

# ALERT: Stolen Instruments

## Fellow Music Stores and Other Dealers:

On Thursday Dec 22nd 2016, our music store (and apparently another one ?) was the victim of a slick con artist, posing as an eye doctor having recently set up a local practice. A bald African-American, appr 40 yrs old, 5ft 8-9", wearing glasses and driving a grey Mercedes SUV; wrote a bad check for the following (now considered "Stolen") instruments:

- **Bach Trumpet Model LT1901B Stradivarius Commercial, S/N 734701** (value \$4K); and
- **C.A. Gotz 4/4 Violin, S/N 20011** (value \$2K), in Black Protec Violin case.

Any information about these instruments is greatly appreciated. Police files are currently being created.

At appr 1:00am on Thursday May 2, 2013, our music store was the victim of a "smash and grab" robbery.

Following is a list of inventory stolen (six new saxophones, and one used saxophone), all without cases:

- **Selmer 52JBL Series II Jubilee (Black Lacquer) Alto Sax, SN N738698;**
- **Cannonball TVREL Vintage Reborn "Empire Ltd Ed." Tenor Sax, V159155;**
- **Yanagisawa A992PG (PINK GOLD finish) Alto Sax, SN 316263;** and

**"Second Hit":** For the second time this week (10:25pm Friday May 3, 2013), our music store was the victim of a "smash and grab" robbery. WE HAVE CLEAR VIDEO, AND WILL FORWARD SCREEN SHOTS and vehicle description ASAP.

Following is a list of additional inventory stolen (three new saxophones, and two used saxophones), all without cases:

- **Selmer Mark VI Alto Sax (used) SN 106465;**
- **Selmer Mark VI Alto Sax (used) SN 118727;**
- **Selmer AS32 Alto Sax (new) SN AK06912074;**
- **Selmer AS42 Alto Sax (new) SN 2491203**
- **CannonBall TVPCL "Vintage Pete Christlieb" Tenor Sax (new) SN V154069.**

Any information regarding these instruments would be sincerely appreciated. Scott Mandeville, Owner ( [scott@timsbis.com](mailto:scott@timsbis.com)

) • Ron Wainwright, Retail Manager ( [ron@timsbis.com](mailto:ron@timsbis.com) ) – Tim's Music (aka Tim's Band Instrument Service) – 2812 Marconi Ave, Sacramento CA 95821 • Tel: (916) 925-9160, Fax: (916) 925-7306 – **(Five instruments recovered!** We certainly appreciate your efforts, and obviously there is a great benefit to your "Stolen" page! — Ron Wainwright)

## Additional Stolen Instruments

- Stolen **Muramatsu AD flute** w/ offset G, split E, low Eb roller #54595 and a **Frederick wood piccolo**. Call Rachel Nolan, 412-715-2736
- **Selmer VII Tenor Saxophone with a Protec case** stolen 7/26/13 has CCSF etched in the horn. Contact Leonard Sherman at 510-684-6382
- **Stolen Conn Baritone Sax #655327**, Contact Jerry Logas at 415-431-7738
- **Emerson Piccolo #1140**, Call Rebecca Kleinmann at 805-453-0428
- **Yamaha Custom EX Alto #C29727** and **Yamaha Custom EX Tenor Saxophone #C81017** laquer w/ High F#, Call Anthony Dean at 619-569-0360
- A **Selmer Mark VI Tenor Saxophone #92244** was stolen in San Francisco in 1986. If found contact its owner, Benjamin Perkoff, at +49301781360566 or [kingperkoff@hotmail.com](mailto:kingperkoff@hotmail.com)

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- **Haynes Flute #43995**, Call Jim Gregory, 415-332-2555, \$500 reward
- On Sunday February 16, 2014, a **tuba** was stolen out of a car in Oakland, California. it is a **Mirafone 191-4U BBb**. **Serial number: 9007024**. It was in a **black Meinl Weston top loading gig bag**. Early in it's life, this instrument sustained some bell damage, which is evident in the stretch marks in the lacquer. In the gig bag was a Clements 'Ensemble' mouthpiece. Keep your eyes out for it. A report was filed with the Oakland police. Call them if you have any idea where this instrument is. The theft occurred at a church on Park Avenue between 3:30 and 5:00 pm. (not my horn)
- **STOLEN: Buffet (Prestige edition) silver plated B flat wooden clarinet** – Saturday, Nov. 29th, 2014 at ~ 6AM my **Buffet (Prestige edition) silver plated B flat wooden clarinet** was stolen during a burglary that I was victim of at 188 Marlow Drive, Oakland, CA. The burglary was reported to the Oakland Police Dept. about 8AM (after I returned home after being gone ~2 hours). I have the serial number for the clarinet. The **clarinet model number is (1131 L-2; BC6721 = Prestige w/ the axillary E flat lever)**.

