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Electronic music pioneers

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For centuries music was made by strumming strings, blowing horns and banging drums - but at the turn of the 20th Century, the harnessing of electricity meant artists and inventors could create all-new tones and timbres.

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In this programme, Pink Floyd's Nick Mason tells the story of some of electronic music's pioneers - from the eerie sound of the Theremin, to German avant-garde experimentation and the automatic music-making machines of Raymond Scott.

While electronic music might be deemed to be a thoroughly modern genre, we remember its history goes back over a hundred years.

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(Photo: Leon Theremin plays his musical invention, The Theremin. Credit: Getty Images)

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