

## Where To Find a Till Guitar

In recent years California guitar stores have taken a beating in this new economy. Sadly, many of the best "Mom and Pop" shops have had to close their doors for good after decades in business. Others have been forced to sell nothing but cheap imported instruments in order to barely survive. And, thanks to corporate greed, the stores that do carry name brand American guitars are often not allowed to sell guitars of equal or greater value.

As a result, there are fewer and fewer places for guys like me to hang their axes - even on consignment! But, I have met some wonderful people who make room for some of mine. And I'd like to hear from you if you know of others.

### The Guitar Merchant

Topanga Canyon Blvd (just south of Saticoy St.)

Canoga Park, Ca.

[www.GuitarMerchant.com](http://www.GuitarMerchant.com)

I like everything about Phil's place. It's spacious and laidback. The main showroom is lined with guitars of all sorts in every price range. And down the hall past the lesson rooms is the coolest performance theater that seats about 60. Local bands can use it for showcases, and on Wednesday nights they have the best Open Mic Night you'll ever experience. They have a stage with a p.a. and a great sound engineer.

### The Musicbox Custom Guitars

3041-1 East Thousand Oaks Blvd, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

Phone: (805) 379-1826

Frank is the new kid on the block and I really wish him well. The Musicbox is only about a mile down the road from my shop, so it's almost like having my own showroom. I currently have three pieces on his wall that features only nice stuff. His place is also spacious and laidback - a welcome change from your typical big-box.