**Description:** Black wooden clarinet has an axillary E flat lever (on the right side) which is very unique. Per Rudy Tapiro...this type of clarinet is rarely found in the US. I purchased it when I was stationed in Sicily in the US Navy. My music teacher selected it for me and I am very sad to have had it stolen. A&G Music in Oakland has been very helpful in identifying the exact type etc. once I was able to find the serial numbers. I HAVE THE SERIAL NUMBER to identify it. The gold emboss on the horn isn't stamped in deeply and in some places has blended into the wood.

**Case:** Brown Leather w/ mauve velvet lining (a standard case)

**Contents:** mouth piece had a thin plastic teeth guard on it, black leather ligature (that in on the mouth piece), mouth piece cover has some markings on it from being chewed on when my Maltese would steal it out of the case when I would practice, reeds are numbered w/ a date, electronic Metronome; brown pencil case w/ reeds, case key, blue buffing rag; tacked into the mauve velvet lining of the clarinet case lining was a crucifix lapel pin, red/white shield lapel pin, 1999 Japan Olympics lapel pin, and a US Navy Musician Mate silver harp collar device. (in case any of these items are still in the case...and can help i.d. it).

Several items were stolen but the one I care about the most is my clarinet. Thank you for broadcasting this to anyone you know. Call or text me at **510-910-6694** (anytime) if you learn of the whereabouts of my instrument.

[anita@anitabehealthy.com](mailto:anita@anitabehealthy.com) — Be Healthy, Anita M Kobuszewski, MS, RD

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#### • Stolen Flute and Piccolo

The following flute and piccolo were stolen sometime between Friday, September 26, 2008, 6:00 p.m. and Sunday morning, September 28, 2008, 8:00 a.m., from a secure parking garage in San Francisco – corner of 5th & Mission Streets:

- **Wm. S. Haynes Sterling Silver Flute - #49603** – B foot, C# trill key, French model (value \$6,000)
- Lillian Burkhart Silver Flute Headjoint – M2 style, .016" -- #1256 (value \$1,725)
- **Roy Seaman Grenadilla Wood Piccolo** with split E mechanism --- #5080 (value \$1,500)
- **Lillian Burkhart Grenadilla Wood Piccolo wave-style Headjoint** – no number, but is engraved (value \$500)
- **Wiseman Flute/Piccolo double case** – value \$500
- **Flute stand, piccolo stand, gig light** – value \$100

The police report was made Sunday morning, 9-28-2008, to **Officer Buckner, SFPD, badge #1314**. The case number is **081031709**. It is being handled by the Auto division of SFPD, and the phone number there is **415-553-1261**. — Susan Clark, Tel 925-754-2992, Cell 925-899-0740, [tubaflute@comcast.net](mailto:tubaflute@comcast.net)

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Julia's **Flute** is a **Yamaha 461**, silver colored with gold/brass colored mouth piece. **Serial # 666498P**. It was purchased from Steve Deutsch in 2012 (don't know if year is identifiable on a flute). It was in a hard case (w/ Cal Band day sticker and a flute bumper sticker on it) and also a soft carry case with strap, both black.

I've attached a flier that we've made. ( [Download flier >](#) ) I have another picture of the flute assembled and sitting on the dining room table if that's any help.

If found, please contact Katherine Mattson 510-282-8142. REWARD FOR SAFE RETURN!

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My name is Emmy. My boyfriend Ivan Rondon recently had his clarinet stolen from his car in downtown Berkeley. It is a **Henri Selmer Paris series 9, serial number W7137**, with a **Clark W Forbes mouthpiece**. My phone number is **510-712-3121** in case you happen to find the clarinet. — December 19, 2016

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My wife's student had a flute and piccolo, in cases, stolen this week (March 22, 2017) from her car in Santa Cruz, CA. **Flute: Trevor James Virtuoso, SN 038769. Piccolo: Haynes Grenadilla, SN 39384**. Please contact the SCPD if sighted - 831-420-5800

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• **Stolen Selmer Mark VI Silver Tenor Sax (Recovered!)**

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**Stolen Instruments:**

San Francisco legend Jack Gilder's beloved **flute and concertina** were stolen from The Plough and Stars pub on the evening of Thursday, August 13, 2015 after a gig.

