

Josef Dotzauer Musik

Graslitz (modern Kraslice, Czech Republic)

- 1880 Wilhelm Dotzauer established a music shop in Graslitz (*New Langwill Index*).
- 1897 Hilarius Dotzauer was a brass instrument maker in Graslitz up until c.1925 (*NLI*).
- c1925 Josef Dotzauer had a brass shop in the 2nd quarter of the 20th century (*NLI*).
- 1939 Trumpet marked “Josef Dotzauer Musik / Instr. – Erzeugung / Graslitz Sudentengau”. This would make him a teacher and maker in the late 1938 to 1945 period when Germany controlled this part of old Austria/Czechoslovakia. The design appears to have an American influence popular in the 1930s.



It is uncertain what relationship the three Dotzausers had, but it's possible they were three generations.

Dotzauer also made some rotary-valve trumpets (photos 2 & 3 at right from Horn-u-copia.net).

This company was not related to Josef Dotzauer GmbH of Karlstadt, Germany; another brass maker.

Comments from Trumpet Herald are that valves in the 1930s came from Markneukirchen, that they made good hunting horns, and that his rotary-valve trumpets are not high-end but still well made.

His shop may have closed in 1945 if he was part of the German purge from the area following the war. Any remaining brass makers in this city became socialized under Amati.

