

Tahoe scrap wood transformed into ukuleles



Friends are turning old wood into much sought after musical instruments. Photo/TyDe Music

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When Devin Price and Tyler Joersz craft a ukulele, they don't see it as just making an instrument.

They see it as breathing life back into nature.

On a warm spring morning in their company studio, they admire one of the ukuleles in the works. The front of it is made from wood collected from a weathered Lake Tahoe pier. The back, from a friend's cabin. The instrument bears signs of its past life, a pinch of lichen embedded in the wood, a faint bird poop stain and a rusty nail hole.

Price, 34, and Joersz, 31, are the co-founders of TyDe Music,

a custom ukulele company that creates ukuleles inspired by the natural surroundings of their home base in Kings Beach.

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