

Musical Specialties Co.

Elkhart, Indiana

1925 The Musical Specialties Company is incorporated on July 13 (opencorporates.com).

Incorporation papers are filed by Musical Specialties Co of Elkhart on 8/1 to deal in musical instruments (*Music Trade Review*, 8/1).

1926 Musical Specialties Co is a member of the National Association of Musical Instrument & Accessories Manufacturers (*MTR*, 12/4).

1970 Musical Specialties Co of Elkhart is dissolved on January 1 (opencorporates.com).

The trombone mute shown here is a “Brilliante” model made by Musical Specialties Co with “Pat. Appl’d For”. I didn’t find any eventual patent for this, and other “Brilliante” model mutes are marked “Conn” so perhaps they became an exclusive maker for Conn soon after developing this mute.

Pan American is using the “Brilliante” model name for a metal clarinet in an ad from 1928.

