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The History of the Saxophone



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Adolphe Sax
Born - 6 Nov. 1814

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Invented around 1840.

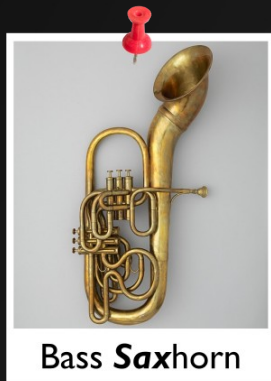
First played in public in
December 1844.

Patented in March 1846.





6-Piston Trombone



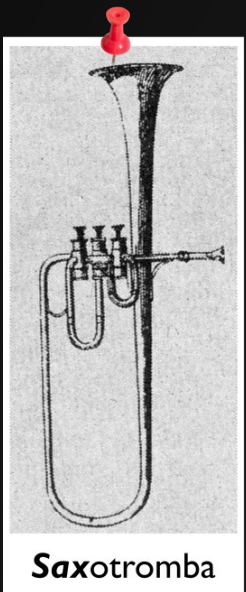
Bass **Sax**horn



Fig 2

Saxtuba

Adolphe Sax's Other Musical Instruments



Saxotromba



Saxhorn



A) Sopranino in E \flat

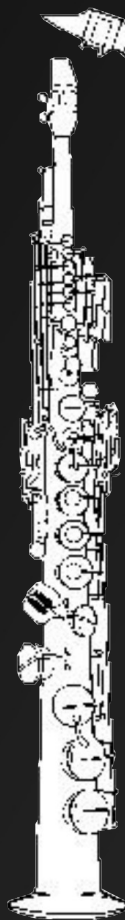
B) Soprano in B \flat

C) Alto in E \flat

D) Tenor in B \flat



A



B



C



D



Mouthpiece {





Ligature





Body





Adolphe Sax
Died – 4 Feb. 1894



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