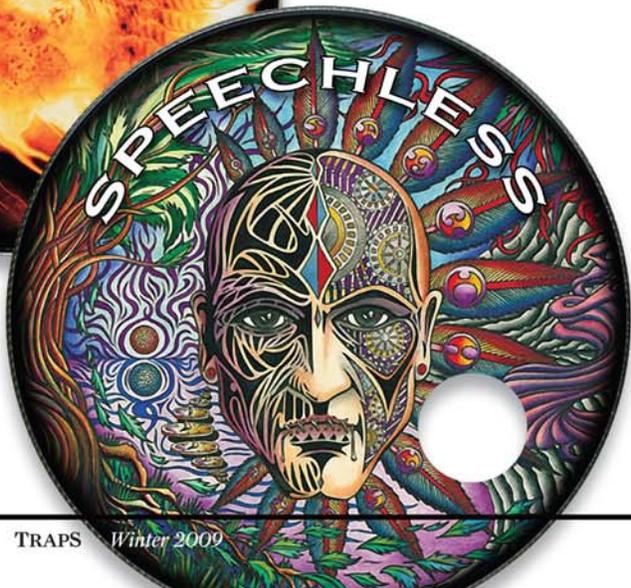
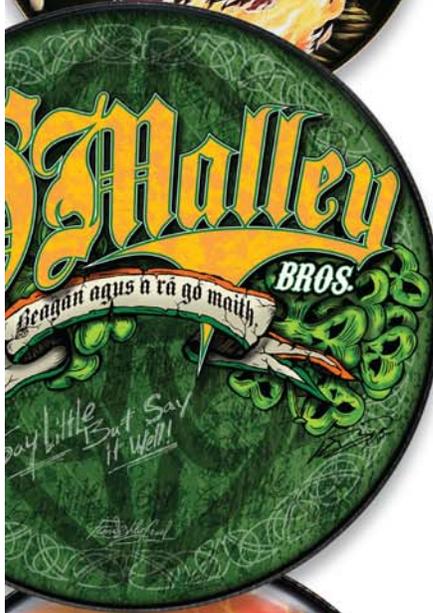


# TRENDS



## STYLIN' SKINS

Now there are several great ways to customize your bass drum-head, whether it's the airbrushed lowrider-style likeness of your girlfriend, twisted fantasy art, or just stylized fonts for your band's name. With DrumArt, the only limit is your imagination. The Albany, New York-based company can work with raster or vector design files or illustrate your vision from scratch. Did you bust your Ambassador snare head? Next time you're ordering replacements from Remo, why not have them customize your band's logo? Visit [remo.com](http://remo.com) for a list of dealers that can create any design you want (or you can order one of their tasteful pre-printed designs in classic patterns like Chromeburst or Diamond Plate). Cazdude Designs is your full-service drum customization destination, offering wraps, scrims/banners, porting kits, and even temporary bass head covers that attach to the batter-side lugs of the kick — great if you're borrowing a kit or just so brimming with artistic inspiration you want to change your design every night on tour. Other recommended bass-drum-head designers: Head First, Vintage Logos/Vivid Heads, Neckbone Graphics, Wooden Tattoos, Cozmo Graphics, Tour Supply Ink, Bess Heads, Max Heads, Drum Image, DM Drums.



## DRUMMING IN A VIRTUAL WORLD

It's been said that the modern drum set is a descendant of the world's most ancient instrument, and to be brutally honest, companies like Peavey proved that one can tinker with drum makeup only so much before drummers no longer consider a drum a drum. Indeed, as reported in past issues, drum makers like SJC (through its recent affiliation with Buddy Rich Drum Company) and Drum Workshop have lately borrowed ideas from the past to inform new models, but that hasn't restrained either from employing high technology to market its tubs. Both are members of a still rather exclusive club of companies that have

introduced virtual drum set builders on their web sites (others include Mapex, Drumwerx, and Remo). All offer users the ability to assemble different-sized drums into the configuration of their dreams (be forewarned, graphics quality ranges from simple line drawings to detailed 3-D illustrations). Once you've locked in your desired setup, you can either blanch at the price or finalize the purchase online or through a local brick-and-mortar retail shop. Not surprisingly, Zildjian and Sabian have also jumped on the bandwagon, offering virtual online cymbal setup builders. Log on.