



Yngwie Malmsteen and Fender Custom Shop Announce Exclusive Collaboration

Yngwie Malmsteen—the very name alone strikes awe-struck wonder into the hearts of guitarists worldwide. Yngwie Malmsteen—the Swedish Stratocaster® *wunderkind*; the fiery and flamboyant showman extraordinaire; the charmingly outspoken *enfant terrible* of metal; the Paganini of the electric guitar. His classically inspired fleet-fingered technique and apocalyptic guitar sound continue to mesmerize listeners today just as they did when the world first felt his Fender-fueled fury in the early 1980s with Steeler, Alcatrazz and Malmsteen's landmark 1984 solo debut, *Rising Force*.

Then as now, Malmsteen often worked his magic on a blonde 1972 Fender Stratocaster guitar nicknamed "The Duck." He bought the guitar in Sweden in 1978 while still a teenager, himself performing the unusual and delicate modification of scalloping the fingerboard. The guitar has taken a beating over the years (and even a burning or two) as Malmsteen's main stage and studio guitar; played in countless concert appearances and used on each of his many solo albums.



"Duck" and cover: Malmsteen has the situation in hand at Fender *Frontline Live*.

Now, the Fender Custom Shop is working with Yngwie Malmsteen on a very special project that will be officially unveiled later this year; [click here to sign up for updates, alerts and behind-the-scenes access ...](#)

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