

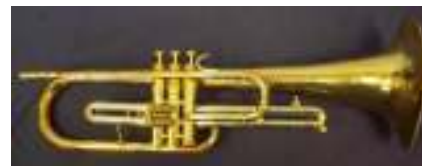
Getzen

Elkhorn, WI

- 1894 Anthony J. Geitzen born in Grand Rapids to German immigrant parents Peter & Martha
- 1900 living in Grand Rapids (census)
- 1911 family not in Grand Rapids (directory)
- 1917 living in Chicago with brother Phillip (b.1886) and working as brass inst. maker for Lyon & Healy (draft)
- 1920 in Chicago, musical inst. assembler; brother Phillip is foreman for instrument factory (cie\
- 1922 Getzen moves to Elkhorn to work for Holton (Getzen)
- 1926 #429 E. Park St., Elkhorn, instrument maker (military)
- 1930 #429 E. Park St., band factory super. (census)
- 1939 Getzen leaves Holton and starts his own instrument repair shop in a barn behind his house, #329 E. Geneva (photo 1)
- 1940 band instrument repair shop owner (census)
- 1942 Getzen, #439 E. Geneva St., self-employed (draft)
- 1946 Getzen starts making student-grade trombones (G)
- 1947 Getzen starts making trumpets and cornets (G)
- 1949 start of making piston bugles; son James Robert Getzen (1926-2003) is the new plant super after 10 years working
- 1958 now up to 80 workers (G)
- 1959 Robert (Bob) moves the repair business and separates from Getzen as Allied Music Co., #530 South Hwy H
- 1960 Gezten is sold to Harold Knowlton who moves the business to #211 W. Centralia St. (G)
- 1962 Getzen introduces a complete professional line of brass
- 1963 the factory is destroyed by a fire in October (G); the Doc Severinsen trumpets are started
- 1964 the rebuilt factory is running by January (G)
- 1965 son Donald E. Getzen (1928-2017) resigns as executive vp to start DEG Music Products in Lake Geneva (G)
- 1967 Allied Supply is started to supply the repair industry
- 1969 Getzen offers the 300 series student level brass, Capri middle level, and Eterna professional level



- 1972 Allied Music begins production of trumpets, cornets, trombones, and marching brass for DEG (G)
- 1974 Allied Supply is sold to Bob's sons Thomas & Edward (G)
- 1978 the Severinsen collaboration ends
- 1985 Getzen is sold to Charles Andrews; the Eterna II trumpet is introduced (G)
- 1988 Allied Music is sold to Tom & Ed Getzen
- 1989 Ed starts Edwards Band Inst. Co. to make trombones
- 1990 Allied starts making the Canadian Brass instruments
- 1991 Getzen is sold in bankruptcy to Allied Music
- 1995 Allied Music ends and is brought under Getzen
- 1999 Tom becomes the sole owner of Getzen
- 2001 Doc Severinsen rejoins Getzen until 2003
- 2017 Getzen still located at #530 South Hwy H



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