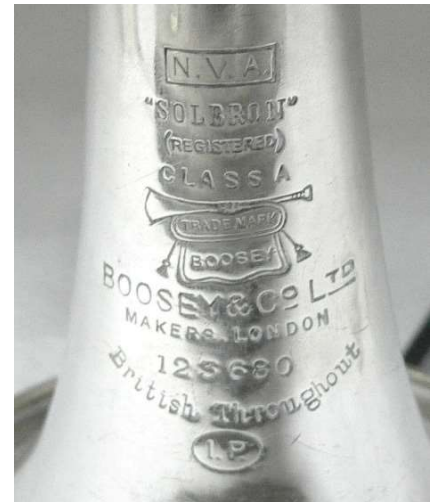


# Boosey & Hawkes

## London

- 1792 Thomas Boosey Sr opens a book shop in London.
- 1816 Thomas Boosey Jr (b. c.1795) founds Thomas Boosey & Co. selling musical instruments, #28 Holles St., Cavendish Square, London.
- 1851 Boosey & Co. starts making their own wind instruments.
- 1854 The name changes to Boosey & Sons, #28 Holles St.
- 1857 The business is now at #24 & #28 Holles St.
- 1860 William H. Hawkes, state trumpeter for Queen Victoria, starts an import business at Cumberland St., Pimlico.
- 1862 Hawkes moves to #33 Soho Square.
- 1864 Boosey changes name to Boosey & Co.
- 1868 Boosey buys Distin & Co. and starts selling brass instruments.
- 1874 Boosey & Co. moves to #295 Regent St., London. About this time, Wm. Pond & Son, NYC, becomes the US agent.
- 1875 Hawkes moves to Leicester Square.
- 1876 Hawkes partners with Jules Riviere to form Riviere & Hawkes, making brass instruments.
- 1879 John Boosey (1832-1893) is the Boosey & Co. successor.
- 1886 With the death of William Pond, Root & Sons of Chicago becomes the US agent for Boosey.
- 1889 Now Hawkes & Son, Leicester Sq.
- 1893 Boosey now also in Manchester, #30 Blackfriars Bridge. Nephew Arthur Boosey is the successor after John's death.
- 1895 Hawkes & Son moves to Denman St., Piccadilly Circus.
- 1910 Approximate early appearance of the "Class A Solbron" model brass by Boosey & Co.
- 1917 Boosey buys J. R. LaFleur & Sons of London, another musical instrument retailer.
- 1919 Leslie Boosey is successor.
- 1924 Hawkes & Son opens a new factory in Edgware.
- 1925 Some Boosey & Co. large brass now have the "Imperial model Solbron" label.



1930 The two companies merge to form Boosey & Hawkes with their factory at Edgware. Stores at Denman & Regent St.

1943 B&H buys Rudall Carte & Co.

1946 B&H buys Besson of London.

1981 Buffet-Crampon becomes part of the B&H Group but does not combine manufacturing.

2001 The B&H factory is moved from Edgware to Croxley and the company is renamed the Besson Group.

2006 Buffet-Crampon buys out the Besson name but now makes brass instruments in Markneukirchen, Germany.

Boosey & Hawkes Publishers Co. is still a separate company selling music.

Boosey & Hawkes brass instrument models include “Sovereign” (professional), “Imperial” (intermediate) & “Regent” (student). “Oxford” brass were an intermediate line sold by B&H. Other models to appear were “New Century”, “Emporer” and “Sessionaire” (photo 4).

Hawkes & Son had the “Clippertone” model brass (photo 5).

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