil simulation in bridge and neck humbucker positions, two Luminlay

numbered dome control knobs (master volume, master tone), U.S.-made recessed Charvel locking tremolo bridge with Tremol-No™ unit and oversized brass block, bone nut and chrome hardware.

Joe Duplantier Signature Pro-Mod San Dimas® Style 2 HH

Taking their name from the original Japanese pronunciation of Godzilla, French avant-metal quartet Gojira has cemented itself as one of paramount metal acts of the new-millennium. Led by singer, vocalist, and principal songwriter Joe Duplantier, the band has always dealt in extremes — uncovering light in darkness and finding beauty in heaviness while also searching to expand the sonic palette.

Charvel proudly honors Duplantier in 2017 with a new, distinctively elegant and ferocious signature model worthy of those musical pursuits. The **Joe Duplantier Signature Pro-Mod San Dimas® Style 2 HH** 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 Duncan Designed™ HB humbucking pickups—all at a more affordable price tag.

The San Dimas Style 2 body is crafted out of nato wood with a specially contoured heel for easy access to the upper reaches of the fingerboard, while the bolt-on nato neck with graphite reinforcement has a smooth oiled back finish and convenient thumbwheel truss rod butt adjust. Other premium features include a 12"-16" compound radius ebony fingerboard with 22 jumbo frets, three-way toggle pickup switching, single knurled control knob (volume) in special placement slightly back from playing position, Charvel compound radius compensated bridge with anchored tailpiece, Charvel locking tuners and black hardware.

Available in Satin White with black body binding and a licensed Fender® Telecaster® headstock.

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company's finely crafted guitars as their weapons of choice for more than 30 years. From metal masters including Warren DeMartini and Jake E Lee to instrumental fusion legends such as Allan Holdsworth and Shawn Lane to modern day virtuosos like Guthrie Govan, musician's musicians worldwide have long relied on Charvel for exceptional guitar design.

ABOUT FENDER

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