

## Orpheum Band Instruments

The name "Orpheum" shows up on a number of brass musical instruments dating from the 1930s into the 1950s. I have not found a retailer for them yet but this guide is an attempt to sort out their true makers.

The closest Orpheum brand I could find was for stringed instruments dating back to the late 1800s which changed to mainly guitars in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. I have yet to find a connection to the brass instruments.

Since the instruments appear to come from different sources, I am organizing them here chronologically.

### "The Orpheum / Made In / USA"

Trumpet #537 c.1936 by the Ohio Band Inst. Co.  
This was a stencil of their Regent model.



### "Orpheum Elite / Made in USA"

Trumpet #8762 c.1940 by the Harry Pedler & Sons Co.  
This was a stencil of their American Triumph model.



Another Orpheum Elite stencil by Pedler with unknown #.



### Matching examples from the real makers:

Ohio Band Instrument Co Regent Trumpet #39.



The valve block and serial number font on #537 below match those by Ohio.



Harry Pedler & Sons American Triumph model Trumpet.



The Orpheum uses the same caps & buttons as Pedler.



**“Orpheum Elite” cornet with unknown number.**

This matches the Pedler & Sons American Triumph model.



Another “Orpheum” model cornet was reported that had a trumpet shape with an extra loop in the bell behind the first valve. This one had #799, which matches with this being an Ohio Band Inst. Co. stencil of the Regent model.

**“Orpheum Supreme” trumpet #20305 c.1942**

This is a stencil of the Pedler Art model.



**“Orpheum Supreme” with unknown number.**

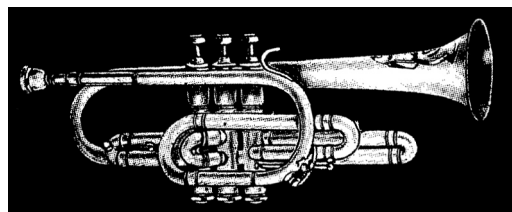


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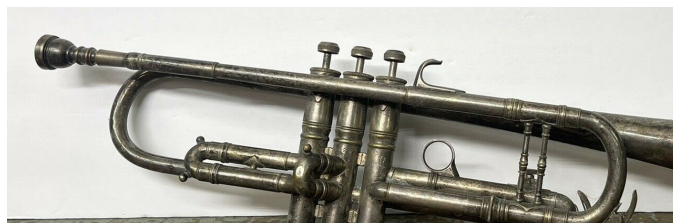
Art Musical Instruments American Triumph Cornet #737.



1937 Sears Bandmaster by Art Musical (later Pedler).



Pedler & Sons Art model Trumpet #23114 c.1942.  
Only the stencils used the “X” tuning slide brace.



Pedler Art model with unknown serial number.



The Pedler trumpets have a unique pinky hook and third slide ring which are found on the Orpheum Supreme models.

**"Orpheum Super" trombone #640**

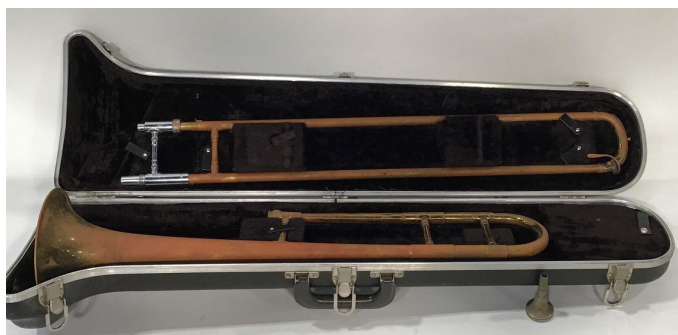
c.1947 if made by Getzen



**"Orpheum Super" #1588 c.1948**

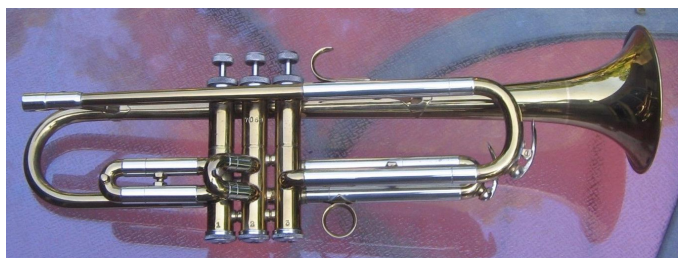
No photo but was said by owner to match his Getzen.

**"Orpheum Super" #3863 c.1948**



**"Orpheum Super" trumpet #7069 c.1950**

This is a version of the Getzen model 90.



**"Orpheum Super" trumpet #8835 c.1950 Getzen**

**"Orpheum Super" trumpet #9354 c.1950 Getzen**

**Possible matching examples:**

Getzen model 90 Deluxe c.1953



Getzen model 90 trumpet c. 1950 with matching details.



The unusual valve numbers at the bottom shown above match the Orpheum model at left.

"Elkhorn by Getzen" matching model below.

