



I became aware that **Amistar Resophonic Instruments** in the Czech Republic have re-started the tradition of building resonator instruments in the style of the U.S. **Dopyera Brothers**, also of Czech heritage, who established **National Guitars** and **Dobro Guitars** in the U.S. in the 1920s and 30s.

The owner of Amistar is **Franta Javurek** and he is actually a tenor guitar enthusiast himself and, accordingly, he has included several metal-bodied and wood-bodied tenor guitars in Amistar's production line-up. Amistar build a wonderful cutaway acoustic/electric single cone resonator guitar called **The Stager**, as both a six-string model and a tenor guitar model. The very first of these **Stager** tenor models became Franta's own personal instrument and, when I ordered one from Amistar, the second one was effectively a custom instrument built for me.

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The origin from:

<http://www.vintagetenorguitars.com/index.html>