

# REEPERBAHN FESTIVAL 2014: AUSTRIAN HEARTBEATS

**ARTIST: MANU DELAGO HANDMADE**

**ALBUM: BIGGER THAN HOME**

Manu Delago is not only known for being the drummer and Hang player of the Icelandic singer Björk. The “masterful and sensitive musician“ (The Telegraph) has also performed and recorded as a soloist with the London Symphony Orchestra and collaborated with various artists such as Anoushka Shankar, Shpongle, Bugge Wesseltoft or The Cinematic Orchestra.

His solo career began in 2007 when he uploaded a video onto Youtube in which he plays the Hang, a UFO-like hand-played sound sculpture. Now that video is the most popular Hang video on the internet and has been viewed more than 4 million times. Soon after, the “virtuoso on the Hang“ (The Times) formed his own band which has since played concerts on five continents. For the album the band 'Manu Delago Handmade' has teamed up with producer Matt Robertson (Björk, The Prodigy). The new material explores a vast array of sounds, ranging from sweet and delicate vocal lines with colourful Hang accompaniment, all the way through to chunky, electronic beats. The sound of the band is mature and well balanced, they have a real understanding of orchestration, moulding and continually changing the texture to create a different sound world with each piece.

The live show of Manu Delago Handmade is delicate and sophisticated, moving with ease between heavily rhythmic and free-flowing spherical sections. Each of the four performers takes on several instruments, displaying the great musical diversity of every member of the ensemble.

## QUOTES:

*Amazing percussionist and Hang player. Björk*

## LINKS:

[www.manudelago.com](http://www.manudelago.com)

[www.twitter.com/manudelagomusic](https://www.twitter.com/manudelagomusic)

[www.facebook.com/pages/Manu-Delago/52947024355](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Manu-Delago/52947024355)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=hjZ57y620ro](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hjZ57y620ro) (EPK)

## INTERNATIONAL TOUR DATES (HIGHLIGHTS):

Eurosonic Festival 2014, Groningen (NL)

Haldern Pop Festival, Haldern (DE)

Royal Festival Hall, London (UK)

Pukkelpop Festival, Hasselt (BE)

Oya Festivalen, Oslo (NO)

Roskilde Festival, Roskilde (DK)

Bestival, Isle of Wight (UK)

London Jazz Festival, Barbican, London (UK)

## INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS:

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