

# Louis DiOrio

## Providence, Rhode Island

- 1930 Peter Tottle (1878-1958) is production manager for musical instruments (at Vega Co). His half brother-in-law Harry DeBye (b.1895) is living with them and working as an instrument maker. Son Floyd (1908-1954) is an orchestra musician (census).
- 1931 Peter is laid off from Vega and starts his own music business on Columbus Ave doing repairs and retail sales (*The Mouthpiece*, 1984).
- 1943 Louis Donald DiOrio is born on December 16 in Providence, RI (obituary).
- c1950 Peter retires and son William moves shop to #19 Huntington Ave (*The Mouthpiece*, 1984)
- 1961 Tottle & Son Inc, Wm pres, Ann Tottle vp, Loretta Tottle clerk, musical instruments, #19 Huntington, home in Burlington (directory).
- 1976 William (Bill) Tottle dies October 27 and nephew Bill Mazzocca takes over the Tottle & Son business. He was a machinist and craftsman (*The Mouthpiece*, 1984). [Mazzocca's mother Mary (1923-1998) was William Tottle's sister]
- 1984 Mazzocca sells the business in October, located on Hemenway St (*The Mouthpiece*, 1984).
- 1990s The mouthpiece business was sold to Lou d'Orio of Providence, RI, who made them the basis of his designs (Osmun Brass). This was in the early 1990s.
- 1991 The first use of the DiOrio trademark (below) is in August.
- 1996 The DiOrio trademark is registered on May 1. He is located at 223 Pocasset Ave in Providence.
- 2009 DiOrio Custom Mouthpieces  
Brasswind of New England  
223 Pocasset Ave  
Providence, RI
- 2011 DiOrio is no longer making mouthpieces due to his health.
- 2020 DiOrio passes away on April 4 (obituary).

