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## COOL AND THE GANG

**E**VERY YEAR WHEN *Holiday Review Guide* season arrives, we roll the dice trying to get the most beautiful models and the hottest gear to appear in these pages. This year we had a revelation: what better place to gamble on such an endeavor than Las Vegas, the most infamous adult playground, where fortunes are won and lost?

Luckily, we didn't need to hedge our bets. We hit the jackpot with the voluptuous Holly Madison—star of the E! channel hit show *Holly's World* and lead in the new Vegas strip burlesque *Peepshow*—and her friends Angel Porrino and Laura Croft. The three lovely ladies answered our call to show off their curves with the latest and greatest gear—and to do it in some of Las Vegas' most extreme locations.



(back row) Laura Croft, Holly Madison, Angel Porrino, (front row) Borucki, Riario, Hubbard

For starters, the girls chilled out at the Monte Carlo Resort's new Minus 5 Ice Bar, where everything from the drink glasses to the scenery is made of ice. Thankfully, the following day's shoot was a toastier affair. We took over the penthouse suite on top of the Hard Rock Hotel, complete with a gold-tiled jacuzzi and an outdoor pool overlooking the strip.

As much as we love having these red-hot gals between our pages, we didn't lose sight of the true essence of the *Holiday Review Guide*: to deliver the year's best *Guitar World* gear reviews. Inside you'll see what's new and hip in guitars, acoustics, basses, amps, effects, accessories and recording gear.

Of course, none of this could have happened without the help of many people. My thanks to Ken Langdon and Steve Flynn from Langdon Flynn Communications, for rounding up the trifecta of Holly, Angel and Laura; Minus 5 bar managers Jason, Rupert and Anastasia, who kept the drinks flowing; Andrea Brown with MGM Resorts International for accommodating us at the Monte Carlo Resort; and Jessie Pound with HRH Tower for arranging the sweet suite.

Thanks are due, as well, to Melvin Bolosan and Chris Maxwell from Monte Carlo's business services for getting the gear to the shoots, and to photographer Justin Borucki for snapping the electrifying photos you'll see ahead.

For those of us who have seen the movie, *The Hangover*, I'm happy to report we didn't delete the evidence of our time in Sin City. Just flip the pages to see what developed.

Paul Riario  
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A woman with long, wavy blonde hair is holding a PRS SE Zach Myers electric guitar. She is wearing a black, low-cut, sleeveless dress. The guitar is a dark color with a shimmering finish. The background is a textured, light-colored surface with a diamond pattern. The PRS logo is visible on the headstock of the guitar.

**PRS GUITARS**  
SE Zach Myers

**THE PRS GUITARS SE Zach Myers** is the signature model guitar for the lead guitarist of Shinedown. The guitar features a Silver Sparkleburst finish and white binding on the top edge of the body, fretboard and headstock. The SE Zach Myers also features a singlecut mahogany body, flamed maple veneer, wide-fat mahogany 25-inch scale length neck and an ebony fretboard with a fleur-de-lis inlay at the 12th fret. Additional features include an adjustable bridge (with large caps on the height adjustment screws), three humbucking pickups with two volume and two tone controls and three-way toggle.


**MSRP: \$1,023**  
[prsguitars.com](http://prsguitars.com)



**DEAN Zero Dave Mustaine  
Signature**

**THE DEAN Zero** guitar is the latest signature model guitar for Megadeth's Dave Mustaine. The Dean Zero features a mahogany top and body, 25 1/2-inch scale, a custom Mustaine set mahogany "D-Shaped" neck, ebony fingerboard, pearl Dave Mustaine custom inlays, mini Grover six in-line tuners, black hardware, Tune-O-Matic bridge and Dave Mustaine Duncan Live Wire pickups. The guitar is available in a Metallic Silver finish.

**MSRP: \$1,573.43**  
[deanguitars.com](http://deanguitars.com)

A woman with long, wavy brown hair, wearing a white bikini, is sitting on a large, fluffy dog. She is holding a red Parker DF624 electric guitar. The background is a bright, blue, textured surface, possibly a wall or a backdrop. The overall scene is a promotional advertisement for the Parker DF624 guitar.

## PARKER GUITARS DF624

**THE PARKER** Guitars DF624 comes with many subtle changes to its design but with the unmistakable look of a Parker. The body has a more traditional-shaped upper horn and a flared headstock that allows for a thinner profile and a faster playing neck. The DF624 features a patented Radial Neck Joint, which stabilizes the neck, enhances tone and allows for easier access to the upper frets. The superb fit of the Radial Neck Joint allows better transfer of sound from neck to body. The guitar features an alder body, maple neck, ebony fretboard, Parker Vibrato bridge and Sperzel Trim-Lok tuners. The electronics include two Seymour Duncan SSL6 single coil pickups, one TB14 humbucker and a Fishman Exclusive Piezo system. Pickup mounting has been improved to allow players to more easily swap the included Duncan's with any pickup of their choice. The DF624 is U.S.A. made and offered in glossy red finish.

**MSRP: \$2,399**  
[parkerguitars.com](http://parkerguitars.com)