
BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/01/17 14:45

<http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/imag4.jpg>

This is the first we are making, I think it will sound great...

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/01/17 14:53

the back... <http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/imag1.jpg>

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/01/17 14:56

headstock... <http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/imag2.jpg>

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/01/17 14:57

Rosette <http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/imag3.jpg>

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Toffe - 2009/01/17 22:33

Awesome work!
The cutaway looks really unique and beautiful.
It would be true pleasure to try one out someday.

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/01/17 22:54

Thanks for your comment.
If I don't sell it before is finished I'll bring it to Spain with me, if you are around here you'll be more than welcome to try it.
I'm thinking also in doing a trip to Norway and Sweden in order to show my guitars to teachers and performers.

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by ninjasan - 2009/01/18 18:11

Hello,
beautiful, please keep posting shots of the work in progress!

Did you try lattice for this one?

Christophe

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/01/18 18:25

i will...

Yes I tried Lattice on Cedar top, Indian Rosewood Back and Sides... <http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/imag6.jpg>

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/01/18 18:29

raw headstock.. <http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/imag21.jpg>

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/01/18 18:31

Ebony fingerboard <http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/imag22.jpg>

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/01/18 18:32

Spanish heel <http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/imag24.jpg>

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/01/18 18:34

Rosette <http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/imag23.jpg>

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/01/18 18:34

Lattice <http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/imag26.jpg>

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/01/18 18:36

Neck <http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/imag25.jpg>

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/01/18 18:37

Spanish heel... <http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/imag27.jpg>

Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Toffe - 2009/01/19 18:59

Amazing work. I'm sure all of us is enjoying this!
Beautiful heal! What is the light wood in the back? Is it maple?

Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/01/19 21:14

yes. it is maple.

Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by ichiro514 - 2009/01/21 14:52

Hi Neris

Thanks for your presentation of your 11-string alto guitar.
I am interested to hear how much would you sell it.

I think your rival may be Asturias guitar in Japan.
The Japanese guitar maker sells their alto guitar at the price of 450000 yen(about US\$5000) without tax. However, if you sell your guitar at the same price, I think it will not be sold out.

This is my opinion:

The price is below US\$2000; there are many people who want to buy your alto guitar.

The price is between \$2000-2500; there may be some people who want to buy it.

The price is between \$2500-3500; if the sound is excellent compared with the price, there may be some people who want to buy it.

The price is between \$3500-4500; if your guitar has the same quality as Asturias guitar, there might be some people who want to buy it.

The price is over US\$45000; if your name became famous than Asturias, some peope may buy your guitar.

Best,
ichiro514

Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/01/21 15:24

Hi, ichiro514.

Thanks for your recommendations.

First I want to establish some differences with the Asturias, they are great with a well known name. Now their model has "Laminated Back and Sides" and they use regular lacquer to finish it. This is not more than a regular factory series production (even though they might be one of the finest factories in the world), anyways I've seen their products and I like them.

On my model I use All Solid woods, Concert quality grade, Spanish heel and French Polish. This is made in my Custom Shop where I make the finest instruments, I'm even thinking in using my name Label on it instead of Bartolex.

I know that I'm not famous, neither Bartolex, and I accept it, but I think we are talking of two different series here.

I'm studying the possibility of making one model with nitro lacquer and laminated B&S though.

I would ask for this instrument around \$3700 (USD) because I know I'm not famous yet. I sell my 8 string double top

model for \$3000.00 so now I just want to make worthy my time on it.
I sold a few guitars in Japan and all my customer made second and third orders (a couple), also in Spain where the Luthier tradition is very picky my guitars have great success with Conservatory Professors and their students.
I know at the beginning will be difficult but when somebody try it, she will find an owner...

again, thanks for your comments...

Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by ichiro514 - 2009/01/22 16:11

Hi Neris

Thanks for your quick reply.

I understood your passion to make a guitar and hope that you keep your mind to produce a nice alto guitar.

QUOTE:First I want to establish some differences with the Asturias(laminated B&S)

Surely, if same luthier makes two guitars with laminated or solid wood, the guitar with solid wood should have an excellent sound compared with laminated guitar. However, if one luthier A with laminated guitar and other luthier B with solid wood guitar are compared, I think B does not always defeat A. Although Asturias guitar makes a laminated guitar for beginners, they can produce an expensive guitar over US\$10000. If someone orders a custom 11-string altoguitar with German spruce(top) and Brazillian rodewood(B & S) and Rogers(machine head) and pays over US\$10000, Wataru Tsuji, the master maker of the Asturias workshop will accept the order.

<http://www.asturias.jp/asturiasenglish/asturiasenglish.html>

<http://guitar168.com/Asturias.htm>

QUOTE: I would ask for this instrument around \$3700 (USD). I sell my 8 string double top model for \$3000.00 so now I just want to make worthy my time on it.

I think the price(\$3700) is reasonable. Since alto guitar making is two folds of time-consuming work compared with 6-string guitar, you can demand the price. But, I have one worrying about it. We have now severe economical conditions around the world. Thus, a successful bid price in auction market continues to decrease(about 20-30%). The man who is not rich may buy an used altoguitar(US\$1500-2000) made by Asturias, etc.

