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Cooler CD case ever has theremin built in

By Cory Casciato in [Upbeats and Beatdowns](#)

Thu., Aug. 20 2009 @ 11:44AM

These days, it takes a special CD case to merit much more than a glance from me. Truth is, I usually rip the disc, glance at the packaging and then throw it in a closet, never to be seen again (okay, never to be seen until my fiancee makes me clean it out every few weeks). But occasionally, I come across a cool package that's worth holding onto -- some of the old Radiohead deluxe book packages, those sweet little tins that Fabric mix CDs come in -- and it adds a little extra incentive to purchase the disc whenever I do. And here, we have pretty much the ultimate "something extra" in CD packaging: a working theremin built into a CD case. Plug in headphones, wave your hand around and voila: magic theremin action!



The artists here is San Francisco-based [Moldover](#), who appears to be an experimental electronic artist. While I hadn't heard the name before, you can rest assured it's firmly anchored in my consciousness now. The disc runs \$50, but hey: *working theremin included!* Hit the jump for a statement from the artist and some footage of the CD case in action.

[Via [Synthgear](#)]

Moldover's new CD, over 3 years in the making, not only delivers gorgeously diverse music with meaning and musical mastery, it completely redefines what it means to "play an album"... Moldover's CD packaging itself IS a new musical instrument! The CD is mounted on a custom designed circuit board, intricately patterned and powering a "light-Theremin". Yes! You play the artwork and it makes sound! Only the musical supervillain genius of Moldover could develop something so stunningly innovative.

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[Ryan](#) says:

Holy shit this guy's fucking awesome!

Posted On: [Thursday, Aug. 20 2009 @ 3:12PM](#)

[Lori](#) says:

Cory? Seriously? That is seriously bad ass. I might seriously have to send in my hard earned cash because that is one of the coolest things I have seen in quite a long time. The geekstress in me is drooling right now. Custom circuitry? Me likey. Built in musical instrument? I might be able to harness some form of talent that I know I don't have. Thank you for sharing this!

Posted On: [Thursday, Aug. 20 2009 @ 3:51PM](#)

[mike k.](#) says:

moldover is my new hero. that is genius.

Posted On: [Friday, Aug. 21 2009 @ 10:41AM](#)

[mike T](#) says:

One word - Amazing!

Posted On: [Saturday, Aug. 29 2009 @ 2:06PM](#)

[electric fields forever](#) says:

This is NOT a Theremin by any definition -- it senses LIGHT rather than capacitance.

Posted On: [Saturday, Aug. 29 2009 @ 2:14PM](#)

[electric fields forever sucks](#) says:

"This is NOT a Theremin by any definition -- it senses LIGHT rather than capacitance."

Unfortunately, you're a douche by EVERY definition.

Posted On: [Saturday, Aug. 29 2009 @ 2:45PM](#)

[Anonymous](#) says:

Wow this is coolest shit ever gotta have one.

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PERSONAL OF THE DAY



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Celebrity I resemble most: "Most say Daphne Rubin-Vega. She played Mimi in the original Broadway cast of RENT."

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Your Mom says:

"Unfortunately, you're a douche by EVERY definition."

I'll have to stop this car if you two don't get along!

The actual music-making circuitry is simplified and light-activated...but it does many of the same things.

I like the device, but am somewhat lukewarm about the music.

Posted On: [Saturday, Aug. 29 2009 @ 3:19PM](#)

Anonymous says:

You know, in the article they called it a "light-Theramin" as in an instrument that works like a Theramin but senses light instead of capacitance. Nice job reading the article, electric fields forever...

Posted On: [Saturday, Aug. 29 2009 @ 3:43PM](#)

douche says:

Electric Fields Forever is a retard.. Douchebag.

Posted On: [Saturday, Aug. 29 2009 @ 3:58PM](#)

Stagger Lee says:

It sounds like ass noise. Seriously.

Posted On: [Saturday, Aug. 29 2009 @ 4:56PM](#)

you know what says:

cookie dough ice cream is the best! :D

Posted On: [Saturday, Aug. 29 2009 @ 7:14PM](#)

uuuum says:

Go FK urself!!!!

Posted On: [Saturday, Aug. 29 2009 @ 9:00PM](#)

Kevin Quoss says:

dayum!!!!!! thats ridiculus...

Posted On: [Saturday, Aug. 29 2009 @ 9:13PM](#)

SukME says:

You all can suck my cock. Cookies and Creame ice cream rules bitches!!!!!!!!!!!!

Posted On: [Saturday, Aug. 29 2009 @ 10:00PM](#)

The Iron Giant says:

Wow. I'm buying one copy for me, and the theremin edition for my old music professor who I know will DIG this.

Posted On: [Saturday, Aug. 29 2009 @ 10:05PM](#)

Lets See says:

Ooo! A digital farty balloon with a headphone jack! ~\$0.05

Posted On: [Sunday, Aug. 30 2009 @ 12:28AM](#)

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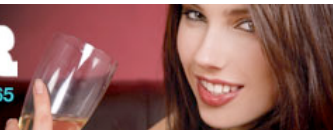
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DJ says:

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from me."

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That's the most arrogant thing I've heard all week. Gee, you must be very special.

Posted On: [Sunday, Aug. 30 2009 @ 2:01AM](#)

RodrigoAMiGO says:

\$50 bucks? It is an awesome idea but seriously \$50 bucks. If the music is as good as the enclosure then maybe. But who as ever really heard of this guy? I will pirate a copy of the cd, before buying this contraption.

Posted On: [Sunday, Aug. 30 2009 @ 5:57AM](#)

fratermus says:

Genius idea. I hope the CD does well.

Posted On: [Sunday, Aug. 30 2009 @ 8:27AM](#)

Bubba Jones says:

Ass noise? That is not nice...

I do remember being smashed and sampling a fart on my Akai 612...
crunchy low fi. And we did Christmas music.

No lie

Posted On: [Sunday, Aug. 30 2009 @ 8:21PM](#)

iv81 says:

source of light + light resistor + speaker + battery = X, Solve for X

Posted On: [Sunday, Aug. 30 2009 @ 10:21PM](#)

Anonymous says:

the circuit board cd case is pretty cool. unfortunately techheads make notoriously BAD music. -as proven by the same soulless techno slop that the cd case sadly seems to contain.

Posted On: [Monday, Aug. 31 2009 @ 3:03PM](#)

Marcus says:

Cool post as for me. I'd like to read something more about that matter.

Posted On: [Sunday, Oct. 25 2009 @ 6:24AM](#)

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