



2023 post show press release



The Chicago Drum Show continues its post-pandemic growth curve with total attendance of nearly 1,500 at the 32nd show in May, 2023. Both exhibit halls were nearly full, and a full schedule was presented on the clinic stage. For many, this was the first show since 2019, so the general atmosphere was extremely buoyant. A notable aspect of this year's show was that the number of foreign visitors was way up. There were three groups of Japanese buyers, two presenters from the UK and one from Brazil, exhibitors from Canada, Austria, the UK, and Mexico.



Rob Cook: "I think this show, more than any previous shows, really lived up to the handle "The Drummer's Family Reunion". So many old and new friends were there... At least a dozen exhibitors have been attending these shows for 30+ years! Dom Famularo helped with emceeing the clinics and announcing raffle winners. It was fun to watch people light up when they realized Dom was there- he brings electricity to any room full of drummers!"



Raffle prizes were generously donated by: John Aldridge (certificate for \$500 worth of engraving), Humes & Berg, Sonor, Mapex, RCI, WFL-III Drums, Winnie Mensink, Rogers USA, jeweler John Christensen, Byrne Cymbals, Rick Gier, Arno Svatopluk, Made In Chicago Drum Project, Stick Stuff, Austrian Drum Head Company, and Creative Percussion.



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Steve Maxwell Jr. interviewed our guest cymbal smiths, already posted on youtube!



Steve Maxwell Sr. hosted a reception for the cymbal smiths featured at the show. From left: Francisco Domene, Dave Collingwood, Matt Nolan, Ray Byrne, Nicky Moon, Timothy Roberts, Burke Daugherty, Paul Francis, Mike Mangiello



The clinic program included clinics by Scott Pellegrom, Bobby T, Paul Wertico, and Gerry Brown as well as presentations by Ramy Antoun, Jeff Davenport, and Gary Astridge



Brian Hansen of B's Music, a drum show veteran, brought a video crew to shoot the show and has posted a great walkthrough and tons of interviews. Check his youtube channel!

