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Looping- a modern one-man band

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ABSTRACT. One-man band is a term, that was long forgotten for most of the XX century. By that time we saw a one-man band as a person with cymbals attached to his feet, a bass drum on his back, a guitar in his hands and a harmonica right beside his mouth. However, that all changed in the 2000's, when "live-looping" was introduced to the public. Hardware devices called "loopers" or "loopstations" became a new way for a musician to express himself, by recording vocals, percussion, bass in real time. This new way of performing and, in a way, showing the audience a process of recording and composing in real time, encapsulates what the early one-man bands tried to do. More than that- live looping brings the term "one-man band" to a fresh and modern outlook. In recent years this new form of making music broke into the mainstream music field, thanks to successful artists using "loopstations" in their performances, such as Ed Sheeran, Dub Fx, Beardyman and more.

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