



Hansard bought his Takamine brand new, though by the looks of it today, you'd never guess it. The guitar boasts an extremely soft cedar top that eventually wore completely through after years of hard playing. "I do take a second acoustic guitar on the road with me, but I never, ever use it," Hansard admits. The Takamine is with him for all the Frames and Swell Season gigs, and it was featured prominently in the movie *Once*.