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We think you're going to LOVE what we have in store for you in our February newsletter! Friend of the DFC, John Oates, talks about living in Colorado, touring, songwriting and Harry Tuft. Then see our inventory of Kanile'a ukuleles! Find out what '80s superstar Lisa Loeb is up to these days. And meet Zach Williams from The Lone Bellow. Our friend, Rich Moore shares his story of the guitar that got away and we remember David Crosby.



Friend of the DFC - John Oates

John Oates is an accomplished solo artist, in addition to being half of the best-selling duo Hall & Oates. He's a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and The American Songwriters Hall of Fame, has won American Music awards, MTV awards and been nominated for multiple Grammys.

In the early '70s, John partnered with Daryl Hall and went on to make 21 albums, selling over 80 million units, making them the most successful duo in rock history.

In 1999, John struck out on his own and has so far recorded seven solo albums, playing many genres of music including rock, R&B and soul. He's a guitarist, singer-songwriter,

John says he has a long history with DFC founder Harry Tuft. "In the late '60s there was a guy named Philadelphia Jerry Ricks – he was an amazing folk blues guitar player." John was a student of Ricks for a while and they became friends. Then when musician Mississippi John Hurt passed away, the Guild guitar he had played at the Newport Folk Festival was given to Jerry. Ricks brought it to New York and John played it on the first two Hall & Oates albums.

"Flash forward to the mid '70s, Jerry Ricks came out to Denver and he taught lessons at the Denver Folklore Center. At the time he wanted to go to Europe (he eventually expatriated), but before

record producer and collaborates and develops new artists.

He's been singing since he was a baby. "I had musical talent from the time I was very young. I've got a recording from the amusement park in Coney Island when I was five or six years old – you'd record in a booth, put in a coin and a record would come out. I started vocal and guitar lessons at five or six and I never questioned what I was going to do. I joke about it - people never seemed to boo loud enough to make me stop, so I kept doing it."

he left, he sold the Guild guitar to one of Harry Tuft's friends. When that friend passed away about three years ago, his daughter wanted to sell his guitar collection. And through Harry, I found out she was selling the Mississippi John Hurt guitar. I ended up buying it. It came back to me through Harry which is amazing."

See John in Colorado on [Feb 24th at the Sheridan Opera House in Telluride, CO](#) and on [March 3rd at the Wheeler Opera House in Aspen, CO](#).

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Kanile'a K-1T Deluxe



Kanile'a K-2C
Concert



Kanile'a Oha
Tenor



Kanile'a Ukuleles

When ukulele players think of Hawaiian-made ukes, Kanile'a Ukulele is one of the first names that springs to mind. Their reputation is well-earned from over

decades of building some of the best ukes on the market.

Here's what we have in stock right now:

✦ [K-1T Deluxe](#): the K-1 series has become their flagship product due to its outstanding sound, playability and visual beauty. This uke features curly Koa on the back, sides and top and a full gloss finish. The sound is bright, chiming but still rounded and each note leaps off the fretboard with the incredible clarity and presence that Kanile'a players love.

✦ [K-2C Concert](#): the K-2 series builds on the K-1s but with added cosmetic flourishes - a handsome rosette around the soundhole and black binding around the top wood, a UV cured gloss finish and the neck has a 'silk' satin finish for smooth playing.

