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of the Unusual
and Unique...



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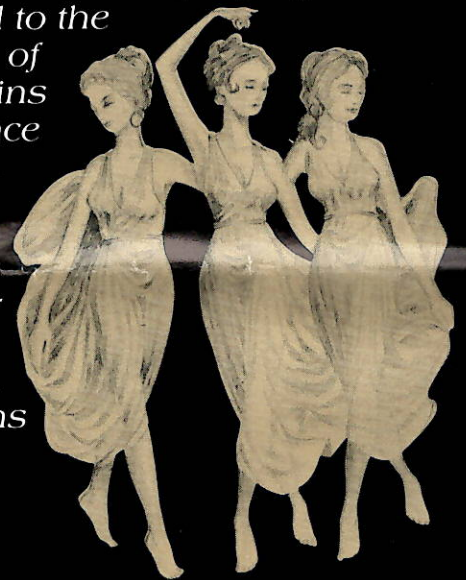
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Saroyan Mastercrafts is an organization of highly skilled metal craftsmen, dedicated to the research, development and production of premium quality finger cymbals, costume coins and other accessories necessary in the performance of the ancient art of Middle Eastern dance.

Years of considerate and conscientious research have gone into the unique and distinctive designs of our superior products. We are proud of our accomplishments and it is our constant endeavor, through further research, to bring you still more designs ... as time goes on.



Mediterranean Delight Finger Cymbals

Originating in the early days of Babylonian civilization, finger cymbals were used by dancers to accent the musical background in performance of the art of the seven veils. Throughout the centuries, this unique and exotic art form has endured. It is commonly known in Western Europe as the "Danse du Ventre," in the Middle East as "Danse Orientale" and in the United States as "Middle Eastern Dance" and more commonly, the "Belly Dance."

Finger cymbals (Sagat) are made of brass and are worn on the middle finger and thumb of both hands. When the Moors invaded Spain they brought with them, along with their Arabesque designs, architecture and craftsmanship, their finger cymbals from which the Spanish castenets were derived.

To augment the art form in this country, Saroyan has developed three authentic Middle Eastern design finger cymbals and two modern designs, all of which are handcrafted and two additional designs that are offered with stamped engravings.

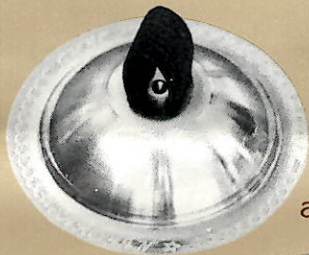
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Historic Cymbals

 We proudly present our authentic handcrafted finger cymbals in three different designs with six distinct tones. These "top of the line" cymbals are precision made for all forms of Middle Eastern dancing in any accoustical atmosphere.

They are the original ethnic designs, styled from historical data researched by Saroyan.



Persian

The PERSIAN design is recorded to have been the oldest and has a very mellow tone.



Moorish

The MOORISH design followed after the PERSIAN and has a slight variation in both design and in tone. These cymbals have a high tone.



Arabic-Turkish

The ARABIC-TURKISH design was found to be the third oldest, and as its name denotes, became popular in those particular geographical areas. It has a medium high tone.

These cymbals are available in both regular weight (low tone range) and heavy weight (higher tone range). We recommend the regular weight cymbals for both students and professionals. The heavy weight is recommended for professional use in crowded clubs where a higher tone range cymbal is a necessity.

Each set is made of premium quality brass, precision handcrafted and aged by our experts to preserve the rich tone and prevent distortion of cymbals caused by continued use.



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Modern Design Cymbals

For your individual preference, we offer two additional and exquisite modern design cymbals, both of which are Saroyan originals. These designs offer four distinct tones, and are of the same quality and craftsmanship as the Historic line.



Modern

The MODERN design cymbals have a medium tone, and are the ultimate in design simplicity.



Contemporary

The CONTEMPORARY design cymbals have a low tone and are a more complex design of the MODERN.

Both styles are available in regular weight (low tone range) and heavy weight (higher tone range).

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Engraved Cymbals

We also offer two additional styles with stamped engravings; the NEFERTITI and the ARABESQUE.

Nefertiti

Our NEFERTITI cymbals have a rich design depicting Queen Nefertiti surrounded by lotus blossoms. These are lightweight with a mellow tone and are recommended for beginner through intermediate level dancers.



Arabesque

The ARABESQUE are a heavier weight cymbal with a medium tone and depict the Arabesque design from a frieze of the palace of Sultan Hasan of the 14th century, and is recommended for the advanced and the professional level dancer.



These cymbals, as all Saroyan cymbals, are crafted of premium quality brass and aged by our craftsmen.

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Ornamental Costume COINS

the GRECIAN
MUSES...



BOTH COINS
ACTUAL SIZE

Our coins are manufactured of the finest tempered steel, in an ideal weight to enhance your dance routines with a delightful ring. They are plated in four different colors to provide greater contrast and variety for your costume wardrobe.

The dollar size features the Grecian Muses with a Grecian key border design on the outer perimeter, and the Grecian Muses without a border on the nickel size.

Both coins are designed exclusively by Saroyan.

All coins are available in gold, silver, copper and rainbow finish.

