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Shirts • That Rock

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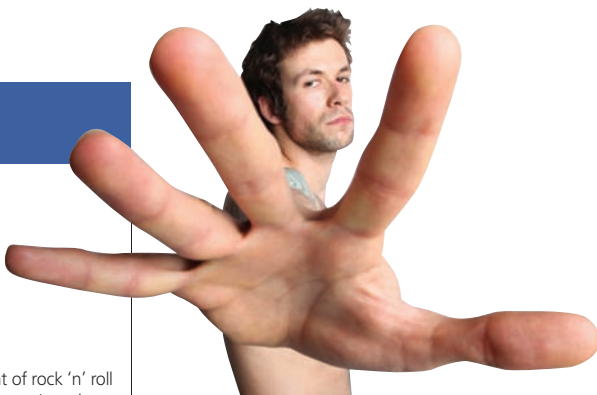
• The electric guitar, coveted instrument of rock 'n' roll idols like **Slash** and **Jimi Hendrix**, just got easier to keep in-tow. Interestingly enough, the rock-saving solution, also known as the **Electronic Rock Guitar Shirt**, comes from **Think Geek**.

The terribly cool T-shirt functions the same as an actual electronic guitar, complete with a small clip-on amplifier that snaps to a belt. Buttons across the Tee serve as each major chord, producing noise when strummed with a magnetic pick. The guitar is also removable, so all that built up rock sweat can be washed away with a quick spin in the machine. Impossible? Check out their website for proof, as three dudes jam out to "I Love Rock 'n' Roll" by the **Arrows**. One guy plays all the chords on the Electronic Rock Guitar Shirt, while another throws down the beat with the company's **Electronic Drum Kit Shirt**. It's so easy, even you can become a rock god—at least in the comfort of your own home. ■

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Rhythmic Soul • Beatboxer

## Rizumik

• **Rizumik**, taken from the Japanese word *rizumikku-souru* (rhythmic soul), is the stage name that epitomizes Portuguese beatboxer **Tiago Grade**—who caught the ear of **Miniguide** by answering the magazine's Call for Artists in the October/November '09 issue. Here for five months, he's found Barcelona an open place, receptive to his kind of music.

Beats roll off his tongue in a language most understand but few speak. Inspired by afrobeat, ethnic and world music, and multi-format artists such as **Stomp**, **Cirque du Soleil** and **Mayumana**, Rizumik challenges urban beatboxing, showing "multi-vocality for all its versatility". He creates complex rhythms and sounds with nothing but a pair of well-trained vocal chords, gifted sense of pace, a mic, and PA. From tables and chairs, to his own body and voice, he discovered at a young age that anything could produce a beat. His passion for percussion has evolved over the years, saying that "percussion is a natural part of my life, it's the basis of rhythm and rhythm is a part of me, I feel it within me". Of course, he endeavors whenever he can to make beatboxing part of larger musical projects and not just about producing rhythms. ■

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