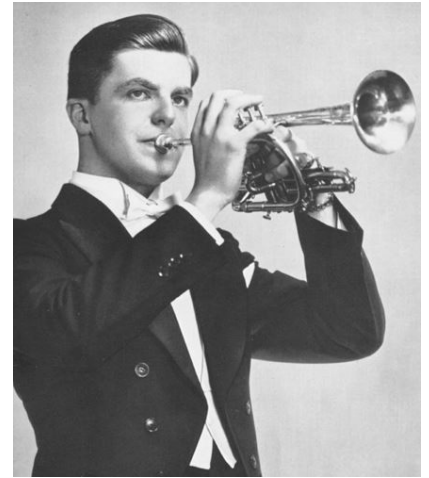


Leonard B. Smith

Poughkeepsie, NY

- 1915 Leonard Bingley Smith is born on September 5th in Poughkeepsie, NY to Frank & Ethel Smith
- 1923 Smith starts learning the cornet
- 1926 Smith starts lessons with trumpet great Ernest S. Williams who he continues with for ten years.
- 1935 Smith is living in Brooklyn; most likely at the Williams School of Music. (census)
- 1936 Smith starts performing with the Goldman Band (photo 2 at left) in the summers and with the Detroit Symphony the rest of the year.
- 1939 Smith performs a record 521 solos during the year. At about this time he starts a 17 year stretch of playing the opening theme for the Lone Ranger radio show, broadcast from Detroit.
- 1940 Leonard B. Smith, orchestra musician, single, #2630 West Boston Blvd, Detroit (census)
- 1946 Smith establishes the Detroit Concert Band as conductor and soloist.



- 1955 Smith starts performing on the Reynolds Contempora model cornet and trumpet and Reynolds starts making the Leonard Smith model for him (below).



- 1970 Smith ends his trumpet playing.
- 1991 Smith retires from conducting the Detroit Concert Band.
- 2002 Smith dies on July 23rd in Scottsdale, Arizona. (SS)