



# HOME SWINGER



A Four Hour DIY Instrument Building Workshop by Yuri Landman  
Hypercustom in collaboration with Julie Tippex Booking (Berlin, Paris & London)





## The Moodswinger

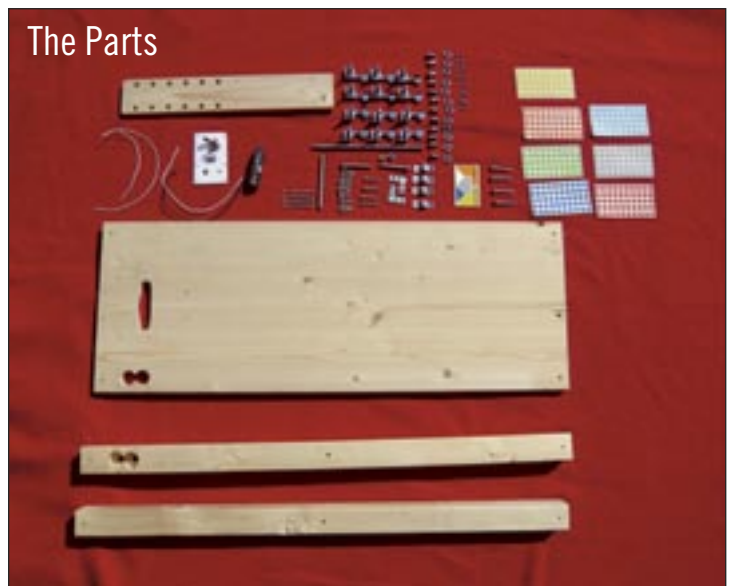
*The Moodswinger is a new electric 12-string instrument invented by Yuri Landman. Developed over six years of prototyping and fully realised in 2006 for the band Liars, Yuri has custom built derivatives for such musical luminaries as Sonic Youth, David Holmes, Half Japanese, Enon, Lou Barlow, dEUS, The Dodos, Blood Red Shoes, HEALTH, Liam Finn, The Veils and Micachu And The Shapes.*

*The Moodswinger features a uniquely designed string field that includes an extra movable rod (called a '3rd bridge'), which divides the strings into two sections. This string preparation creates mutually occurring resonance in both sections of strings, resulting in a sound more akin to a group of clocks and bells than the common sound of a vibrating stringed instrument. The unique timbre of the Moodswinger has often been likened to Eastern instruments or Gamelan music.*

## The Home Swinger DIY Workshop

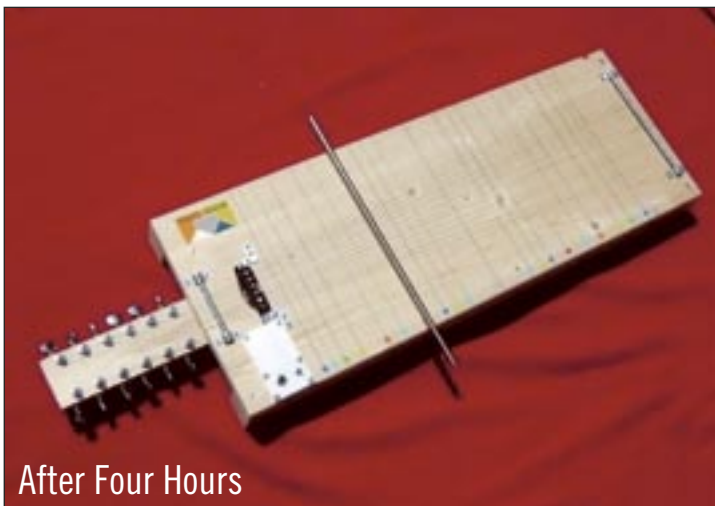
The Home Swinger is a simplified version of the Moodswinger designed to be easy to assemble and play. It does not feature the slick finished design of the Moodswinger but is exactly the same sounding instrument. Yuri Landman presents a 4 hour long Do-It-Yourself workshop whereby participants will leave with a finished Home Swinger instrument as well as a strong understanding of its structure and workings. The difficult soldering part will be taken care of by Yuri. Participants require no special skills and the difficulty of the process has been compared to building a piece of IKEA furniture!

