

## Notice Regarding

### Guitar Care and Maintenance



Greetings Guitarists/Parents of Guitarists,

Your guitar is an investment in your future. As you may know, proper maintenance of your instrument is essential to great tone and easy playing ("action"). In addition to keeping your strings clean and tuned daily, you may not be aware that forces are constantly at work against the life of your guitar. When properly tuned, the strings can put as much as 150 lbs. of pressure on the neck of the guitar. This may cause your neck to "bow" slightly, which is natural and repairable for most guitars. However, if left unchecked, the neck may begin to "warp" - this is not natural, and may not be repairable. I am writing this to make you aware, if you are not already, that guitars need to be "set-up" at least twice a year, and re-strung at least 4 times per year (depending on frequency of practice).

With the dry winter air coming, I also highly recommend purchasing a humidifier for your guitar. A humidifier is a small sponge-like device that keeps the unfinished wood from drying out and cracking. Even with a home/room humidifier, I still recommend getting one for every guitar you own - it is an inexpensive way to protect your investment. If you'd like to purchase one, please let me know.

I am able to perform set-ups and re-strings on guitars. I charge \$35 for a set-up, and \$15 for a re-string. Each job requires new strings, and does not include the price of strings, which can be purchased at a music store or through me for \$6-\$20, depending on the strings you'd prefer.

Thanks,

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