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Second Time Around

Invented by Ben Franklin but lost to history, the glass armonica has been resurrected by modern musicians

By Catherine Clarke Fox

The February 2007 online issue of Smithsonian Magazine contains an article about the Glass Armonica. Titled – “Second Time Around” it speaks of William and features a video and photographs of William playing.

Visit: www.smithsonianmagazine.com/issues/2007/february/armonica.php



On March 7, 2007 the PBS Atlanta Documentary,

Transformed by Flame: The Glass Art of Frabel

Glass sculptures by Atlanta artist Hans Godo Frabel are examined. Also: the history, science and techniques of glassmaking.

Premiered! It features William playing, as well as William’s original music as part of the film’s score!



Modern Marvels: *Ben Franklin Tech*

Airing periodically on the History Channel

***Featuring William Zeitler playing his music composed for Franklin's Glass Armonica**

This one-hour documentary takes an in-depth look at some of Benjamin Franklin's most significant inventions and scientific breakthroughs. Some inventions changed the course of science and technology-- like the lightning rod. Others are eminently useful and deceptively simple: like bifocals, or the first successful lending library. Then there's the invention that gave Franklin the most pleasure: the glass armonica, the sublime musical instrument that captivated Europe in the late 18th and early 19th Centuries. On *Modern Marvels: Ben Franklin Tech* we'll look at Franklin's long-standing obsession with heating homes, which produced the ahead-of-its-time Pennsylvania Fireplace. We'll also look at his fascination with water, which led to the first chart of the Gulf Stream and a host of ingenious nautical devices. Each of Franklin's inventions sheds light on a different facet of the man: scientist and statesman, meteorologist and musician, philosopher and printer.
