



Eizo Nakata, President Sakae Drums

# 2015 marks our 90th anniversary

at SAKAE Rhythm, as well as a big turning point for us. Beginning with the founder, Eiichi Nakata, everyone at SAKAE has dedicated themselves to producing the highest quality drums which have been enjoyed and embraced by so many people worldwide.

I know that we are here because of two key factors: our commitment to the traditions of making drums of the utmost quality and excellence, which are hand crafted in our factory by the finest skilled craftsmen; and all our fans from around the world who support us.

As "Sakae" means "prosperity" in Japanese, we continue to take the art of sound creation to an even higher level for the player, the audience and every music fan.

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# Trilogy

Sakae Drums is revisiting a legendary drum sound with the introduction of the Trilogy series. "Our approach was to utilize the 3-ply shell in a way that would have a distinctive Sakae sound, but still pay homage to that vintage sound so loved after all these years," states Eizo Nakata, president of Sakae Drums.

Sakae's proprietary Maple/Poplar/Maple 3-ply shells are at the heart of Trilogy's vintage sound. 4-ply North American Maple reinforcement rings at the top and bottom of the shell help to dry the sustain and keep the ultra-thin shell in round.

The hardware is lightweight and helps allow the thin shell to resonate as much as possible. Also, the Trilogy series is extremely lightweight, making it the perfect kit for the classic Jazz tones of the '50s. Sakae's distinctive attack, when utilized with thicker drumheads, creates the punchy, dry tones of early R&B and '70s Rock.

Trilogy Mint Oyster Pearl

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Available colors: See-through Amber Natural Blood Rainforest Wine Tobacco Amber Fade Forest Fade Pink Gold Silver Black Fade Champagne Champagne Sparkle Ocean Black N' Blue Roulette Tequila Sonic Blue Surf Green Vintage Real Black Chartreuse River Deep, Cotton Raide White Mountain High Candy

Cheese Cake

Night Sky

Red & Gold

The Candy Apple Val Almight

Black & Gold

Candy Apple Valencia

Purple &

Yellow

Turquoise

Burgundy

Mist

Champagne

# **Customization**

Designed to give you a choice in creating your sound, Sakae now offers the Almighty Series available in both Japanese Birch and North American Maple. With the same finishes available for both woods, you have the flexibility to pick and choose between Birch or Maple to customize your personal sound while retaining a uniform look.

## Maple & Birch Sounds

Both Maple and Birch Almighty shells feature sharp bearing edges for clear attack and great tone. Heavier lugs help to focus vibration and sound transmission to the shell edge. All toms achieve complete tone isolation thanks to Sakae's unique cradle mounting toms, floor tom leg mounts, and rubber padded bass drum spurs.

### **Japanese Birch**

Japanese Birch has been used on some of the world's most recorded drums in history. Being intimately familiar with this wood, the artisans at Sakae fill a recent sound void with the new Almighty Birch kit, capturing and defining a sound that is quintessential to both the recording and live drummer.









Celestial Amber Sunburst

The Celestial kit features Sakae's new **Chamber Specific Technology (CST)** process, which is another innovation in the 90 year history of Sakae drum making and the result of decades of collaborations with some of the world's top drummers. This ground-breaking instrument focuses on each drum (or "Chamber") and the specific treatment needed to produce the most desired sound for that sized shell. With the CST process, Sakae has essentially pre-EQ'd each drum so that each speaks with its ultimate musical tone.

The Celestial Series uses 2-plies of African Bubinga on the outside of the shell combined with North American Maple on the inside. By having the harder Bubinga wood at the bearing edge where the head contacts the drum, you get the most profound properties.

Keeping this consistent tone and level of resonance from the hardwood allows Sakae to adjust the low-end, sustain, and projection for the various drum sizes. The amount of plys and the bearing edge of each shell is determined by what is best for the size of the drum. For example a bigger drum, such as a bass drum, has a 10-ply shell with a rounder bearing edge, while a smaller rack tom will have a 4 to 6-ply shell with sharper edges. All of this, while maintaining a drum kit's collective sound. Never before has a drum kit been treated with this level of focus to get the optimal sound and tone from each drum in the kit. The expression level, tuning range, presence and purity of tone is unparalleled.

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# BRASS



# ALUMINUM



STEEL





WOOD





Maple











EFFECTS





 Maple

 Bubinga

Maple

# **Flat Base Hardware**

Sakae Drums flatbase hardware is perfect for the gigging drummer who is looking for lightweight sturdy hardware. Flatbase legs provide a clean and organized look. All stands collapse completely for efficient storage and are extremely lightweight for easy transport. With center position cymbal tilters and vintage-style top rods instead of pipes, this line of hardware screams *classic*.

Single Braced-

Flatbase

### **Drum Thrones**

Drum thrones are available with your choice of a round or saddle seat with each providing the utmost in comfort.

## **X-Calibur Bass Drum Pedals**

Sakae's X-Calibur Drum Pedals feature a solid base plate AND frame which enables you to adjust the beater at will and without wasting power.

#### **Single/Double Braced Hardware**

Sakae Drums single and double braced hardware provide maximum durability and stability—single braced being lighter in weight. Smooth, step-less tilters on the snare drum stand and all cymbal stands allow for infinite positioning possibilities. The boom cymbal stand is convertible so that it can also be used as a straight stand. Cymbal stands also include center position cymbal tilters.

Independent movable legs on the hi-hat stand can be set at any angle, leaving plenty of room for additional pedals. And the hi-hat stand offers an eight step tension adjuster and an easy locking clutch.





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