

# Gebrüder Alexander

Mainz, Germany

- 1782 Franz Ambros Alexander (1753-1802) established a woodwind business in Mainz.
- 1826 Sons Philipp (1787-1864) and Kaspar Anton (1803-1872) took over the instrument business at Gaustrasse 53.
- 1862 Designed Wagner tuba in consultation with Richard Wagner.
- 1864 At Philipp's death, Kaspar's son Franz Anton became the successor and sent his brother Georg Philipp to Saxony as a brass instrument journeyman. They later started brass production and increased their workforce from three to eighteen.
- 1890 They built a set of Wagner tubas for Bayreuth.
- 1892 Georg's son Freidrich Sebastian Anton Alexander was a journeyman with Couesnon in Paris.
- 1894 They moved to larger quarters at Schillerstrasse 40.
- 1897 They were appointed as Court makers to Grand Duke of Hesse. Georg's son Freidrich became the successor.
- 1904 They built a high "Bach-Trompete".
- 1906 They developed a new double horn and were appointed as Court supplier to Duke of Anhalt.
- 1908 They moved to Bahnhofstrasse 9.
- 1934 They introduced a "Werner Menke Bach-Trompete" model.
- 1938 They were purchased by the firm of L.A. Schmidt of Koln.
- 1944 Their factory was destroyed in air raids.
- 1945 They resumed production at Bahnhofstrasse 9.

