



### BAG DAY: NOVEMBER 18

Once again we will be participating in Northampton's Bag Day on Saturday Nov. 18. You get 20% off the price of one item (maximum discount \$20.00) when you present the special shopping bag distributed soon in the Daily Hampshire Gazette. It's a great way to get an early start on your holiday shopping. The discount also applies to gift certificates.

### BLACK FRIDAY & BEYOND

Downtown Sounds has many great deals in store for your holiday shopping. We have great beginner's packages for all the instruments we sell. And you get a free lesson with the purchase of any instrument over \$50. Check out information about this deal here: <http://downtownsounds.com/just-for-beginners/> We have instruments, accessories, sheet music, and more, for you and all of the musicians you know, from beginner to expert.

## Fender® RETURNS TO DOWNTOWN SOUNDS

We just received two enormous shipments which restore our huge Fender inventory at Downtown Sounds. We have Stratocasters, Telecasters, Precision and Jazz basses in all their variations, in addition to Fender's great tube and solid state amps. We have had a strong association with Fender for most of our 41 years, and it feels great to be stocking their guitars and amps again.

Almost four years ago, we were shocked to receive a form letter from Fender informing us that our dealership was terminated. As a result, we took in other lines like G & L, Blackstar, and Supro, which enabled us to continue offering similar instruments and amps to our customers. We also periodically approached Fender in hopes of getting the line back. Finally, at last summer's music trade show, Aaron initiated negotiations which resulted in an agreement to reestablish our dealership.

Please stop by to see all the latest instruments from Fender, iconic American maker of musical instruments.

## Free! MEET THE VIOLIN WORKSHOP with Nina Gross

Sunday, December 10, 2017 10:30-11:30 am

In this interactive one-hour workshop at Downtown Sounds, children will be introduced to the violin and viola, two members of the violin family. They will hear the instruments played in different styles. They will learn the parts of the violin, some basics about how to hold the instrument and bow, and beginning music reading concepts and instrument care. Potential students will be matched with the correct size violin and evaluated for readiness to begin instrumental study.



*Nina's philosophy:* Music is a unique vehicle for engaging the whole person, emotionally, physically, and mentally. Learning an instrument is empowering and instruction should be both challenging and fun. So much is learned in the process. Large and small motor skills, listening and concentration skills, language skills, math and much more! Get a glimpse of what instruction might offer your child! *Nina Gross* is a classical violist, composer, poet, performer and improvisational artist. She studied at Interlochen Arts Academy and Yale University. She has played in many chamber ensembles and orchestras including the Palisades Chamber Players, Yale Symphony, Bronx Symphony and The Georgia Philharmonic. Nina loves teaching and bringing music into the lives of her students!

**FREE, but advance registration is required. Limited to six participants.**

To register, email [musician@downtownsounds.com](mailto:musician@downtownsounds.com) or call 413.586.0998 by December 6.

## MADELINE LAPORTE JOINS DTS STAFF

Downtown Sounds welcomes its newest employee, Madeline LaPorte. Madeline is a lifelong Pioneer Valley resident, musician and graduate of Greenfield Community College.



She performs in the classic country cover band, the Franklin County Sweethearts, and in her solo project under the name Rosie Porter. Madeline also plays keyboard in Holyoke indie-rock band Behold! True Believers with fellow Downtown Sounds employee Aaron Borucki.

## TWO GREAT GUITARS ON SALE

### Gibson ES-LesPaul

Regular price: \$3,199

Sale price: \$2,499

Special price: \$2,199 (mention this ad!)

A couple of years ago Gibson tried making a hollow-body Les Paul guitar. It's been here too long, so we want to find a buyer. It's a great instrument for the Les Paul fan who wants a lighter-weight guitar.



### Fender American Vintage 1958 Telecaster

Regular price: \$1,995

Sale price: \$1,649

Special price: \$1,399 (mention this ad!)

This is a beautiful vintage re-issue Fender that has been in the store since 2012, waiting for the right home. Unfortunately, there are a couple of areas where the finish is worn away, but it's still a great new Fender with full warranty.