

Details & Inclusions



The Starr Festival

In tribute to Ringo Starr's 1963 Ludwig Jazz Festival Snare Drum



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- Each of the limited production Starr Festival instruments is hand signed by Sir Richard Starkey, aka Ringo Starr, then hand assembled by drum historian Gary Astridge.
- Custom built '63-spec Ludwig 3-ply mahogany, poplar, mahogany shell with scarf joint, hand selected best-of-the-best Oyster Black Pearl wrap and unique '63 placement of authentic 1960s Ludwig hardware.
- Features 1960s spec stenciled presentation case with freight and shipping labels reproduced from archival images of actual labels found on Ringo's Beatles era drum cases.
- Includes an English tea towel as often used by Ringo to muffle his snare and other drums.
- Limited edition, lacquered hickory Starr Festival sticks have been accurately recreated from early '60's Ringo performance photos and then hand rubbed with bee's wax.
- A limited edition Starr Festival drum key is included.
- Comes complete with authentic period-correct Ludwig Weather Master heads manufactured on original 1960's Ludwig machinery.
- Both Starr Festival and Ludwig pre-serial keystone vent hole badges are installed on the outer and inner shell respectively using period-correct grommet.
- An Astridge-signed certificate of authenticity is provided in the form of a 20-page one-of-a-kind hardback book.
- The collectible Starr Festival snare drum is sold exclusively through Astridge International, Inc. For more information or to purchase, contact Gary Astridge at gary@ringosbeatlekits.com.
- A small number of the Starr Festival instruments produced remain available for purchase.
- Hardcover copy of the book CRASH, the definitive Illustrated history of the drum kits of rock 'n' roll legends. Autographed by Gary Astridge.



