## Songwriters on Tour

Two troubadours from the northern city of Groningen (the Netherlands) are teaming up for a tour through Germany. A unique combination of singer-songwriters featuring a mix of unbridled folk punk and intricate indie songs. Both have a talent to capture the audience in their own way, with just one guitar and their songs.

## Town of Saints (Solo)

As front man of the energetic indie folk band Town of Saints, Harmen Ridderbos likes to completely undress the band's songs, turn them upside down and play them all on his own, without losing any of



the uncurbed energy the full band displays.

The style of the band is often called a mix between Arcade Fire, Fleet Foxes and everything in between, but as a solo artist, Harmen could be compared to songwriters such as Chuck Ragan or Frank Turner. A little folk punk didn't hurt anyone, right?

## I Took Your Name

The original plan was to make an ambient guitar record about rail yards. All that Audiotransparent and Kendler guitar player Chris van der Ploeg came up with was songs. He christened his project I Took Your Name, the name borrowed from an R.E.M. song.



The very first I Took Your Name release is called Bayonet EP. Released in December 2012. It features 4 intimate songs on which Chris performs most of the instruments himself, accompanied by Audiotransparent bandmate Andreas on violin and producer Corno on synths. More EP's and probably an album are in the making, and Chris will perform more than a handful of new material on the road.