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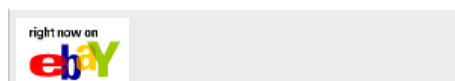
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The singer takes inspiration from The Clash

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[Billy Bragg](#) has launched a new campaign which seeks to provide prisons with musical instruments.

The singer launched his **Jail Guitar Doors** initiative, taken from the 1978 [Clash](#) b-side, at the **Shockwaves NME Awards 2007** last night (March 1).

He said: "Aware that this year sees the fifth anniversary of the passing of **Joe Strummer**, I was hoping to be involved in more than just another tribute gig. Hearing the [Clash](#) as a 19-year-old had changed my life, so I guess I was looking for a project that underscored the transformative power of music.

"I'm asking musicians, particularly those of you who were inspired by the [Clash](#), to raise the money to provide a prison with enough equipment to help inmates find that same sense of release."

If you'd like to participate, you can contact [Billy Bragg](#) on billy@jailguitardoors.org.uk.

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