

## Understanding R-V Training and Course Content

Nobody likes surprises! We are delighted that you are considering attending the Roberto-Venn School of Luthiery, and we want to be sure that you understand our training program. We assume that you have read the brochure, or looked over our website. You may know someone who has attended the school, or you might have come in for a visit and a tour. So, you probably have a good idea of what's involved. Still, a short recap might help.

The Guitar Making and Repair course is an intensive, five-month long program of study. Classes meet Monday through Friday, from 8 AM until 6 PM, for the first sixteen weeks, and 8 AM until 5 PM for the last four. During the fifteen-week building section, you will build one electric and one acoustic guitar. These guitars are constructed from scratch, with only a very few pre-made parts. During the five-week repair section, you will learn and practice essential guitar repair methods and techniques. Additional instruction is provided in history, design, and business practices. The course is taught with a combination of lectures, demonstrations, presentations, and printed handouts. Roberto-Venn staff, and guest lecturers provide instruction. Student progress is monitored and graded on a regular basis, and quizzes and tests are also given at regular intervals. Upon successful completion of all requirements, students are awarded a "Luthier Certificate." While we cannot guarantee job placement, we will make every effort to help qualified graduates find employment.

The cost of the program for the 10/11 school year is \$9950. You must also pay for the materials for your student instruments. These costs will vary, due to the wide range of options such as wood selection, electronics, cases, etc.; the cost for the two instruments has averaged about \$1500\* over the last few classes. There also some tools you will be required to have. The average cost of these tools varies from \$400 - \$600\*.

\*all materials purchases will have a tax of 8.3% added on.

Remember, we do not provide housing, although we can help you find a place. Housing and other living expenses are your responsibility.

**Please sign and date this form, and return it with your application.** Your signature below lets us know that you've read this summary, our brochure and/or website info, and understand the nature of the training provided here at Roberto-Venn. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail, and we will do our best to provide further details. We are looking forward to having you join us!

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Student's name

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Date