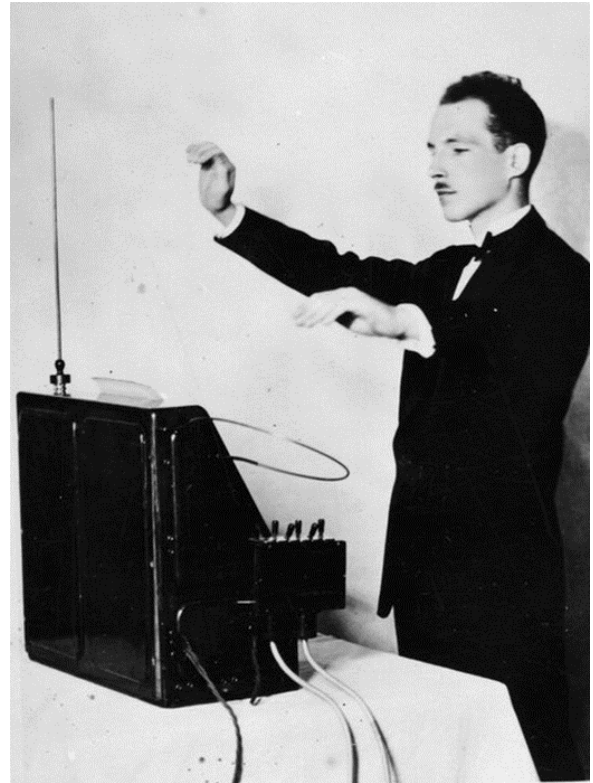
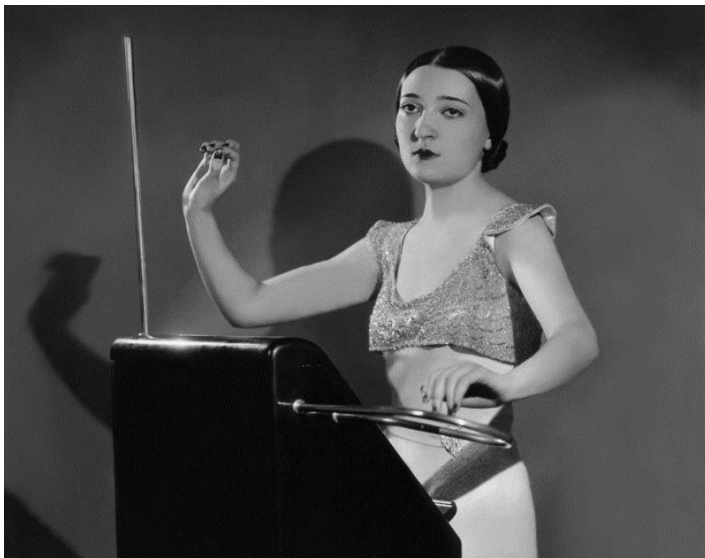


What is a Theremin?

In 1919, a young Russian scientist was working on using radio waves to create a device that could measure the density of different gasses in the air. This scientist was **Leon Theremin**, and he realized that his own movements were interfering with the radio waves, and created an audible tone that changed as he moved. He realized that he could actually play the sounds coming from his device, and after some adjustments, the **Theremin** as we know it was created.



Leon Theremin playing his instrument.



Clara Rockmore playing the Theremin

When Leon Theremin came to the United States in 1927, he met **Clara Rockmore**, a Russian musician who once played the violin. She began to work with Theremin and his instrument, and because of her abilities and technique development, is still regarded as the best Thereminist in the world.