

The following program is currently airing on the  
History Channel (about once a month).

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<http://www.glassarmonica.com/william/index-video.php>



## **Modern Marvels: *Great Inventions***

We've invented a week just for you! Watch **Modern Marvels: *Great Inventions Week*** beginning May 24th at 10pm/9c to learn more about: the inventive side of Ben Franklin, George Washington Carver, the former slave whose revolutionary invention turned the little peanut into big business, and the totally awesome "Me" decade of the 1980s that gave us the advent of the PC, cellular phone and other major technological strides that have affected every part of the way we live, work and play.

**\*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.