

Pa-Rum- Pa-Pum Pum

Great holiday gifts for musicians of all skill levels BY ANDY VALENTINE

Musical gifts have a reputation for being expensive, once used and quickly discarded. This simply isn't true. Sure, you might not want to go out this winter and buy a baby grand before you're certain the recipient is 100 percent serious about becoming a lifelong pianist. But there are options that come at a much lower price, and they aren't hard to find.

A spirited hop, skip and jump down to 11th and Ferry will get you face to face with the Buy and Sell Center, or if you're a little further west, try McKenzie River Music on 11th and Washington. Musical knick-knacks are never in short supply, and they're greatly appreciated by all musicians, from veterans to musicians-to-be.

Try a **handmade Guatemalan guitar strap** on for size. The Buy and Sell Center is stocked up with these beauties; they're comfortable, adjustable and the stitch work on each is completely unique. Running you \$36, it's slightly pricier than your typical cheap-o strap, but distinction and quality are definitely something to be revered. Think of these as that crusty holiday sweater you love to wear and everyone loves to see you in.

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