



Post-Show Notes

2022 Chicago Drum Show

The 2022 31st Annual Chicago Drum Show was held May 21 and 22, 2022 at the Kane County Fairgrounds in St Charles, Illinois.

Show organizer Rob Cook: "I am very happy with this year's show. Overall attendance (daily attendees, VIPs, exhibitor personnel, Press, and guests) was about 1,400. That places it as the 6th highest in the 9 years that we have been keeping these records. This was a 50% increase over 2021. Covid caution still did effect our overall attendance this year. Two exhibitors were last-minute cancellations due to Covid infections. Several others decided not to exhibit because of covid concerns. International travel is resuming, but is still far below pre-covid levels. We did have guests from Canada, England, Italy, Portugal, Sweden, Finland, Japan, Netherlands, and Hong Kong."



The consignment area, managed by Evelyn Sosbe and Chris Edwards, saw more activity than at any previous Chicago Drum Show.





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The “On The Ropes” display in the museum area of the show featured a spectacular display of rope drums and historic tuning systems, assembled by Brian Hill and Joe Mekler.



Numerous exhibitors brought special items to share with show attendees. Joe Luoma brought Billy Gladstone's personal snare drum, the Mitch Mitchell Fan Club brought several Mitchell kit reproductions, Bloo Goose brought a Neil Peart R-30 kit.



The Made In Chicago Drum Project worked with Trick Drums (Mike Dorfman), Centent Cymbals (Arthur Stonez), Humes & Berg (Mike Berg), Vic's Drum Shop (John Maloney), and Stick Stuff Grips (Mike Anderson) to provide free grilled burgers, dogs, and drinks near the entrance of the show both Saturday and Sunday.

(at right) Bill Ludwig (B3) thanks Lucian Pop of the Made In Chicago Drum Project for a free coffee while Rob Cook looks on.





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RAFFLE

The 2022 Raffle included snare drums from EDG Drumworks, A&F Drum, WFL-III Drums, Dunnett, Bloo Goose, and a custom “Breaking Bad” themed acrylic snare from RCI. Centent Cymbals donated a complete set of RVC Whisper cymbals, Ray Byrne and Holland Drums also donated cymbals. Prizes were also donated by Ludwig, Humes & Berg, Made In Chicago Drum Project, Kelly Shu, Joe Luoma, La Backbeat, and Artisan Customs. Even some non-exhibitors generously donated to the raffle program; Winnie Mensink crafted a hand-tooled Chicago Drum Show leather belt, and John Christensen cast a solid sterling silver drum key featuring his logo and an inset diamond. All but three of the grand prize winners were on hand to claim their prizes. Prizes will be shipped to Frank Cavoto, Jim Holland, and Michael Basso.

Some of the winners:



Randy Rainwater



Paul Reszczynski



Dale Tavov



Brian Duvall



Shawn Van Steeland



Mike Catalano



Brian Hill



John Christensen

Other Grand Prize Winners: Jack Totzke, Roger Van Steeland, Elizabeth Cabraser, Dave D’Hooge, Tom Cullop, Dale Tabor, August Carlson, Mike Berg