



Howard Armstrong looks over Hawkeye's mandolin, inscribed with the names of blues greats, before adding his own autograph.



Yank & Hawkeye - '94 Miss. Valley Blues Festival



Michael Hawkeye Herman is with Howard "Louie Blueie" Armstrong and 2 others. ...

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I carried this '30s era Regal mandolin with me when touring in the 1980s & 90s. I had it autographed by as many blues artists as I could whom I had the honor and pleasure of meeting and sharing the stage/bill with at blues festivals around the nation, as well as learning whatever I could from, when possible and time allowed, backstage or at hotels:

1930's era Regal Mandolin with Blues autographs

Top:

- Howard "Louie Blueie" Armstrong
- Etta Baker
- Hank Ballard
- Boozoo Chavis
- Archie Edwards
- "Honeyboy" Edwards
- Jessie Mae Hemphill
- Willie Kent
- Albert "Sunnyland Slim" Luandrew
- Charlie Musselwhite
- Pinetop Perkins
- Yank Rachell
- Nat Resse
- Irma Thomas
- Junior Wells

Back:

- Billy Boy Arnold
- R.L. Burnside
- "Mad Dog" Lester Davenport
- Cedell Davis
- H-Bomb Ferguson
- Guitar Gable
- John Hammond
- John Jackson
- Big Jack Johnson
- Lazy Lester
- Lonnie Mack
- Lonnie Pitchford
- Jimmy Rogers
- Eddie Shaw
- John Weston
- Chris Cain

Top side:

- Robert Lockwood, Jr.
- Taj Mahal

Bottom side:

- James Cotton
- Geoff Muldaur

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**Robin Kay**  
Wow.... A treasure indeed. Each signature is a story.... Wow. 🙌

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**Lucy Hammond**  
Sa-Weet! ;o) 🙌

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**Michael Hawkeye Herman**  
I stopped toting this mandolin around with me about 10 years ago, it was 'too valuable' to me by then for all the signatures. I hung/displayed it on the wall of my living room for the past 10 years. I had to take it off the wall and store it in its case last year, as I noticed, the light and UV/sunlight were starting to make the autographs fade. 😊 After I'm gone (to 'Blues Heaven,' I hope) the instrument will be left in my last will and testament' as a donation to a blues museum I have yet to select. 🙌

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**Robin Kay**  
Maybe it's time to start another...? With more story's to tell... (Smile) 🙌

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**Lucy Hammond**  
Sounds like a plan! Does the case have UV blocking glass? Might want that too, if not. Either that or a special sealant! What a treasure! Only thing better, I imagine, are the real life memories you have of collecting those signatures! ;o) 🙌

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**Michael Hawkeye Herman**  
The instrument is in its case, closed, and in a closet, no longer on 'display!' - **Lucy Hammond** - there is a story with each and every signature. Those stories, and more, might be told ... someday. 😊 🙌

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