

COLD DAYS HOT SOUNDS

The latest gotta-have-it gear and instruments to help you make 2012 your best musical year ever

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ELECTRO-HARMONIX RAVISH SITAR

Looking to add a touch of the exotic to your songs? You can't go wrong dropping in a touch of sitar—but any Indian master from



Ravi Shankar on down will tell you the instrument is even more difficult to learn than it is to haul around. With the Electro-Harmonix Ravish Sitar you can turn any electric guitar into an authentic-sounding sitar, complete with tunable sympathetic drone strings and all the other aspects of a real sitar.

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