

## MUSIC "OUT OF THE AIR" AT NUNDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Nunda Historical Society is pleased to welcome back world-renowned musician Dennis James to tell the true story of the first successful electronic music instrument and the odd life of its inventor, Soviet spy and electro-physicist Lev Termen (Leon Theremin). The story includes Lev's years in the Soviet Gulag and events that led him to invent the first electronic "bugs" secretly placed in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. Dennis will demonstrate Lev's famous pioneering electronic musical instrument, the Theremin, featuring early Soviet compositions all the way up to the Beach Boys' classic pop: GOOD VIBRATIONS!



Leon Theremin in his studio


Philadelphia born Dennis James is a musician and historic preservationist who, according to Carl Bennett of SilentEra.com, played "a pivotal role in the international revival of silent films presented with period-authentic live music."



Dennis James at the keyboard of the *Mighty Wurlitzer* at the Coleman Theater in Miami,

This program will be Sunday, August 10, at 2:30 PM at the Nunda Historical Society.

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Professor Theremin also explains the principles of his invention



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Since 1964, Dennis has been presenting historically informed live accompaniments for [silent films](#), with piano, [theatre organ](#), [chamber ensemble](#) and full [symphony orchestras](#), throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and overseas.



Dennis James plays the glass armonica.

Dennis has an impressive collection of Early Music instruments and is a noted multi-instrumentalist, specializing on [musical glasses](#) and the [glass armonica](#), prominently performing in New York at the Caramoor Festival and Lincoln Center's Mostly Mozart Festival (2011) plus debuting at Tanglewood with the Boston Symphony Orchestra in the summer of 2013. He also presented a glass music program at the Metropolitan Museum of Art last December and "Glass-ical Musick" at the Smithsonian Institution in Spring 2014.

Last July Dennis presented "Glass-ical Musick" to a most enthusiastic Nunda audience who found the program both educational and most entertaining. Recently he has been active in the preservation and restoration of historic theremins, the subject of this year's program. Have you ever seen a musical instrument played without touching it? Now is your chance!

We are most fortunate to have Dennis in Nunda again and this fascinating program, like last year, is "not-to-be-missed."

The Nunda Historical Society, located at 24 Portage Street in Nunda, is handicapped accessible and the program is free and open to the public. However, donations are gratefully accepted.



Dennis James plays the Theremin in concert. "Out of the Air" to be presented in Nunda on August 10, 2014

*See related photos that follow below.*

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Theremin Concert

Thereminist  
Lucie Rosen



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Clara Rockmore, demonstrating the Theremin, with her antenna suspended by a wire from the ceiling. (Photo by Dennis James)