

# SABIAN AND NEIL PEART ADD DIAMONDBACK CHINESE TO PARAGON SERIES

## Innovative Design Adds ‘Sizzle’ to Paragon Sound

MEDUCTIC, Canada (June 18, 2007) – The 20” Paragon Diamondback Chinese is the latest collaboration between legendary Rush drummer Neil Peart and award-winning cymbal maker SABIAN. The thin, highly responsive model features a wide-flanged circumference punctuated by industrial cotter pins holding a total of four jingles that vibrate when the cymbal is struck. To increase the sound, the jingles are positioned in the shallow of the flange so they vibrate on both the bow and the edge, while a single rivet is positioned between each of the four jingle placements.

“While recording Snakes and Arrows,” said Peart, “I was making good use of the two Paragon Chinese models I had developed with SABIAN’s Mark Love a few years ago. The 20” had a sharp, tight attack, while the 19” had a warm, dark swell. However, a couple of the songs called for a different texture, something with a subtle stick sound, and a wispy, kind of ethereal voice, but with a sizzle ... like a traditional rivet cymbal, but with more ‘presence.’

Mark produced prototypes until we arrived at one particularly innovative combination, which I named Diamondback (thinking both of Paragon’s diamond logo and the fact that it ‘rattles’). I used the Diamondback prominently in such songs as ‘The Larger Bowl’ and ‘The Main Monkey Business,’ where it delivers a wispy, haunting ride effect with the sizzle of rivets and tambourine jingles. It also added a subtle accent in songs such as the opening track, ‘Far Cry.’”

As with all Paragon models, the Diamondback combines various hammering and lathing styles including a hand hammered bell. Jumbo-sized HHX dimpling is applied specifically to the bow and lip after the lathing process in an effort to lower the fundamental pitch of the cymbal and give it a dark tone.

“Like the rest of our Paragon range,” added Peart, “the Diamondback is a testament to the creative and uncompromising work of Mark Love and the other dedicated craftsmen at SABIAN. They share my vision that a cymbal company’s ultimate product, after all, is music.”

The Diamondback Chinese is handcrafted from premium SABIAN B20 ‘cast’ bronze and features the ‘rich gold’ logo markings exclusive to the Paragon series. To create a rich high-low response when the jingles and cymbal vibrate together, the jingles are of brighter sounding B8 bronze. This combination of B20 and B8 increases the complexity of sound produced. All Paragon cymbals are quality protected by the SABIAN one-year warranty.



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