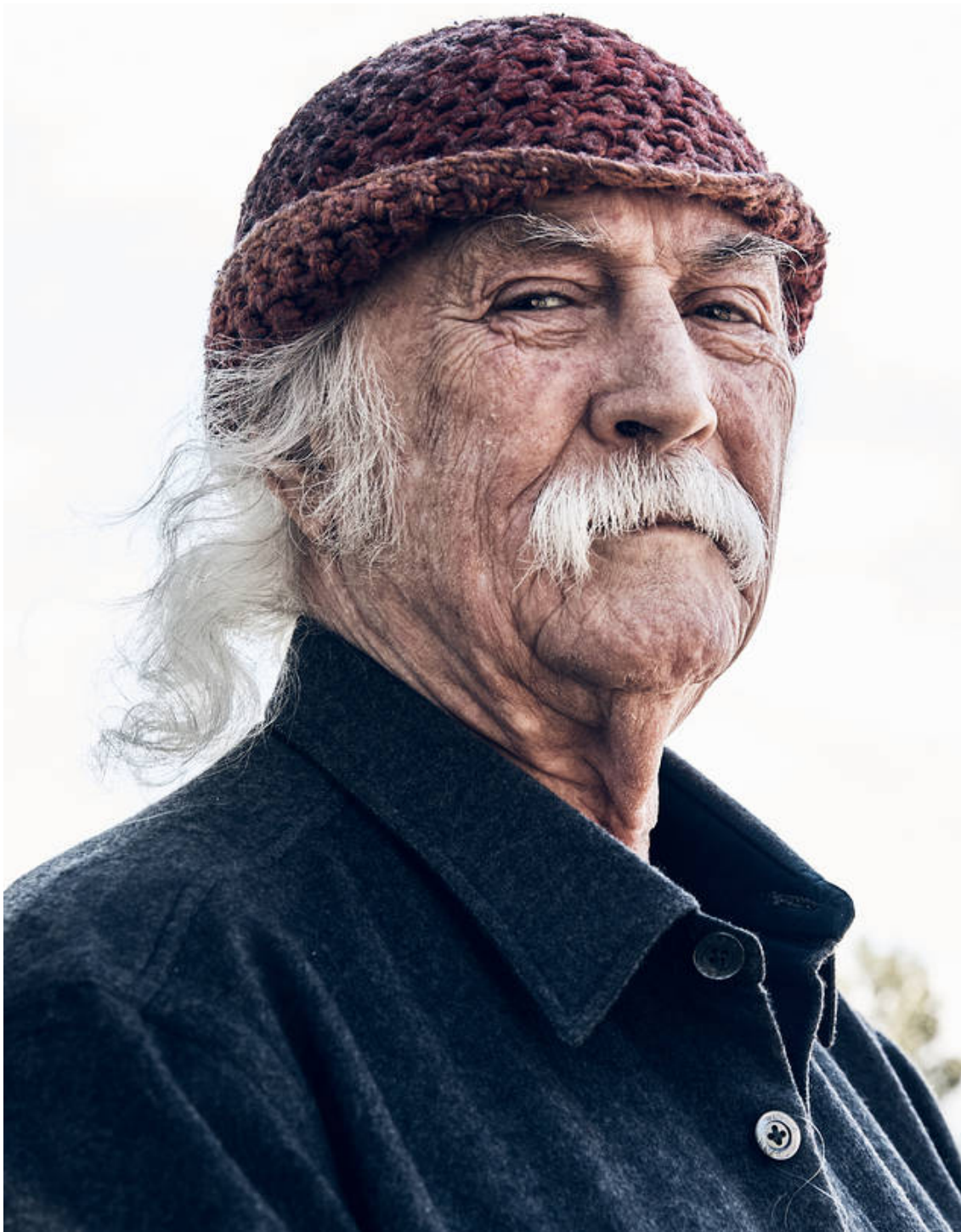
✦ [Oha Tenor](#): the Oha line prices under the K-1s, allowing more price-conscious customers access to these terrific instruments. This uke pairs a Koa top with Honduran mahogany back and sides, balancing the naturally bright, chiming nature of Koa with a bit of added warmth and midrange.

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Amazing store, amazing help by real musicians that are not condescending but humble and incredibly helpful. Amazing selection of banjos. If you're a serious acoustic musician, you should never be forced into a big box music store again. Bought a handmade Boulder, CO banjo - still in love a month later. - K.M



Remembering David Crosby (1941-2023)

David Crosby, singer-songwriter, guitarist and founding member of legendary bands the Byrds and Crosby, Stills, & Nash (& Young), died last month at 81 years old.

For everyone who plays or simply enjoys listening to great music, the announcement came as a shock, since Crosby had announced in December 2022 that he planned to come out of retirement, start a new band and tour.

