

Headline: Pink Floyd's David Gilmour puts his guitars up for auction, raises \$21.5 million

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NEW YORK — An auction of David Gilmour's guitars has raised a lot of "Money" — to combat climate change.

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The items included guitars by Fender, Rickenbacker, Ovation, Gibson, C.F. Martin and Gretsch, including guitar cases, a banjo and amps.

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Gilmour tweeted: "We need a civilized world that goes on for all our grandchildren and beyond in which these guitars can be played and songs can be sung." NVG

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