

# Herman Bellstedt Jr

## Bremen, Germany

- 1858 Herman Bellstedt was born on February 21<sup>st</sup> in Bremen.
- 1867 The Bellstedt family moved to the US in October (immigration).
- 1870 Herman Bellstedt Sr, cigar maker, Ripley, IN (census). Herman Sr was also a cornet player.
- 1872 The family moved to Cincinnati, Ohio (1894 passport).
- 1873 Herman played his first cornet solo at 15 in May and was billed as a “boy wonder” (Trescott).
- 1874 Herman was hired by the Cincinnati Reed Band (Trescott).
- 1879 Herman began as cornet soloist for the Red Hussar Band at Manhattan Beach on Coney Island (Trescott).
- 1880 Herman Bellstedt Jr, musician, #153 Race St, Cincinnati with wife Emma (census).
- 1883 Herman returned to the Cincinnati Reed Band (Trescott).
- 1889 Herman was hired as second cornet with Gilmore’s Band (Trescott).
- 1892 Herman organized the Bellstedt-Ballenberg Band which toured the country until 1904 (Trescott).
- 1898 S. L. Jacobson wrote, “As a cornet virtuoso Bellstedt is not inaptly called a king of the cornet; his technique is large and his tone is under perfect control. Sousa and the late Gilmore pronounced him the greatest of all cornet virtuosi. His is the art of deep, serious study, ripe experience and devoted application.”
- 1902 His passport application gave his height as 5’-7” and that he had brown eyes and hair.
- 1904 Herman was hired by the Sousa band.
- 1906 Herman was hired as soloist for the Innes Band.
- 1909 Herman became the conductor for the Denver Municipal Band.
- 1910 Herman Bellstedt Jr, orchestra leader, #323 Ludlow Ave, Cincinnati (census).
- 1912 Herman was professor of wind instruments at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.
- 1926 Herman died in San Francisco on June 8 (Wikipedia).

