

## Early Courtois Trumpets

This is a summary of the Courtois trumpets that I have found so far with an attempt to date them.

No serial # / Marais address / no medals listed / old style cork top valve caps but finger pads matching the later #885 with pearl inserts / mouthpiece socket looks repaired / acorn bottom caps



#199 / Marais address / small ferrule at lead pipe inlet / Eb/D model / last medal date of 1900



#219 / Marais address / same lead pipe / Bb/A model matching 1919 ad for new model with American design / last medal date of 18??; unfortunately the stamp is not readable / Selmer US agent / c.1919



1919 ad showing new model trumpet



#680 / Marais address / new mouthpiece socket / new tuning slide design / still has the curved bell braces and 1st slide finger ring / last award date of 1904 / bottom valve caps have lost their nipples / 2nd slide is now facing backward / ends of slide brace now diamonds instead of ovals / c.1921



#885 / Marais address / Bb model / new rounded finger pads / 2nd slide is now facing forward / last award date of 1911 / still has the curved bell braces / bottom caps not original on this one / c.1923



#1245 / Marais address / 1904 medal / slide ring gone / c.1924



#1343 / Marais address / C model / 1st slide ring moved to 3rd / 2nd slide straight out / last date 1904



#1456 / Marais address / Bb/A model / last date 1904 / ends of slide brace are ovals matching #219 / c.1927



#1866 / Marais address / C/Bb/A model / 1927 medal date / 2nd slide straight out / back to pointed ends on the tuning slide cross brace / now with "Z" bell braces instead of curved / c.1928



#1893 / Marais address / #2098 on Bb/A valve / finger ring now on top of 3rd slide / 1927 medal date / 2nd slide angled forward / older style finger pads like on #680 / c.1928



#2175 / Marais address / 1927 medal date / c.1929



#2650 / Nancy address / 1927 award date / c.1930 with address change that year / Bass trumpet model



#3368 / Nancy address / 1927 award date / 2nd slide facing backwards / c.1937



#48XX / Balanced model / c.1950



#4989 / no photo / said to have been bought new in 1951

#15600 / no photo / said to be new in 1970

#52000 / 708 Sonic model / 1970s



#60XXX / Gaudet model



#78700 / Al Hirt model / c.1970s



#96XXX / 305 Elite model

