

The Swing Guitar of Django Reinhardt

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Django Reinhardt, born on 23/01/1910 Liberchies, Belgium, died 16/05/1953 Fontainebleau, France, guitarist who is considered one of the few European jazz musicians of true originality.



Following his accident in 1928 he developed a completely new left hand technique: a new hybrid style of **Gypsy jazz**, Romane music and bebop.

Django Reinhardt who was a Roma (Gypsy) parentage travelled as a young man learning to play the violin, guitar and banjo. The loss of the use of two fingers of his left hand after a caravan fire in 1928 did not impair his remarkable aptitude for the guitar.



With violinist **Stéphane Grappelli** Reinhardt formed "The Paris-based Quintette du Hot Club de France" in 1934.



Mediaspecimen.

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