The **Concertina** was a **Wheatstone Anglo concertina no: 30439** and the **flute** was an **early Grinter circa 2000**. They were in a unique leather case that also has Jack's Great Grand Uncle's safety deposit box from the 1900s as a flute case.

[In this video, Jack can be seen playing both: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yybd8FRsQww](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yybd8FRsQww)

These are irreplaceable and Jack is devastated. He can't afford to replace these instruments and will no longer be able to play music. If you see anyone trying to sell these instruments please contact Jack Gilder [jgilder@tipsyhouse.com](mailto:jgilder@tipsyhouse.com) .

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**Muramatsu flute stolen in Alameda California (SN EX42474):** My daughter, Laura, accidentally left it in the restroom in the **Alameda Main Library**, and it was gone when she returned about 30 minutes later to retrieve it. She also checked with the library's lost and found, and we have filed a police report for the loss.

Laura has been playing this flute daily, including in the Alameda high school orchestra and in their drama department pit band. She loves this flute like it is a part of herself, and is devastated.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide in resolving this unfortunate incident. Phil Ballou, Alameda, CA, **510-338-8793** (mobile and text), December 2015

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**Stolen Rebel Accordion:** Renee De La Prade with her recently-stolen Rebel accordion, gone missing in Oakland this past week (January 22, 2016). Note the heart on the bellows, and the serial number: 1402044. Please contact Renee [squeezeboxgoddess@gmail.com](mailto:squeezeboxgoddess@gmail.com) if you have any information for recovering this instrument. Photo by Julie Nagel.



**Stolen in San Diego: Buffet R13 Clarinet – Serial number 481645** – Silver plated keys with some tarnish, Vandoren M13 lyre mouthpiece, Rovner ligature, Silk cleaning swab, Leather case inside a purple backpack. **Yamaha 52 Tenor Sax – Serial number 019009** – Jody Jazz mouthpiece, Rico H ligature, Silk cleaning swab, Grey hard case with big scratches. The instruments were stolen in **San Diego** on the evening of August 2nd. The police report number is 16-032189. – Thank you, Stefanie Schmitz, Musician, Artist, Teacher, 858-344-6544, [stefschmitz@gmail.com](mailto:stefschmitz@gmail.com) , stefanieschmitz.net

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In the Hayes Valley section of **San Francisco**, a **Yamaha F tuba (Model YFB-822S)** was stolen out of a car. It was in the original hard case (with Delta Airlines "Fragile" stickers on it). This is a tuba I used to own. It has a custom tuning trigger on the main tuning slide. It is a very unique set up so IF it surfaces, it should be very easy to identify. **Serial number 434842**. Please keep your eyes open. IF it does surface, call the police immediately. Please repost on any page you can think of. Thank you. — Tony Clements

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**Stolen horn and mouthpiece: Selmer Mark VI SN# m145???** Silver solder on top curve of the bow. Most lacquer gone. Mouthpiece: 1960's Berg Larsen 110 over 0 m, with flesh colored dental enamel tooth plate with a thin strip of white epoxy where it was worn down to the metal. Case: Old cloth lined zipper Pro Tec. Contact Terry Hanck, e-mail: [terry@terryhanck.net](mailto:terry@terryhanck.net) , Tel: 561-603-2508, Police report #17-029956

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**A VI Alto Saxophone neck #96964** was stolen from my practice room. A reward will be offered for it's return. Call Steve Deutsch 510-302-8964 or 510-533-6750 — Steve Deutsch Woodwinds, Etc., 2101B Woolsey, Berkeley, California 94705

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**Yamaha YFL225S flute #430818A**, stolen from Amanda Hunter at 510-219-1521

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Stolen from Chabot College: **Fox Oboe model 400 #28614**, **Fox English horn model 510 #46810**, **Yamaha Piccolo model 81 #128919**. Contact Tim Harris at the Chabot College music dept.

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**Clarinets Stolen:** On Thursday, May 3, 2018, at 8 AM, shortly before leaving for the airport, in case of mine was stolen containing an **A clarinet**, a **Bb clarinet**, a **bass clarinet mouthpiece** and a **computer**.

The theft took place in the lobby of the Hotel SCANDIC CONTINENTAL in Stockholm. The two clarinets were products of the instrument maker FRANK HAMMERSCHMIDT in Burgau bei Augsburg. Unfortunately, the instruments have no serial numbers, as they are part of a series in development on which I have been working as a consultant for several years. The clarinets are manufactured in the so-called German style (Deutsche Modelle) which are today only used in Germany and Austria. Should these instruments be offered for sale, they will be conspicuous because, in Scandinavia, the instruments of the modern Böhm system are generally in use.

