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Woodstock Chimes' King David Chime to Hang in Church with Third Largest Dome in the World

Woodstock Chimes, a worldwide leader in the manufacture of precision-tuned wind chimes and premium musical gifts, announces that its *Chimes of King David* will hang in a Malta church, which is known for having the third highest dome in the world.

The *Chimes of King David* is Woodstock's largest and richest-sounding chime, measuring an impressive 88 inches in length. Precision tuned to an ancient Asian scale, the windchime is set apart from all others by its heavy duty suspension, custom clapper and aerodynamic windcatcher design.

“Having our chime hanging in the church is certainly a memorable moment for our company,” said Garry Kvistad, president and found of Woodstock Chimes. “The luxurious sound of the *Chimes of King David* is one church visitors will undoubtedly enjoy.”

Woodstock Chimes has elevated the windchime into an item with musical relevance, using a technique that precision tunes the company's windchimes to musical scales. The aluminum tubes on all Woodstock Chimes are precision-tuned using the ancient system of “just intonation,” resulting in pure harmony between musical notes. Other chime manufacturers create tubes with uniform length but without musical purity, since attention is paid only to the tube length and not the actual tuning. Since each Woodstock Chime tube is tuned individually, tube lengths of identical notes may vary slightly, but the pitch is always perfect making the chimes a heavenly addition to Xewkija’s Malta church.

Xewkija, one of the oldest villages of Gozo, is home to the parish church dedicated to St. John the Baptist. The monumental church is an enormous circular structure constructed of white local limestone. Because of the circular form, it is called The Rotunda. Eight concrete columns covered with stone support its elegant dome, 75 meters high, 28 meter diameter and a circumference of 85 meters. This boasts the third largest unsupported dome in the World. The Rotunda’s weight is calculated to approximately 45,000 tons.

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The interior is richly decorated with fine sculptures and modern paintings. The floor is in polished Carrara marble and the main altar is also carved in precious marble. The Rotunda of Xewkija is a superb architectural masterpiece that reveals the exquisite texture and the versatility of local limestone.ⁱ

Item / Size / MSRP: Chimes of King David / 88" Long/ \$675

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About Woodstock Chimes:

Founded by music pioneers Garry and Diane Kvistad approximately 30 years ago, Woodstock Chimes is a leading manufacturer of precision-tuned windchimes. Today, the company markets more than 100 different products in its Encore® and Signature Collections™, many of which are tuned to particular musical scales. Woodstock's home and garden offerings include hand-tuned chimes, bells, gongs, and fountains, as well as the popular DCUK designs. The Woodstock Environments® line features holistic products for the mind and body. An additional collection of musical gifts, the Woodstock Music Collection®, is a unique assortment of instruments from around the world that can be played and enjoyed without extensive training or practice. For more information on Woodstock Chimes, visit www.chimes.com or call 1.800.422.4463 or 845.657.6000.

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