Thomas Alva Edison's Phonograph

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Includes historical insight on Edison’s Tinfoil Phonograph

Thomas Alva Edison demonstrated his tin-foil phonograph to National Academy of Science meeting and to President Rutherford B. Hayes.

Photo by Matthew Brady, April 1878.

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Edison's phonograph,
Experimental Dept., Orange, N.J.
1892 Sept. 24. -
Courtesy Library of Congress

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Advertising poster for Edison phonographs showing a man playing a phonograph on a stage before large audience seated in a grand concert hall.  
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