



FENDER® AND RANCID SINGER, GUITARIST TIM ARMSTRONG CELEBRATE A DECADE OF PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TIM ARMSTRONG ANNIVERSARY HELLCAT

**CELEBRATORY SIGNATURE ACOUSTIC BOASTS PERSONALIZED
“HELLCAT AND DOUBLE SKULL” INLAYS, GLOSS BLACK FINISH,
GOLD HARDWARE AND HIGH-QUALITY FISHMAN® PREAMP**

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (August 25, 2020)— Fender Musical Instruments Corporation (FMIC) today launched the [Tim Armstrong Anniversary Hellcat](#) in celebration of ten years of partnership with Grammy® Award-winning punk rock legend, Tim Armstrong. The signature anniversary acoustic guitar is the latest in a series of collaborations between the world's leading guitar brand and one of today's most genre-defining and iconic players in that space. Now, fans around the world can play this special anniversary Tim Armstrong

edition while learning Rancid songs like “Fall Back Down”, “Ruby Soho” and “Time Bomb” on Fender Play, the complete learning app for guitar, bass and ukulele.

The Tim Armstrong Anniversary Hellcat is faithfully based on Armstrong’s own instrument originally from the 1960s – the Fender concert-style acoustic he always turned to for songwriting inspiration. It features upgraded modern specs including a solid spruce top, mahogany back and sides, maple “C” shape neck, high quality onboard electronics, gold hardware and Tim’s signature “Hellcat and double skulls” inlay. This gloss black finish guitar also boasts a Fishman® Preamp with tuner to give peerless amplified acoustic performance. Watch Tim in action on his Anniversary Hellcat performing two great hits including “East Bay Night”, which was performed bayside at the Albany Bulb with Matt Freeman, Tim’s childhood best friend and founding member of Operation Ivy and Rancid. In addition, “Telegraph Avenue”, which was performed at the exact address by Tim on his own as a throwback to his days of living and busking on Telegraph.

“Tim Armstrong is one of punks’ true guitar greats,” said Billy Martinez, VP Acoustic & Squier Divisions. “He has been an integral part in shaping the sound of American punk rock in the 1990s and his legacy is a true testament to his achievements as a guitarist. It is with huge pleasure for Fender to have worked with Tim for ten years and what better way to celebrate than by introducing our best-ever Hellcat to-date.”

“The Tim Armstrong Anniversary Hellcat is the culmination of a decade of great work with Fender,” said Tim Armstrong. “This model is very loyal to the original guitar I’ve had since I was a teenager and it played a starring role in many of my albums, shows and songwriting sessions. I can’t wait to see what it can do and inspire in the hands of other players around the world.”

Born in Oakland, California, Tim Armstrong is best known as the singer and guitarist of influential ska punk band Operation Ivy and American punk band Rancid which he formed in 1991. He spent the decade at the forefront of a burgeoning American punk rock scene, spawning platinum-selling albums including *...And Out Come the Wolves* and his achievements did not stop there. Armstrong has since proved his mettle as an industry-leading and genre-defying songwriter having written with the likes of P!NK, Joe Walsh and

Jimmy Cliff (with whom he even won a Grammy® Award for Best Reggae Album) and established himself as a well-respected producer and independent record label owner.

In true tradition, the Fender Artist Signature Series honors iconic musicians through product progression and storytelling, creating instruments inspired by the unique specifications of the world's greatest guitarists and bassists. [Fender discusses the all-new Tim Armstrong Anniversary Hellcat](#) specs and all details in an episode of [Fender's](#) serialized social video series: Fender Demos. [Fender Demos](#) is an educational video series focused on providing a deep dive into Fender's newest products. The series focuses on showcasing not only the key features and benefits, but also the sonic quality of Fender's instruments, amplifiers and pedals. In addition to product demos, the series also provides valuable beginner, intermediate and advanced tone tips, set-up and maintenance guides and insights to getting the most out of your Fender gear.

Learn more about the Tim Armstrong Anniversary Hellcat [here](#); product images and images of Tim Armstrong with his Anniversary Hellcat can be found [here](#).

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ABOUT THE TIM ARMSTRONG ANNIVERSARY HELLCAT® - \$449.99

Well known as the Grammy® Award-winning founder of influential US punk band Rancid, Tim Armstrong has also carved paths as a well-respected producer and indie label owner. A longtime fixture on the punk scene, he has always turned to his old Fender concert-style acoustic for songwriting inspiration. The Tim Armstrong Anniversary Hellcat is based on Armstrong's own instrument from the 1960s, which makes for a great guitar for pop, rock, folk and more. It features upgraded modern appointments such as a solid spruce top, high-quality onboard electronics, gold hardware and Tim's signature Hellcat inlay.

ABOUT TIM ARMSTRONG:

Tim Armstrong is a Grammy® Award-winning musician, songwriter, artist, director, poet, record producer and independent label owner. During the 1980s he served in several hardcore and ska punk bands, most notably the band Operation Ivy. In 1991, he formed the

seminal punk rock band Rancid, which is credited with the mainstream revival of punk rock in the mid-1990s, and is one the most commercially successful and respected punk bands of all time.

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ABOUT FENDER

Since 1946, Fender has revolutionized music and culture as one of the world's leading musical instrument manufacturers, marketers, and distributors. Fender Musical Instruments Corporation (FMIC)—whose portfolio of owned and licensed brands includes Fender®, Squier®, Gretsch® guitars, Jackson®, EVH®, Charvel®, Bigsby®, and PreSonus® – follows a player-centric approach to crafting the highest-quality instruments and digital experiences across genres. Since 2015, Fender's digital arm has introduced a new ecosystem of products and interactive experiences to accompany players at every stage of their musical journey. This includes innovative apps and learning platforms designed to complement Fender guitars, amplifiers, effects pedals, accessories, and pro-audio gear, and inspire players through an immersive musical experience. FMIC is dedicated to unlocking the power of musical expression for all players, from beginners to history-making legends. In 2026, Fender celebrates 80 years of giving artists "wings to fly," carrying on the vision of its founder, Leo Fender, and connecting players through a shared love of music.

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