

# Luca V. Del Negro

## Italy – New York

- 1873 Luca Victor Del Negro is born on August 2<sup>nd</sup> in Portelandolfo, Italy to Ferdinand & Carmella (passport).
- 1889 Luca gives a variety of immigration dates including 11/25/1889, 12/2/1889, & 11/25/1890.
- 1896 Luca marries Rosa in Manhattan (marriage cert.).
- 1900 Luca starts as tuba with the Sousa Band (Sousa archives).  
Living at 245 E. 11<sup>th</sup> St, New York (naturalization paper).
- 1906 Son Luca A. Del Negro is born in Asbury Park, NJ (obit).
- 1908 Luca ends with the Sousa Band.
- 1916 Holton ad shows Luca as a member of the Chicago Grand Opera Company Orchestra.

The Del Negro model tuba was built by Holton in the teens and twenties. They likely also made these mouthpieces at the same time.

Photos 2 & 3 at left: Del Negro tuba mouthpieces

Photo 4: Holton Del Negro tuba, c.1914

- 1917 Luca is with the Symphony Society of NY (photo 1). Son Luca is studying at the Curtis Music Institute (obit.).
- 1920 Luca is on a concert tour with the New York Symphony Orchestra and lives at 1842 Hunt Ave, Bronx (passport).



- 1922 Luca is a Capitol Grand Orchestra member (*The Musical Leader*, 1922).
- 1930 Luca, orchestra musician, 1842 Hunt Ave; son Luca listed as theatre musician (census).
- 1940 Luca Sr has retired and Luca Jr is theatre musician (census). Luca Sr dies on August 10<sup>th</sup>; 1842 Hunt Ave, Bronx (death cert.).
- 2003 Luca Jr dies in Clifton Park, NY on October 8 (obit).



BASS TUBA, SYMPHONY SOCIETY OF NEW YORK  
Luca Del Negro

