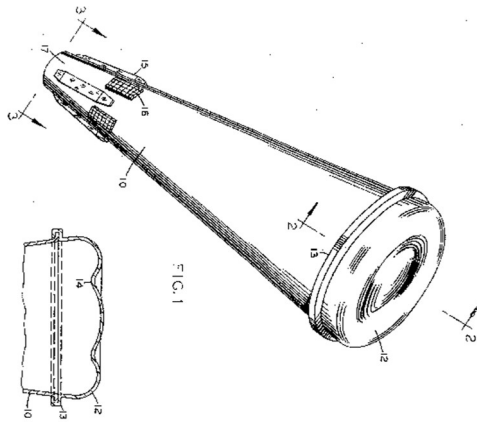


Beversdorf Mute

Wachtel Music Products

- 1924 Samuel Thomas Beversdorf (photo 1) is born on August 8th in Yoakum, Texas.
- 1942 Beversdorf studies composition at the U of Texas and receives his BM in 1945.
- 1945 Beversdorf studies at the Eastman School of Music and plays trombone with the Rochester Philharmonic.
- 1946 Beversdorf receives his MM then moves to the Houston Symphony while teaching at the U of Texas there.
- 1947 Performing at Tanglewood in the summer.
- 1948 Beversdorf starts with the Pittsburgh Symphony.
- 1951 Beversdorf starts as professor at the Indiana Univ. School of Music in Bloomington.
- 1957 Beversdorf receives his DMA from Eastman.
- 1973 Beversdorf files for a design patent in March for a trombone mute which is supposed to eliminate unresponsive notes. The mute pictured here says "Pat. Pend." so would date to this time. It was made by Robert Wachtel (1928-1981) at Wachtel Music Products at #1766 Halleck Place in Columbus (photo 2).



- 1974 Beversdorf files for a patent in February for the mute and is granted patent #3,842,706 in October.
- 1975 Beversdorf is granted design patent #344,938 in April.
- 1981 Beversdorf dies from asthma on February 15th in Bloomington.

Information here is from beversdorf.com and patents.