The loss of these instruments is for me personally very painful, because it takes months to find adequate replacements. The price that might be paid for these instruments cannot be compared to the value that they have for me personally. To lose these instruments in the morning after performing a beautiful and successful concert on them the evening previous is very painful. For assistance that leads to the recovery of these instruments, I will be very generous. — Hopefully! — Norbert Täubl, Wiener Philharmoniker

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1109481365769815/permalink/1955281457856464/>

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Cannonball Tenor Saxophone with a nickel finish and gold neck #129604. comes in a dark gray backpack gig bag. Call Patricia Hanon at 408-375-2470

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Stolen in San Francisco: **Altus solid silver 995 flute** with red nail polish dots on the headjoint and body, circle on the body where the sticker was. Headjoint has a flower symbol on it. It has a **Jean Cavallo case** with a handle, no strap, a zipper opens the case and a side zipper for the cleaning rod. There is no rod in the case, there is a large white handkerchief. Contact Rita Fabrizio at [ritafsl@yahoo.com](mailto:ritafsl@yahoo.com) and at 415-309-4229

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## Stolen Instruments Alert

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Here's a list of the (musical) items stolen out of my trunk on 7/12, approx. 6:30 pm near 26 7th St., San Francisco:

- **Yamaha 481H open hole flute, serial #303202** soft & hard case
- **Yamaha 423E (61 key) keyboard**, torn on right side, they didn't take case, cords or stand
- **Roland KC-150 Keyboard Amp**, identifiable kink in cord and treble & bass knobs are broken off (metal only)
- **Sennheiser vocal mic**

Police Report #170567013

On July 12, I headed to ballet class en route to my gig in San Francisco (as I typically do), and parked where I've parked for 3 + years. In one hour, my window was smashed and trunk lever pulled, and everything (nothing was visible- it was in the trunk because I was on the way to a gig) was taken... my keyboard, amp, mic, pro Yamaha flute I'd had for 20 years, a few dozen of my own CDs, my hand written compositions & arrangements, my journal, my prescription eyeglasses, my gig clothes (I don't even own many clothes, and some of this stuff was only in the trunk because I had recently moved out of a place and hadn't yet moved it inside). I am heartbroken. I would prefer my car be stolen over my flute and music. My flute (that I just had Steve Deutsch work on), isn't even made anymore.

— Gaea Schell, Pianist / Flautist / Vocalist, [www.gaeaschell.com](http://www.gaeaschell.com),  
[gaea@gaeaschell.com](mailto:gaea@gaeaschell.com)



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BOLO: be on the look-out for a '74 Mk VI . . . lifted from a Carmel, Ca. trunk - three years ago . M 219653 . original neck would have evidence of a pickup. Two side-keys were modded w/ copper (!) to mimic the SBA action. I have few pics of it.  
<https://www.facebook.com/woody.parker>

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Stolen In Oakland: **Gibson A-2 mandolin**, 1918, original tailpiece, new black Schaller guitar tuners on it. Wear marks evident on face below strings. "The Gibson" inlay on headstock.

**Fylde 10-string cittern.**

Black cases both.

Please call the police and confiscate the instrument if someone tries to sell them to you. Contact Susan Spurlock 707-684-9530  
[susanspurlock2010@gmail.com](mailto:susanspurlock2010@gmail.com)



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VI Selmer Tenor Saxophone #92244 stolen in 1986. Contact Ben Perkoff at [kingperkoff@hotmail.com](mailto:kingperkoff@hotmail.com) Friesen Strasse 11 Berlin, Germany 10965. +49301781360566

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Stolen in San Francisco Feb. 14, 2019: **#1814 Brannen Cooper Silver OH, b Foot flute** in a brown case and black slip cover outside case. — Police Report #196032424 in SF — call 415-533-7572 — [michael.potter@ucsf.edu](mailto:michael.potter@ucsf.edu) and Yeva Johnson

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**Alto Saxophone, Selmer Super-Action 80 Series II, Serial #626997, Gold brass** — No notable damage, well-cared for. In navy blue rectangular canvas case, zipper pockets on the outside, zippers to open case (non-standard, not from Selmer). Neck stows near hinge on the right, storage near hinge on the left when opened. With 2 mouthpieces (Selmer S80C & Meyer 7) & Vandoren Optimum ligature. Stolen out of car from Nob Hill in San Francisco between 2/14/19 and 2/15/19. Report filed with the San Francisco Police Department: Case #190114804. If found, please contact Ben Almen: [benalmen@gmail.com](mailto:benalmen@gmail.com) and (703)629-6560

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