

Basic Detail Report



Miniature trumpet, B-flat

Date

1950 ca.

Primary Maker

Kalison

Description

Brass, lacquered, single loop, main tuning slide at first bow (currently frozen), three Périnet valves (1, $\frac{1}{2}$, $1\frac{1}{2}$), bottom-sprung, alignment by horizontal screw in valve casing, fitting in groove in brass piston, no valve slides, windway 3-2-1. Small unstamped brass mouthpiece. Silver mouthpiece, stamped: SCHILKE 5A4 This instrument is about half the size of a standard B-flat trumpet. Compared with the half-size trumpet by H. N. White (NMM 7301), this instrument is of simpler design, having no valve slides and an unusual valve construction with screw alignment. Originally Riboni & Benicchio, Battista Benicchio (1891-1953) became the director of the Milanese firm in 1928. During and after the Second World War the firm

specialized in a successful line of children's instruments which included not only this trumpet but also a trombone, saxophone, and metal clarinet, marketing it as "Orchestrina Kalison." After Battista's death, his son Angelo adopted Kalison as the firm name; granddaughter Michela continued the enterprise until 2005.

Dimensions

Height: 244 mm Tube length: 641 mm Bore diameter (initial, minimum): 7 mm, 6.6 mm Bell diameter: 65 mm