In addition, I would like to suggest to you that you had better upload the video played by your alto guitar on You Tube.

Best,
Ichiro

Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/01/22 16:31

Thanks Ichiro for all your comments.

I was comparing the regular Asturias Alto guitar to mine since they are in the same price range. Anyway of course I think my instrument is another level compared to their Laminated B&S. Now I understand that that they can make an expensive Alto with superb quality, but also I can.

I understand this global "crisis" but I won't give away an Alto because of it, as I said I'm planning to make a laminated B&S for around \$2000.00, maybe by the end of this year.

This particular Alto is top of the line, I can't sell it for less than the price I ask.

I will upload pictures of it when its finished so everybody can see all the details from the beginning to the end.

Thanks

Neris

Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/02/12 11:14

The bridge has been glued... <http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/Feb12th1.jpg>

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/02/12 11:15

Head... <http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/Feb12th3.jpg>

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/02/12 11:19

Bridge <http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/Feb12th5.jpg>

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/02/12 11:20

Cutaway: <http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/Feb12th2.jpg>

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/02/12 11:21

It's getting better and better...

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by tenvec - 2009/02/12 13:54

Looks great!
James.

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by mikfik - 2009/02/27 00:35

Simply beautiful guitar. The color of the top is stunning and the workmanship looks impecable. I have built a few multi-stringed guitars and love the deep bass and growling sub bass tones. I know the deep personal satisfaction that comes from playing a guitar that I built with my own hands.

I wouldn't expect to sell many to the general public though. It's wonderful to have this forum but WE multi-string lovers are a rare breed. Most classical guitarist's that I hand my 7 string too, look intimidated and say they don't feel comfortable. I freaked out the first time I played a 10 string and I didn't put the guitar down for days. My preference is an 8 string neck with strings 1 - 6 normal strings, string 7 = D, string 8 = C, then 5 more that run along side the neck (these are called diapsons like on a harp) tuned B, A, G, F, E (or altered for different keys.)

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/04/21 14:11

On final stage

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/04/21 14:15

final stages... http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG_4871.jpg

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/04/21 14:16

back http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG_4873.jpg

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/04/21 14:16

HS http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG_4874.jpg

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/04/21 14:17

almost done... http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG_4985.jpg

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/04/21 14:36

Archtop case... http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG_5147.jpg

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/04/21 14:53

Hygrometer http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG_5150.jpg

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/04/21 14:53

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/04/21 14:54

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/04/21 14:54

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/04/21 14:55

back http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG_5160.jpg

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/04/21 14:55

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/04/21 14:56

rosette http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG_5180.jpg

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/04/21 14:56

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/04/21 14:57

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/04/21 14:58

I hope you guys like it...

Thanks http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG_5190.jpg

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/04/21 14:59

The guitar is in Madrid with me now, if you have plans to come here please contact me and visit me.

Neris

www.Bartolex.com

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Ray - 2009/06/03 20:58

Hi there, Mr. Bartolex :laugh:

well im interested on your alto-guitar. It looks very nice and now comes the real deal.

How much are you asking for the beauty?

I live in Bremen, Germany...i could probably visit you during summer holiday. That is if you still have time and the guitar of course.

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/06/03 21:07

Hi.

You can visit me, I will be out of town all July and part of August. So tell me which days are good for you and we'll work it out.

About the price, I'm asking €3300 on Ebay but is negotiable. I can go lower than that, no problem.

Let me know.

You can also email me at info@bartolex.com

Thanks

Neris

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by paltieri11 - 2009/06/14 09:05

Gorgeous!....keep the good work.....we need you!

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/06/17 18:57

Thanks...

We'll start making more of these... next one will be finished in August, Spruce top and no cutaway.

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by tenvec - 2009/06/19 11:51

Hello Neris,

As you may have read in a recent post of mine, while the 11s alto is a very versatile instrument, to play the 13c baroque repertoire, one really needs a 12s instrument. A thought for the future?
James.

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/06/19 11:57

We can make it for sure, but I will only by special order.

As you may understand the 11 alto is more popular and I may find more customers interested on it.

I would love to make only this level of guitars, since it's so much fun. But also I have to sell them in order to make some living.

Thanks

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by tenvec - 2009/06/20 13:39

Neris,

Point taken!

James.

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/08/26 15:49

New one, without cutaway and spruce top....

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/08/26 15:51

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/08/26 16:13

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Sten - 2009/09/20 19:55

Looks very nice. Good luck with it! :)

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Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/09/20 20:19

Thanks

here is one with it finished http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG_5510.jpg

Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/09/20 20:20

All solid woods: http://altoguitar.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG_5515.jpg

Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by ming - 2009/11/17 18:05

Mygod I want it Neris you do best:woohoo:

Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2009/11/17 18:12

thanks... Ming...

Whenever you are ready, let me know...

Re:BARTOLEX 11 String Alto Guitar on process

Posted by Neris - 2010/03/10 22:30

take a look at this one:

<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=320492055230>

Solid top Alto guitar
