

THE RED ROCK HOT CLUB

Education

The music that the Red Rock Hot Club plays has a unique and colorful history, which they always share with the live show audience. The stories of Django's horrible caravan fire (that cost him the use of two fingers on his left hand) and his often hilarious and odd day to day behavior, aid in bringing people into the music. Then, on the more technical side of things, it's even more interesting...

The Guitars:

The Guitars the group plays are replicas of the guitar that Django played throughout his career. They were designed by a luthier Mario Maccaferri, and manufactured by the Selmer Company in France. The guitar's design and sound is completely different than the common guitars of today. Rich D'aigle is an accomplished luthier and has built Selmer/Maccaferri style guitars you hear and see him play.

The Strings:

The Strings are also copied from the period, the core of the string is steel, the core is wrapped in a copper wire and that wire has been plated with silver.

The Picks:

Even the guitar picks that The Red Rock Hot Club use are specialized to try to imitate the tortoise shell pick that Django used and are often times 2-4mm thick. The picks are now made of synthetic materials to save the tortoise, and are hand carved, by only a couple pick makers.

The Music:

Django's music is a complex blend of hard swinging rhythm called "La Pompe" (the pump...which removes the need for a drummer), Jazz improvisation, which includes a lot of arpeggiated chord substitutions, and phrasing that is executed with an unusual right hand picking technique.

The Red Rock Hot Club is made up of college level educators, Rich was an adjunct faculty member at **Westminster College**, and Pat is currently an adjunct faculty member at the **University of Utah**, each the members have been teaching privately for over 20 years, and carry a roster of at least 30 students. This makes this group uniquely qualified for **carefully planned and informative Musician Clinics, Workshops and Master Classes**.