

With Texas roots, Nashville credentials, New York sensibilities, and maverick spirit, Grammy Award winning singer/songwriter Steve Earle leaves any pre-conceived notions regarding his music in the dust. That includes the guitars he plays, and helps explain how the new Martin M-21 Steve Earle Custom Edition came to be.

In 2007 Earle moved to New York City and soon found his way to Matt Umanov Guitars. Matt Umanov, who has been matching players with instruments since 1965, guided his new customer in the purchase of a few Martin guitars and along the way introduced him to the M body style, which combines jumbo (0000) size with 000 depth. The Martin M quickly became Earle's favorite acoustic, so much so that he now tours with a pair of them.

His enthusiasm for the Martin M jump-started development of a Martin Steve Earle signature guitar. Earle turned to Umanov for help with the details and together they created the Martin M-21 Steve Earle Custom Edition, a "poor man's" M that showcases this body style's big, balanced sound and playing comfort in an elegant, affordable package.

