

Custom Navy Aircraft Carrier Theme Bass Guitar Signed by Captain Jim Lovell (US Navy, Retired and Commander of Apollo 13)

Description

(Sponsors highlighted in blue bold)

Each **Doner Designs** theme guitar is a one-of-a-kind custom creation. The purpose of these guitars is to give encouragement to kids who are fighting serious illness and to raise funds for organizations dedicated to helping sick children. These instruments are fully functional and constructed with premium hardware and electronics sure to please any musician, but are also works of art suitable for display and inspiration. A complete set of quality accessories is included so that even new players can get started immediately.

The Navy aircraft carrier bass guitar features an **Allparts** maple & ebony neck with custom center-line inlays by **Axetreme Creations**. The **Fender** alder jazz bass body was donated by **Bob Verner** who also helped paint the body. The bass was signed by **Captain James A. Lovell**. Lovell, a naval aviator best known as Commander of Apollo 13, famously blind-landed a Banshee fighter plane on the aircraft carrier USS Shangri-La in the Sea of Japan, a dramatic true story which is recounted in the Apollo 13 movie. We named the aircraft carrier bass after the Shangri-La, CV-38, because of this inspiring story of Hope in the face of adversity.

A pair of **Nordstrand** split-coil NJ4SE pickups donated by **Best Bass Gear** feed exceptional tone to an **Audere** Pro-Z four-band onboard preamp which provides astonishingly transparent versatility. The Nordstrand/Audere electronics combination is arguably second to none. For even more versatility and an added "cool factor", a **Gibson-style sidewinder** pickup is concealed under the pickguard in the far-neck position. The sidewinder pickup runs directly to its own jack (bypassing the preamp) for stereo operation with a secondary amplifier.

The **Babicz Full Contact Hardware (FCH)** string-through-body bridge is one of the finest bass bridges on the market today. FCH products are beginning to appear on select Fender and Gibson models as original equipment. The custom pickguard and backplate were produced and donated by **Axetreme Creations**. **Axetreme** is also responsible for many of the pickguard design details. The Navy bass guitar intentionally has a rugged look to evoke an industrial machinery style rather than a mirror-gloss factory type finish. More than a dozen dials & switches, including a military-style covered switch, give the control panel a cockpit-like feel.

Estimated Value

Valuation of such a unique item is not an exact science. The typical selling price of the parts, materials and accessories, excluding Captain Lovell's signature and Doner Designs labor, is approximately \$2,000. We believe that a fair value price at a charity event should be in the range of **\$3,000 to \$5,000** or possibly higher. The countless hours of labor invested in this one-of-a-kind custom creation make this a truly priceless work.

(See reverse side for detailed specifications)

Studio Photos Courtesy of Sweetwater Sound



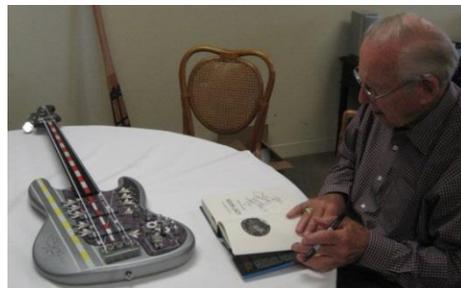
Features & Specifications

- Custom design, construction, finish and setup by Doner Designs in suburban Chicago
- Signature on front of body by **Captain James A. Lovell** (US Navy Pilot & Apollo 13 Commander)
- **Allparts** maple neck with ebony fingerboard, pure tung oil finish and custom inlays by **Axetreme Creations**
- Custom pickguard & back plates by **Axetreme Creations**
- **Fender** alder jazz bass body (donated by **Bob Verner** who also assisted with painting)
- **Audere** Pro-Z four-band onboard preamp with boost/cut controls for bass, treble, high-mid & low-mid frequencies plus a 3-way "Z-mode" tone switch
- **Nordstrand** NJ4SE split-coil jazz bass pickups donated by **Best Bass Gear**
- **Babicz Full Contact Hardware** string-through-body bridge
- **JENZ Machine Heads** tuning machines
- **Hipshot** BT-1 Xtender drop-D tuner extends the range of the E string with the flip of a lever
- **Gibson-style** sidewinder/mudbucker pickup
- Three volume controls (one for each pickup)
- Three on/off mini toggle switches (one for each pickup)
- Dual output jacks for stereo operation (one jack for the jazz pickups and one for the sidewinder)
- Momentary contact push-button kill switch (for machine-gun effects)
- Military style covered toggle switch (normally closed – acts as a kill switch in the "on" position)
- Separate battery box for easy replacement
- Doner Designs logo neck plate (donated by **LazrArt**)
- Custom mixed set of black and white DR coated strings donated by **BassStringsOnline**

Accessories Included

- **Acoustic** brand 30 watt 1x12 practice amplifier (amp & accessories from **Guitar Center**)
- **Gator** gig bag and pedal/accessories case
- **Mono** Warsaw seatbelt-style strap
- **Fishman** clip-on tuner
- **Fender** instrument cables
- **Hal Leonard** bass method book
- **Fender** compact guitar stand
- **CruzTools** multi-tool
- Custom **DR** coated b/w coated strings (extra set)
- Gear One headphones
- Fret Rest Wall hanger
- Dunlop picks
- Apollo 13 Special Edition DVD and Lost Moon, the book by **Captain Lovell** which the movie is based upon
- Best of Foreigner CD (JDRF Gala Artist)

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*We would like to thank **Captain Jim Lovell**, **Axetreme Creations** and all our sponsors for helping to make this guitar a reality!*

- **Axetreme Creations** (inlays, guards and design contributions)
- **Audere Audio Engineering** (Pro-Z four band preamp)
- **Babicz Full Contact Hardware** (string-through bridge)
- **Bass Strings Online** (custom set of DR strings)
- **Best Bass Gear** (**Nordstrand** pickups)
- **Bob Verner** (**Fender** body & painting help)
- **Cliff Ulrich** (cash donation)
- **Farndurk** (mini-knobs and military style switch)
- **Guitar Center - Villa Park, IL** (amp and accessories)
- **Hipshot Products** (X-Tender / D-Tuner)
- **JENZ Machine Heads** (tuning machines)
- **LazrArt** (laser engraved logo neck plate)
- **Goran Pavlyk** (cash donation)
- **Sweetwater Sound** (professional studio photography)