



Composer Performer Historian
WILLIAM ZEITLER
Presents the Glass Armonica

Description of the
EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION
for Children and Adults

William's presentation starts with the musical glasses. These are water tuned wine glasses arranged on a table. The water in the glasses is colored like a rainbow. William plays several tunes on the musical glasses while describing some of the history of glass music. Depending on size, the audience may be able to try out the musical glasses after the concert.

William then reveals the Glass Armonica and continues to speak of what led Benjamin Franklin to invent the instrument. William plays the Mozart Adagio composed for the instrument as well as the Beethoven piece for narrator and Armonica, which is a delight.

William's performance teaches about the history of glass music, Ben Franklin and his invention, and the composers who wrote for this instrument. The presentation includes question and answer, and name that tune. He even has an arraignment of the Star Wars and Sponge Bob themes. The concert contains Stars and Stripes Forever, and culminates with William's own compositions, which are as magical as the instrument. The presentation takes about an hour.

William also travels with a small museum-like presentation that includes volcanic glass, and rare books about glass music from the time of Franklin. There is a book about glass music printed in London while Franklin was there!