Dublin man's Christmas display en-"light"-ening crowds

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From YouTube to the front of his house, software engineer David Kinder says a viral video showing Christmas lights moving to music gave him a light bulb moment.

"A friend sent it to me at work and said hey, you should try this," said Kinder. "So I decided when I bought my house, it was now or never, and that I'd try it once. And it's been ever since."

Each night during the holiday season, his home in Dublin comes to life, dazzling onlookers with a one-of-a-kind light and music spectacular. The eight song performance lasts for about 20 minutes, then repeats for four hours. Stranding something like it together, though, takes a bit longer.

"Every element of every second has to be programmed on or off or fading or whatever," said Kinder. "So it's very time-consuming to be honest. But it's kind of fun."

He started working on the show in mid-August, spending 30 to 40 hours on each song and mapping out every move the specialized lights make on his computer.

"Every show is unique," said Kinder. "Wizards in Winter has a lot of heavy, hardcore guitars and so it's got a lot of red and flashing and stuff like that, whereas Feliz Navidad is kind of comical, so there's some greens and blues and fades and chases."

He then mounted all the lights on PVC pipes and put them on the front of his house the week of Thanksgiving. They'll stay up through New Year's Eve.

So he doesn't have loud music blaring through speakers in his front yard for four hours every night, he's created a way to transmit the show's soundtrack via radio -- allowing onlookers to tune in from their cars.

"It's nice to see that people come out and support it and enjoy it," said Kinder. "That's the best part."

The light show runs every night from 6:00pm - 10:00pm. Kinder's home is located on Pine Grove Drive in Dublin.

For more information or to watch videos of the show, visit http://www.daklights.com.