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FENDER ACOUSTIC CUSTOM SHOP A WHOLE NEW LEVEL OF ACOUSTICS FROM FENDER

Fender unveiled an entirely new division at this year's NAMM show: the **Fender Acoustic Custom Shop**. Run by master luthiers Tim Shaw and Ren Ferguson, the Connecticut-based workshop is devoted to combining historical guitar-making tradition, modern artistry along with the finest materials and techniques to create a stunning selection of instruments. Models featuring the earmarks of artists including Sara Ray, Joe Wood and Melanie Steinway are creating massive buzz in the guitar-playing world.

—Phil Selman



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