Gold, silver and copper coins are coated to prevent tarnishing with continual wear. The finish of these coins retains its lustre longer than any other coin manufactured. However, due to the process employed in the production of the rainbow coins, the finish cannot be guaranteed indefinitely. The rainbow finish coin is a Saroyan exclusive and we continue to manufacture them due to popular demand because of their versatility with any costume color combination. We suggest the following to preserve their lovely patina:

Do not attempt to coat them with lacquer or clear finish as all color will fade.

Handle the coins as little as possible while making your costume.

Place the coins against fabric rather than on body chains where they would come in direct contact with skin as the acids from perspiration will cause them to fade.



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Saroyan Presents

VENUS

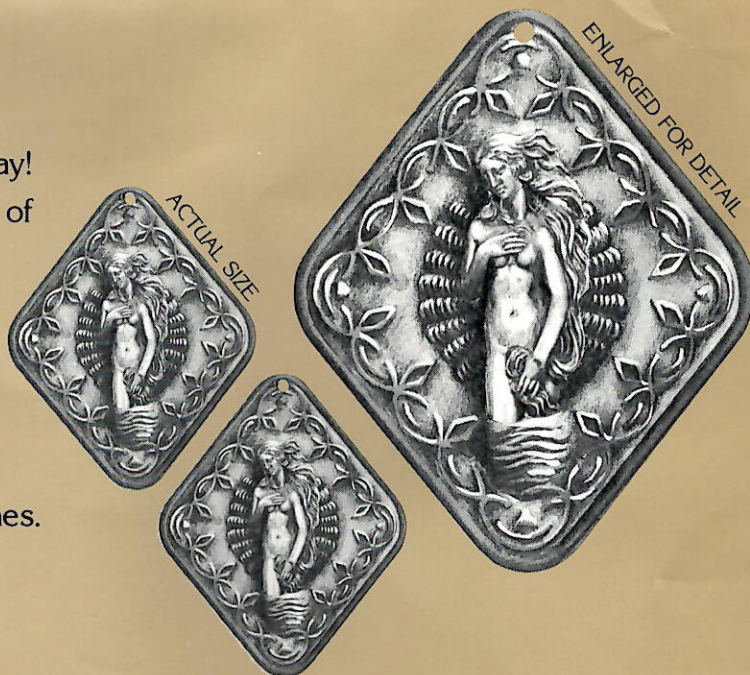
the "Star" of our Grecian
coin collection . . .

The most unique costume coin offered today!

Our diamond shaped coins with the design of
the "Birth of Venus," the goddess of love, from
the original painting by Botticelli, 1485
(Uffizi Gallery, Florence.)

We call them "Venus Coins" and they are
available in four different colors:
gold, silver, copper and rainbow.

This exclusive and original product is an
exciting addition to the world of coin costumes.



THE MOST UNIQUE COSTUME COIN OFFERED TODAY!

CYMBALS

"IF YOU CAN'T GET THE TONE COLOR YOU WANT IN A SAROYAN CYMBAL, YOU CAN'T GET IT ANYWHERE."
IT'S SIMPLY THAT EACH OF OUR CYMBALS SPEAKS FOR ITSELF WITH GREATER AUTHORITY
THAN ANY COMPARABLY-PRICED COMPETITIVE CYMBALS YOU CAN NAME.

Our cymbals have been referred to as the "Queen" of cymbals, and have been endorsed by hundreds of professional dancers, instructors and Middle Eastern musicians from coast to coast and internationally.

THE MAJORITY OF PROFESSIONAL PERFORMERS prefer and recommend owning several sets of Saroyan cymbals due to the accoustical factors involved in various performance conditions.

Our cymbals are crafted of premium quality brass and aged by our experts. Saroyan cymbals, unlike others, are a lighter weight which allows the performer greater dexterity with less fatigue.

All cymbals have two rectangular slots and are packaged in sets of four with heavy duty pre-cut elastics.

For maximum tone clarity we recommend fitting the elastics over the thumb and middle fingers, SEWING the ends firmly, and trimming off the excess. This prevents muting the sound quality.

CARE OF CYMBALS

To prevent discoloration, occasionally polish with TURTLE WAX or EXCALIBER jewelers polish and hand buff with a soft cloth.

COINS

For maximum durability of your Saroyan coins please take the time to read the recommendations on page four of this catalog.

PACKAGING


All coins are packaged in zip-lock plastic bags in the following quantities: Large round coins and Venus coins are packaged in 1/2 gross (72pc.) packages. Small round coins in 1 gross (144 pc.) packages.

HOW TO ORDER

Select the item(s) you wish in our catalogue, look at the amount in your price list and enter it in the provided order blank. Please note shipping and handling charges. Enclose a check or money order for the total amount of purchase. Upon receipt of order, merchandise is packaged and shipped the same day by United Parcel Service (UPS). Please include your street address with the order. UPS will not deliver to a P.O. Box.

SALES TAX

California sales tax does not apply when we are shipping merchandise out of state.



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Warranty

Every SAROYAN product carries with it into service a responsibility growing out of reputation earned during the many years of conscientious business. And if for any reason you are not satisfied with the quality of our merchandise you may return it for refund, credit or exchange. You may do this any time up to five days after the receipt of merchandise. Please accompany all returns with our invoice.

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