

# Louis DiOrio

## Providence, Rhode Island

- 1930 Peter Tottle (1878-1958) is production manager for musical instruments (at Vega Co). His half brother-in-law Harry DeBye (b.1895) is living with them and working as an instrument maker. Son Floyd (1908-1954) is an orchestra musician (census).
- 1931 Peter is laid off from Vega and starts his own music business on Columbus Ave doing repairs and retail sales (*The Mouthpiece*, 1984).
- 1943 Louis Donald DiOrio is born on December 16 in Providence, RI (obituary).
- c1950 Peter retires and son William moves shop to #19 Huntington Ave (*The Mouthpiece*, 1984).
- 1961 Tottle & Son Inc, Wm pres, Ann Tottle vp, Loretta Tottle clerk, musical instruments, #19 Huntington, home in Burlington (directory).
- 1976 William (Bill) Tottle dies October 27 and nephew Bill Mazzocca takes over the Tottle & Son business. He was a machinist and craftsman (*The Mouthpiece*, 1984). [Mazzocca's mother Mary (1923-1998) was William Tottle's sister]
- 1984 Mazzocca sells the business in October, located on Hemenway St (*The Mouthpiece*, 1984).
- 1990s The mouthpiece business is sold to Lou DiOrio of Providence, RI, who makes them the basis of his designs (Osmun Brass). This was in the early 1990s.
- 1991 The first use of the DiOrio trademark (below) is in August.
- 1996 The DiOrio trademark is registered on May 1. He is located at 223 Pocasset Ave in Providence.
- 2009 DiOrio Custom Mouthpieces  
Brasswind of New England  
223 Pocasset Ave  
Providence, RI
- 2011 DiOrio is no longer making mouthpieces due to his health.
- 2020 DiOrio passes away on April 4 (obituary). The stock and machinery are sold to East Coast Properties LLC, an investor in Rhode Island, and the equipment is sold for scrap. Mouthpieces are sold on Ebay starting in 2020.

