

ABOUT THAT ANTENNA THINGY

The theremin was invented in 1919 by Lev Sergeivitch Termen. Termen was in the midst of researching proximity sensors; his research was sponsored by the Russian government. When he demonstrated his invention to Vladimir Lenin, Lenin is said to have been so impressed that he began taking lessons upon it. Lenin sent Termen on a trip around the world to demonstrate this latest Soviet technology and the invention of electronic music. In the late 1920s, Termen emigrated to the US, but was later kidnapped by Soviet agents and forced to return to the USSR. He was put to work in a labor camp and designed the first 'bug' (covert listening device.)

The theremin can be heard in many old sci-fi productions for film and radio. Playing the theremin requires no physical contact with the 'instrument' to produce music. Pitch and volume are controlled by theremin players simply by moving their hands through the air. The theremin used in Walking Boxes' production of 'Donovan's Brain' is a simpler version of Terman's original, which had two antennae.

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The tiny door, like something out of 'Alice in Wonderland', used to be a door of normal proportions. It was rescued from a garbage dumpster and sawed down to its current height. The bubble effect is created simply by an old fish tank bubbler. The brain's jar held pickles in its younger days. The three pairs of shoes would normally be worn by those technicians creating the walking effects. The crash boxes are simply a collection of kitchen wares.

The cast has talked about doing a detective drama in the future. This inevitably will require using some kind of blank pistol. They should take caution; there is an amusing incident that happened on a show called: 'Gangbusters'. During one live broadcast, an actor playing a hoodlum gave this line: "This is the end; take this lead, you rat." Two shots were supposed to immediately follow, but the blank pistol jammed. As the sound effects man frantically tried to fix it, the actor, quick on his toes, improvised the line: "Nah, shooting is too good for you; I'm going to stab you with this knife." Just then the sound man got the pistol to fire.

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