Crosby was quite a colorful character, to say the least. If you haven't already, watch his 2019 documentary "David Crosby: Remember My Name" where he is brutally honest about his music, struggle with addiction, volatile relationships with bandmates, etc. At one point during the film he ponders, "Time is the final currency. What do you do with the time you have left?"

His former CSNY bandmates Stephen Stills, Graham Nash and Neil Young posted online tributes to him. They spoke of Crosby's fearlessness and passion "in life and in music" and his devotion to his wife, Jan, and son, Django. And how his music has and continues to touch so many people. As Neil Young wrote "David is gone, but his music lives on".

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Where Are They Now - Lisa Loeb

You probably know Grammy award-winning singer-songwriter Lisa Loeb from her platinum-selling hit song "Stay (I Missed You)" from the film *Reality Bites*, but she's also a touring musician, SiriusXM daily radio host, philanthropist and has had several hit singles and six albums, two of which were certified gold.

Her most recent album, *A Simple Trick to Happiness*, received rave reviews. And she debuted her new musical *Together Apart*, which she co-wrote and co-produced with over one hundred of her fellow Brown University alums to raise money for The Actors Fund. The musical received attention from prestigious outlets like *The New York Times*, *Vanity Fair*, *People* and *Playbill*.

You can see Lisa Loeb in Colorado Feb 3rd in Denver at [Ophelia's Electric Soapbox](#). And listen to Lisa's latest album, see all her tour dates and get tickets on her [WEBSITE](#).

Read our interview with Lisa below.

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The One that Got Away - Rich Moore

Friend of the DFC, Rich Moore, is still looking for the Collings D2H guitar that got away.

"The one that got away - that really gets me – was Mollie (O'Brien) and I were driving across Kansas and stopped in a guitar store, Mass Street Music, in Lawrence, KS. I walked in and went upstairs, where the good stuff was, and saw this nice Collings guitar, a D2H Brazilian rosewood. Just gorgeous to look at. I played it and people turned around and said 'you should get that guitar'. It was love at first sight. Everything felt perfect. It was close to \$9K. I went

downstairs and told Mollie that I had found THE guitar. She said great, can you get it? And I told her how much it was and she said we'd have to sell the car and walk home. So, I didn't get it.

"It was on their website for about three months then it went away. I was heartbroken. Then I thought Mollie bought it and it was going to show up under the tree for Christmas, but it didn't. It's out there somewhere. I hope it's getting played and not sitting in a vault. I went searching for that model and I saw two or three of them. I thought mine might be one of them. Who knows, we might cross paths again."

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Meet The Lone Bellow

The latest offering from The Lone Bellow is quite a deviation from their previous albums. Until now they've worked with the likes of Aaron Dressner from The National and eight-time Grammy-winner Dave Cobb. [Love Songs for Losers](#) is the first time they self-produced an album. Lead vocalist and guitarist, Zach

Williams was gracious enough to speak with us about the origins of the band, their latest album, his days playing in New York and more.

Love Songs for Losers

In addition to Zach, The Lone Bellow consists of guitarist Brian Elmquist, multi-instrumentalist, Kanene Donehey Pipkin, bassist Jason Pipkin and drummer Julian Dorio.

“One of the reasons we went with *Love Songs for Losers* as the album title is that I’ve always seen myself as a loser in love—I’ve never been able to get it completely right, so this is my way of standing on top of the mountain and telling everyone, ‘It’s okay,’” says Zach. “The songs are looking at bad relationships and wonderful relationships and all the in-between, sometimes with a good deal of levity. It’s us just trying to encapsulate the whole gamut of experience that we all go through as human beings.”

See The Lone Bellow Live!

You can see the band live in Colorado this month - [get tickets](#)

Feb 2nd - Ft. Collins, Aggie Theatre

Feb 3rd – Denver, Ogden Theatre

Feb 4th – Breckenridge, Riverwalk Center

Zach describes their concerts as “big loud rock ‘n’ roll shows. Our drummer, Julian Dorio, was in Eagles of Death Metal. He toured with Kings of Leon for years. He’s the king of rock ‘n’ roll!”

Learn more about the band and hear their latest album on their [website](#).

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