

# Tascarella Custom Cues

SINCE 1976

*Balabushka Restorations a Specialty*

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To Whom It May Concern:

After making an in-depth inspection, the cue described below is determined to be an original George Balabushka cue. I believe this cue was built in the late 1950's, making it one of the earliest created by Mr. Balabushka.

## DESCRIPTION:

- Brass joint, with a 5/16x14 flat topped half inch tall Stainless Steel joint screw.
- Trim collars are unique, but identifiable as Balabushka. They are White fibre, with a very thin Black ring, approximately 1/16 of an inch wide, bordered on each side by White, and extremely thin Black rings.
- Butt of the cue is straight Maple, four point Rosewood full splice, without veneers.
- Wrap is no longer on the cue, although it appears to have been Irish linen.
- Butt sleeve is Rosewood.
- Butt cap is approximately 1.5 inch long Milk White Delrin, with original bumper secured with an Allen screw. Bumper is deteriorated from age.
- Shafts are not original, differing in length, and extremely water damaged.
- Finish is also not original, and the cue has some minor cracks, scratches, and water discoloration, which are of no consequence.
- Cue is sound, and amazingly straight, given its age and condition.



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