

## THE DECEMBERISTS' CHRIS FUNK OUTFITS HIS NEW STUDIO WITH A TOFT SERIES ATB32

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January 16, 2012 - January 10, 2012 - Multi-instrumentalist and long time guitar player for the Decemberists Chris Funk is a man of many talents. Moving from one project onto the next, Chris set his sites on creating a recording studio for his personal ventures. After he found a good location for a studio, he remodeled the interior while he searched for the perfect gear to use. Among some other vital equipment, Funk chose a 32 channel Toft Series ATB as his console and placed it in a custom desk. The studio is already bustling; dubbed affectionately the Space Barn, the studio will be a collaborative space shared with Search Party Music West.

Funk has expanded his repertoire to producing, scoring and recording music. He found the space conducive to track personal creations, work on new acts and established artists, and produce commercial work. Funk revisited Sallie Ford & the Sounds' Sleigh Ride song for Target commercials appearing just before the holidays. Recent visitors who tracked here are Black Prairie, who happened to have James Mercer of the Shins doing some vocals in the mix.

"The studio fully operational and busy, the Toft ATB really compliments my method of recording, and dovetails nicely with the rest of my system. The EQs sound rad! Often we will use our old MCI JH16 for classic warmth, but even going on the fly out from the ATB to our

Lynx to our Protocols system - the result just sounds splendid", says Funk.

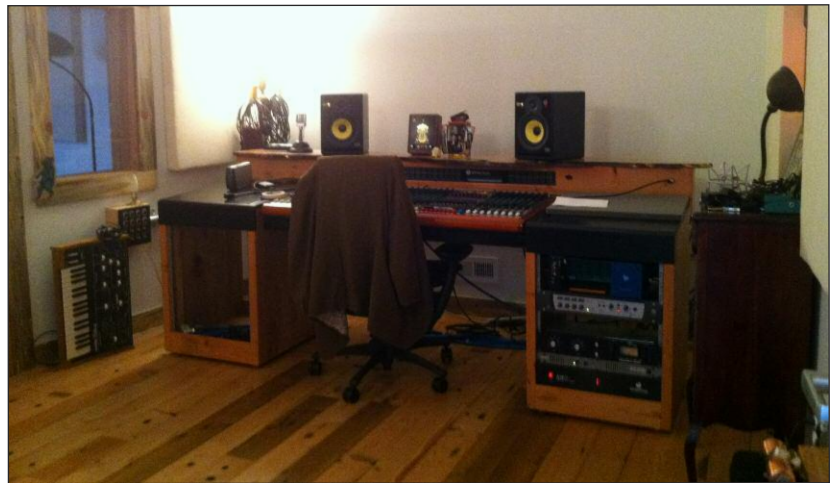
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*Chris Funk on stage with the Decemberists*



*The ATB32 in its new home in the Space Barn*



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*Toft Audio Designs Series ATB32, shown with meter bridge*