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Posted by [Eugene B](#) on Mon, 21 May 2007 21:07:55 GMT  
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Posted by [wireline\[1\]](#) on Mon, 21 May 2007 21:27:32 GMT  
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My personal favorites are Josephson C42s...also use AT4041 or 4051s...

Depends on the guitar, really...I think Martin dreadnaughts 'do' better with LDCs, but 000/Auditorium sized seem to (or at least I seem to) prefer the C42s over anything else in the lockers.

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Posted by [Gantt Kushner](#) on Mon, 21 May 2007 21:43:14 GMT  
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I have a pair of KM-84s and a pair of AKG 451s. Either pair or combination thereof can make for a great acoustic guitar sound.

Gantt

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Posted by [Dale](#) on Mon, 21 May 2007 21:44:39 GMT  
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Posted by [TCB](#) on Mon, 21 May 2007 22:07:14 GMT  
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My first answer comes from my long standing WWSAD, or What Would Steve Albini do?

Acoustic Guitars

Favourite microphones: Schoeps 221b, Neumann 56/54 and FM2, Audio Technica 4051, Lomo 1918, plus ribbon mics like the Coles STC 4038, various Royers, RCA 44DX, 74JR and 77DX.

Favourite preamps: Massenburg 8400, Sytek MPX4.

"The Lomo is a Russian microphone made in the '60s and '70s. I use that a lot on acoustic guitar. They weren't standard in the West but they were quite common in the East and they have now made their way across. I'll use a ribbon microphone if it's a real bright guitar and I want to try thicken the sound a little bit. Where I place the microphone depends on whether someone is going to be singing and playing, or just playing. If they're singing and playing I have to minimise the vocal spillage, so I put the microphones quite close up. If there's no singing, then I can back the microphones off a little bit, I would say about two to three feet, and in that case it usually sounds better in a slightly live room. I don't necessarily point the microphone straight at the sound hole. Sometimes you want to get it up in the air a

little bit, looking down at the guitar so you can get more of the strumming and less projection of the hole. If the guitar is a little thin-sounding, you want to have it more in front of the body. It varies. Sometimes you have to move your head around a little and see where it sounds best."

TCB

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Posted by [michael bliss](#) on Mon, 21 May 2007 22:13:22 GMT

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Dale, the Oktava O12's are very decent SDC mics, but there is a quality issue finding 2 the of same quality. DeeJ is selling a pair in the for sale section if your interested. I used them on drum overheads and they're great. Also on AC guitars and were really nice. Not the goto for guitars but very workable.

mb

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Posted by [gene lennon](#) on Tue, 22 May 2007 02:39:23 GMT  
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Posted by [Deej \[4\]](#) on Tue, 22 May 2007 03:12:10 GMT  
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You don't know how tempted I was.....well yeah, you probably do ;o) the cashflow situation wasn't quite in the zone at the time.

<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=250112257896>

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I think mics are the acoustic guitars of pro audio. A good \$3000 acoustic will sound notably better than a good \$2000 guitar, and that rule keeps going on from there. The cheaper mic options are obviously better than they were fifteen years ago before a market existed for, say, a ribbon at \$1k, but every time I use someone else's really, really nice mics instead of my merely nice mics I wish I made a lot more money.

TCB

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Wed, 23 May 2007 01:27:06 GMT  
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I use AKG 451s for all my SDC sources. They're pretty good. I used some KM 184s for OHs recently and liked them better for that purpose. I had some SM81s too, but to my ears they were not as good as the 451s on anything really.

Bill

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