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Presents the Glass Armonica

Glass Armonica - Quick Facts

The musical instrument invented by Benjamin Franklin while he was in London, in 1761.

Works on the 'wet finger around the wineglass' idea.

Franklin named the instrument after the Italian word for harmony – "armonica"

Mozart & Beethoven composed for this instrument..

Marie Antoinette learned to play it.

Franz Mesmer used his to "mesmerize" his patients.

It was believed to have healing qualities - and Franklin was said to have cured the Princess of Czechoslovakia's melancholia by playing for her.

Musical fashions changed around 1820 or so, and the Armonica has all but disappeared.
There are only a handful of players worldwide.

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