in our letters section on page 3, a reader asked why we offered different brand names of products. Why, indeed. would Fender, the most famous name in guitars, recommend a name other than Fender?

The answer is

really very simple.

possible Arch Top

When Fender

wanted the best

jazz guitar they

moster: Jimmy

D'Aquisto. When

they wanted to offer

the best PA gear for the money, they called on the expertise of SUNN

Electronics, in other words, when you

want the best, go to the best. It's as

simple as that.

We also know

that, even though

the Stratocaster is

are still a number of

players looking for

different.

Fender.

Enter the Heartfield guitar.

that little something

Instruments without

honored tradition of

equal, in the time-

Their range of

advanced quitar

appealling to the highest of skill

rockers while

designs addresses

the needs of young

the world's most popular guitar, there

went to the



Musician's Institute, home of GIT and BIT, helps to prepare the superstars

MUSICIAN'S INSTITUTE A Closer Look You're going to learn about these hot new instruments from the stand at the Line point of two outstanding instructors a the Musician's institute of Technology (MIT). One on guitar, the other on bass. One from the experimental

Close attention to the smallest details. That's what sets Heartfield apart from the rest.



Wider Bridge Pickup Poles Poles are farther apart to remain at center of string's vibration for maximum output.

Lubricated

Head Nut

Strings slide

binding.

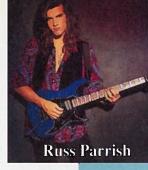
easier without

(non-locking models)

Offset Tuners

with tremolo

Strings travel straight through nut - less friction

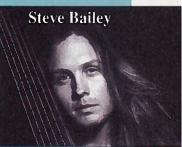


Russ Parrish is considered to be one of L.A. music scene. Russ counsels an average of 250 a week, while hottest, most Hollywood. He recently joined

Full music scholarships at North Texas and Miami Universities (and countless scholastic achievement awards) earned Steve Bailey his nickname: the "Professor of Commercial Music"!

Currently working with legends like Joe Pass, Frank Marino and Larry Carlton, as well as hot newcomers like Alex Masi, he has copped the number one spot on Billboard's Jazz chart with the Rippingtons, and is third with David Benoit.

While not traveling the globe or working L.A. sessions, Steve spends his time as a staff instructor at the Bass Institute (BIT) in Hollywood, California.



the most gifted new rock guitarists on the Since graduating from GIT at age 18, he has worked as a master instructor at the school. advanced GIT students spending many of his nights gigging at the prestigious clubs in Ex-Dokken bassist Jeff Pilson's new band, and has added writing and rehearsing to his already busy schedule. All in all. Russ spends anywhere from 8 to 12 hours a day with a guitar in his

TEACHER'S PERSPECTIVE

According to Steve Bailey, he walked into MIT with the first Heartfield that had ever been through those doors. "I played it in what we call 'open counseling', where all the students just sit around and ask questions," he remembers. "Now the Heartfield has become the number one bass over there. Students have been to local Hollywood music stores and just bought them out!"

Russ Parrish first hooked up with Heartfield when Fender invited him to evaluate some new prototype guitars. "I really dug the Heartfields over the rest," he confesses. "The neck feels slim, yet there's a little more wood between the fretboard and the back of the neck so it's easier to grab." The specially rounded edge on the fretboard cuts down on hand fatigue during long playing sessions, and also makes string bending more accessible.

A comfortable neck was quite important

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Is just now starting to blossom. Both are at the very top of their craft. Rubber Grip Knobs Classic looks Accurate, non-slip control. Fretboard Edges are **Rounded Off** Allows for a more comfortable "played-in" feel.

TALON Series - (5 models) A sharp edged, futuristic design with super jumbo frets, ultra slim neck and black chrome hardware.

> **ELAN Series** - (Three models) the man who has everything. Ebony fretboard, highly figured maple top.



Three New Series of Hot, Hot Electrics!

10 different models in all

Total luxury. A high class axe made for

lazz scene, the other on the very edge of balls-out rock & roll. One has

The Talon V features

a reverse headstock

been around the world with the biggest names in the business, the of

RR Series - (Two models) Fat, gutsy rock & roll with a vintage look. The RR58 has a 24.75" scale length; the RR59 a 25.5" scale and an elongated headstock.

sustain and takes the rigors of the road.

Aircraft Bolts used for

ck/Body Junction

eased stability promotes

Thicker Headpiece The Heartfield (left) provides more mass and rigidity than traditional guitars for increased sustain. (Talon Models)