

Martin Taylor plays the latest cedar topped Maya guitar, his W.G.Barker, and a 1935 Gibson L5

Guitar Notes

The Vanden Maya guitar has a cedar front, back and sides from quilted maple, and a mahogany neck. Parallel braces. Built 2013. Strings are 14-56 bronze wound custom set from Newtowne Strings. For more information on the guitar go to the [Work in Progress page](#).

Barker Guitar. Built by W.G.Barker, Toledo, Ohio in 1964. Spruce front, maple back, sides, and neck. Single diagonal brace. Strings Elixir Nanoweb 12-52 Nickel. Owned by Hollywood studio guitarist Johnny Gray, who used the guitar on many movie and TV sessions including the Batman TV series. Ike Isaacs bought the guitar in the mid 1970's, and it featured on much of his work with Stephane Grappelli. Ike gave the guitar to Martin as a 21st birthday present. Martin used the guitar throughout eleven years of touring and recording with Grappelli. Bill Puplett recently undertook some repair and restoration work on the instrument.

Gibson L5. Built in 1935. Spruce front, maple back, sides, and neck. X brace. Strings Elixir Nanoweb 12-52 Nickel. A new neck was fitted by Gibson in the 1950's. Owned by Ernie Roscouet.