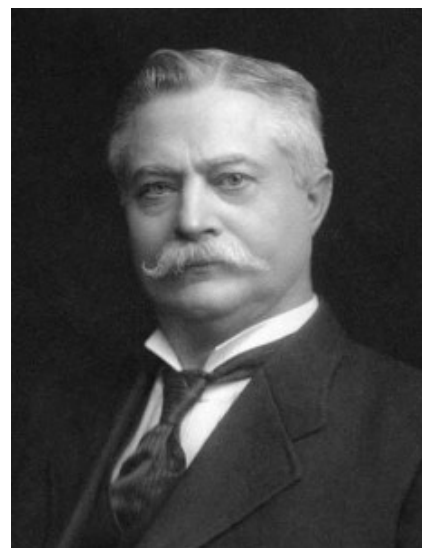


# Carl Fischer, Inc.

New York, NY

- 1864 Carl (Charles) Fischer (1849-1923) moves to Markneukirchen and starts learning the instrument making trade (*Music Trade Review*, 1922).
- 1867 Carl meets Henry Distin at the Paris Exposition then later becomes his manager at the Aldershot branch (*MTR*).
- 1872 Carl emigrates from Germany to NY (*MTR*, 1922).
- 1874 Charles Fischer, music, h.#24 1<sup>st</sup>, NYC (directory).
- 1875-77 Charles Fischer, mus inst, h.#79 E. 4<sup>th</sup> (dir).
- 1878 Carl Fischer, music, #386 Broadway (dir).
- 1879-80 Carl Fischer, music, #26 4<sup>th</sup> Ave (dir).
- 1880 Now at #26 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., music publisher (directory). Living with father-in-law Gotthard Strich, musician (census).
- 1881-1901 Carl Fischer, music, #6 4<sup>th</sup> Ave (dir).
- 1886 Ad says, "sole agent for F. Besson & Co's Prototype Band Instruments" (Besson trumpet photo 3), #6 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- 1900 Sons Carl Jr (1880-1912) & Walter (1882-1946) are both working as clerks (census).
- 1902 Fischer moves to #48 Cooper Square West (dir).
- 1909 Son George W. Fischer (b.1885) dies. He is listed as a music publisher on the death certificate.
- 1910 Carl Jr. is a manager for Carl Fischer (census). #6 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Fischer buys Coleman business in Philadelphia at #228 N. 9<sup>th</sup> about this time and begins selling Missenharter instruments.
- 1912 Walter becomes a full partner in the business.
- 1918 Now at #46-54 Cooper Sq. (draft). Fischer ad still shows him at #228 N. 9<sup>th</sup> in Philadelphia but gone by 1919.
- 1920 Walter Fischer Jr. (1906-1932) becomes a partner.  
Carl Fischer, 380 Boylston, Boston (city directory).
- 1923 Carl dies and the business is incorporated as Carl Fischer, Inc. with Walter S. Fischer president. They have a new store at #56-62 Cooper Sq (photo 3, page 2).
- 1925 Fischer is selling Missenharter & Besson cornets (ad).



- 1939 Walter's son-in-law Frank Hayden Connor (1902-1977) becomes his assistant (married to Phoebe b.1911).  
Fischer is the distributor for Blessing (*IM*).
- 1940 Fischer buys York & Son band inst. in Grand Rapids, MI.  
Sold through C. Fischer Musical Inst. Co, #105-107 E. 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 1941 Fischer is the distributor for York & Blessing (*IM*).
- 1944 Fischer is the sole distributor for York, Blessing, Evette & Schaeffer, and National band instruments by Orsi (*IM*).
- 1946 At Walter's death, Frank H. Connor becomes president.
- 1946 Fischer adds a retail store at #165 W. 57<sup>th</sup> St (*IM*, March).
- 1959 The #165 W. 57<sup>th</sup> St. store closes.
- 1965 Carl Schwartz is president of C.F. Musical Instruments (*Audio/Video Retailer*).
- 1970 York sold to Tolchin Musical Instruments, Melville, NY.
- 1977 Frank's son Walter Fischer Connor (1938-1996) becomes president; Frank Jr. is manager.
- 1996 Walter's son F. Hayden Connor becomes president.
- 1998 Fischer is sold to Boosey & Hawkes. B&H does this to acquire their stock owned by Fischer (*Billboard*).
- 1999 Hayden Connor buys Fischer in February (*Billboard*).
- 1999 Cooper Sq. & Chicago stores close; Sandy Feldstein is president.

Photos 2 & 3 page 1 and below by author; others from Horn-u-copia.net.