## The Parts



In advance of the workshop Yuri will prepare the component parts of the instrument for the participant to use in construction. These include: 4 pieces of ready shaped wood in the required sizes and predrilled with holes, easy to employ machine heads for the strings, one pickup (good quality, equal to Fender), an on/off switch, a jack output, a few screws, bolts and nuts and some metal for the bridges, as well as four sets of strings (4x3 plain or 4x3 wound strings, depending on the sound desired by the participant).

The participants pay for their own materials - approximately 120 euro. Each workshop is limited to 16 persons.



After Four Hours



Oscillations Festival, Belfast,  
September 2009

PIC RYAN DARRIEGH

## Optional Extra Day - Ensemble Performance

An additional second day can be planned in which the group of builders create an ensemble performance. The participants play an easy to learn musical theme, starting in a minimal structure one by one, with each introduction creating more sonic complexity and volume, resulting in a “wall of sound” crescendo comparable with the drone works of Sonic Youth or the symphonic guitar compositions of Rhys Chatham and Glenn Branca.



Guitare au Palais Festival, Perpignan, August 2009

PIC BIBI VAN OMMEREN



Output Festival, Amsterdam, December 2007

## Exhibition of Other Instruments

In addition to the workshop Landman provides a thirty minute presentation of his range of custom instruments. These include the **Springtime** stereo-guitar, the **Bachelor QS**, the **Moonlander** and notably the **Landmine** - a 25 meter one string instrument generating a variety of sounds reminiscent of Star Wars laser guns, sonar beeps, lightning flashes, jet planes flying and earthquakes. Often these instruments are included in the ensemble performance.



### MORE ABOUT YURI LANDMAN

After a career as a comic book artist as well as a musician, Yuri Landman began designing experimental musical instruments around 2000. In 2006 he built his famous Moodswinger overtone zither for Liars (Mute Records) with commissions from numerous other musicians to follow. In 2009 independent movie maker Vincent Moon shot a documentary to be released in 2010 about the artist and his instruments.

To see Yuri's instruments and read more about them look at [www.hypercustom.com](http://www.hypercustom.com)



Festival Mon Inouïe Symphonie, Dunkerque, September 2009



Mon Inouïe Symphonie

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PIC GARY ANDREAS TSICONAS

Jessie Stein of the Luyas,  
Pop Montreal 2008

### Home Swinger / Moodswinger Artists

Liars (USA) - The Luyas (CA) - Micachu & The Shapes (UK) - David Holmes (UK) - The Moi Non Plus (NL) - Thread Pulls (IR)

### Past Workshops & Presentations (2009)

Oscillations Festival 10 sept 09 (Belfast UK) - Mon Inoué Symphonie 18-21 sept 09 (Dunkerque FR) - Université de Nantes in collaboration with Asso Yamoy 24 sept 09 ('Festival Soy') (Nantes FR) - Le Guess Who? Festival 26-30 nov 09 (Utrecht NL)

### Past Festival Presentations (2007 - 2009)

Output Festival 07 (Amsterdam NL) - Primavera Sound 08 (Barcelona ES) - Pauze Festival 08 (Gent BE & Utrecht NL) - Vliegende Hollanders Summit 08 (Amsterdam NL), ZXZW 08 (Tilburg NL) - Academy of Pop Culture 08 (Leeuwarden NL) - Crossing Border 08 (The Hague NL) - State-X New Forms 08 (The Hague NL) - NASK Convention 09 (Zoo Arnhem, NL) - Guitare au Palais Festival 09 (Perpignan, FR), and others.



PIC MAARTEN SCHUITH

The Moi Non Plus,  
CMJ, New York, 2009



PIC BARRY HENNESSY

Thread Pulls,  
DEAF Festival, Dublin, 2009



PIC SANDY CARSON

Jad Fair with the Bachelor QS  
at his home in Austin, 2008



PIC RALPH OOSTERHOORN

Yuri & Lee Ranaldowith the Moodswinger,  
State-X New Forms Festival, The Hague, 2006

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