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**Ernie Ball Music Man Announces 2020 Line of John Petrucci Signature Guitars**

*The line features new Majesty models, an updated JP15 and an all-new maple top premium JP model*

*Petrucci’s signature models continue to be bestsellers for the brand and retailers alike*

(San Luis Obispo, CA – January 16, 2020) – Ernie Ball Music Man, the world’s leading manufacturer of musical instruments, guitar strings and accessories, is proud to announce the all-new 2020 line of John Petrucci signature guitars.

**Majesty**

The Ernie Ball Music Man Majesty guitar features a flamed maple shield seated in a lightweight Okoume body. A glossy translucent finish on the front and back showcases the beautiful wood combination for a striking appearance. Signature DiMarzio Dreamcatcher (bridge) and Rainmaker (neck) pickups, combined with an onboard piezo bridge system, give the Majesty a focused and highly versatile palette of tones. Available in four new finishes: Pink Sand, Red Phoenix, Smoked Pearl, and Ember Glow. The all-new Majesties will retail starting at $2999.00 and will be available for pre-sale April 14, 2020, and in stock at retailers for beginning May 5.

Ernie Ball Music Man is also introducing the “Purple Nebula” Majesty. Carefully chosen tonewoods converge to create an instrument that yields extraordinary beauty and tone. The Majesty three-piece neck is constructed with two strips of Honduran mahogany and a center strip of flamed maple, which is visible through a translucent burst finish. The body showcases a carved, highly figured quilt maple top over alder sides and a neck-through center of mahogany and maple. The electronics package includes signature DiMarzio Dreamcatcher (bridge) and Rainmaker (neck) pickups, which, combined with an onboard piezo bridge system, give the Majesty a more focused and highly versatile palette of tones. Available as either a 6-string or 7-string, and with a limited run of only 200 guitars worldwide, each Purple Nebula Majesty will be accompanied by a backplate signed by John Petrucci, and a numbered certificate of authenticity. The Purple Nebula Majesty will retail beginning at $5299.00 and will be available for pre-sale April 14, 2020, and in stock at retailers for beginning May 5.

**JP15**

The 2020 JP15 features a lightweight Okoume body with a figured maple top. Figured roasted maple neck and fingerboard add just the right amount of snap and brightness while providing more stability in ever-changing climates. The JP15 is powered by twin custom Dimarzio Illuminator pickups, piezo bridge system and on-board 20db gain boost. Available in 6-string or 7-string models with Ernie Ball Music Man JP tremolo, 3-way toggle pickup selector, and Ernie Ball Music Man hardshell case. Now available in Cerulean Paradise finish. The 2020 JP15 will retail beginning at $3249.00 and will be available for pre-sale April 14, 2020, and in stock at retailers for beginning May 5.

**JP MAPLE TOP**

The JP maple top features an alder body with a mahogany tone block and figured maple top, and Honduran Mahogany neck with East Indian Rosewood fingerboard. The JP BFR is powered by Dimarzio Liquifire & Crunch Lab pickups, piezo bridge system, and a coil-splitting tone pot. Available in 6- or 7-string with Music Man JP tremolo, 3-way Toggle pickup selector and Ernie Ball Music Man hardshell case. Koa Top option includes Mahogany body and neck with an ebony fretboard. Available in Dragon Blood finish, with a choice of quilt or flame top. The 2020 JP Maple Top will retail beginning at $3249.00 and will be available for pre-sale April 14, 2020, and in stock at retailers for beginning May 5.

Regarding the new 2020 models, John Petrucci stated, “I am extremely proud and very excited to introduce the new Majesty and JP15 colors for 2020! Every year the incredibly talented team over at Ernie Ball Music Man dream up the most unique and stunning finishes that take my signature guitars to new artistic heights. The sleek, performance-centric design of the Majesty and the unrelenting powerhouse attitude of the JP15, both outfitted with my signature DiMarzio pickups, make them two models that are so creatively inspiring that I just can’t them put down once I start playing them! From the visionary lines to the incredible feel, beautiful surfaces and epic tones, they are the ultimate musical machines one can ever dream of experiencing. These brand-new 2020 colors and finishes will continue to propel the Majesty and the JP15 far into the guitar universe for years to come!”

Photo file: Majesty-Ember-Glow.JPG

Photo caption: Ernie Ball’s new Petrucci Signature Majesty guitar in Ember Glow

Additional photos are available [here](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/a9bzn514jzh2ynq/AADtkhaxIJH51qQnub3JxZ8aa/EBMM/2020%20Petrucci%20Models?dl=0&subfolder_nav_tracking=1).

**ABOUT ERNIE BALL**

In 1962, veteran player and guitar teacher Ernie Ball created Slinkys®, the innovative light gauge electric guitar strings widely revered by thousands of iconic players including Eric Clapton, Keith Richards, Jimmy Page, Paul McCartney, Metallica, Brad Paisley, Slash, John Petrucci, Angus Young and John Mayer. The strings are all crafted in Coachella, CA. Ernie Ball also offers state-of-the-art instrument accessories that are carried in more than 6,000 stores in the U.S. and 120 countries worldwide. Officially purchasing the Music Man® company in 1984, Sterling, joined later by his sons Scott and Brian, has built a team of dedicated professionals based in San Luis Obispo, CA who collectively share a common goal: crafting the highest level of hand-crafted instruments available. Originally founded by Tom Walker, Forrest White and Leo Fender in 1974, Music Man built its name leading an industry revolution, introducing active electronics on its production instruments. As part of the team during the 70’s, Sterling Ball played an important role on the design and development of the iconic StingRay basses. The family-run company maintains its founder's dedication to preserving the musician's playing experience and delivering superior sound quality through the development of new products, such as Cobalt Slinkys, M-Steel, Earthwood and the revolutionary Element Shield Packaging, keeping each set as fresh as the day they were made. The company also fosters artist development through musician-focused programs such as the world's largest and longest running unsigned artist programs, where bands compete each year for the chance to play live on national tours, festivals and events. Visit them online at [www.ernieball.com](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.ernieball.com&d=DwMFaQ&c=qwStF0e4-YFyvjCeML3ehA&r=xIU6crmdZ1jU5Lv7Z0KzByyl-bxmhhv06yjTt9qHHBc&m=mRAdxnLLAzitGZkD8nMXfiDUadqN8escqrl8lboJOlI&s=EhQSAJ49BKQptPTirrWNsvFp1wNC6KRReSJVanpLLlg&e=) and [www.music-man.com](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.music-2Dman.com&d=DwMFaQ&c=qwStF0e4-YFyvjCeML3ehA&r=xIU6crmdZ1jU5Lv7Z0KzByyl-bxmhhv06yjTt9qHHBc&m=mRAdxnLLAzitGZkD8nMXfiDUadqN8escqrl8lboJOlI&s=FtBtVAoldcmVD3WnTrDfl1lPkaW_dVW72uFLozFRcJw&e=).

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