



Music in Code

Banjo Orchestrion

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And now for something a little different.

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To show that the world of mechanical instruments is alive and well this amazing instrument operated by a paper roll was built by Ramey & Co. just a few years ago. The precision of the paper roll is achieved by a computerised cutter working to Midi instructions. There's not much expression to worry about playing here and this sort of instrument does seem to be better suited to mechanicalising than the violin.

CAPTION:

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(based on early 1900's prototype)
Ramey & Co.
Chicago USA c.1990