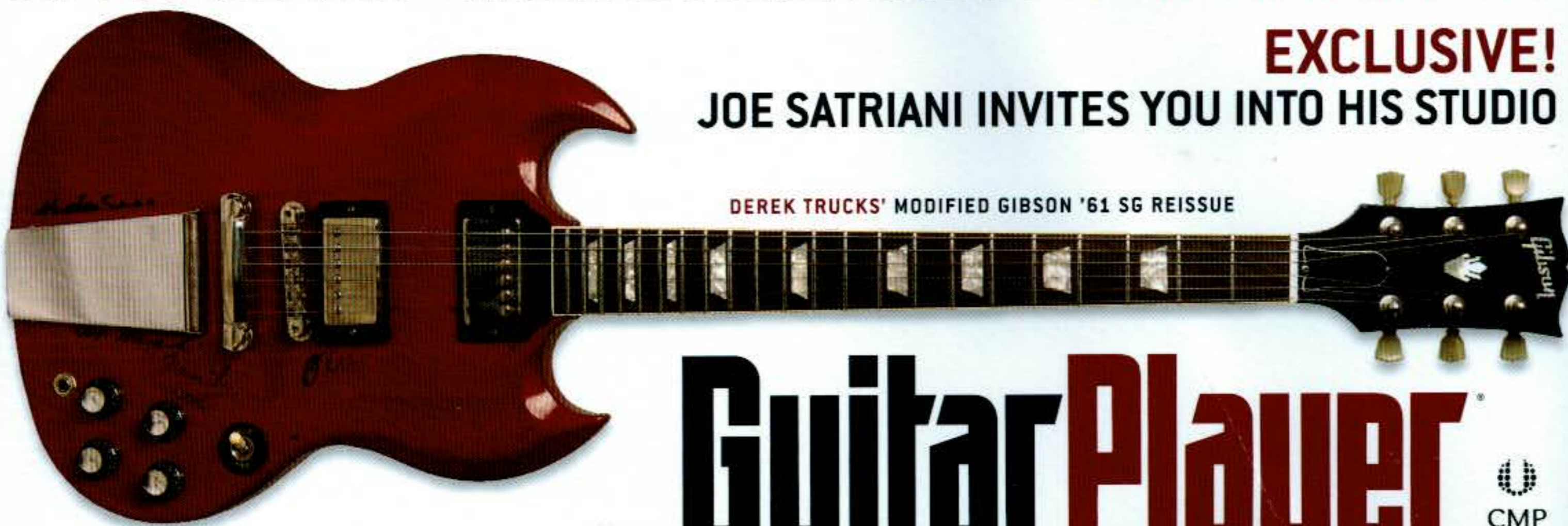


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former Floyd mates, a bevy of journalists provide some rather insightful commentary on Barrett's work as Pink Floyd's main songwriter, as well as his two "proper" solo records, *The Madcap Laughs* and *Barrett*. The DVD's footage is revealing, particularly a TV interview with Barrett and Roger Waters, but don't expect a preponderance of complete live performances. There are interesting clips, however, of various performances interspersed throughout, including "Interstellar Overdrive," "Apples and Oranges," and "Jugband Blues," among others. All in all, a well done, in-depth study of one of rock's most mysterious characters. *Chrome Dreams.* —Darrin Fox

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