Glastex Mouthpieces

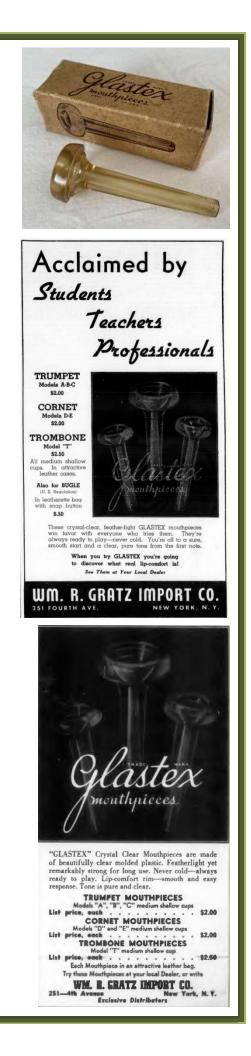
Wm. R. Gratz Import Co. – New York City

1938 This early ad from August proclaims them as being new.



This 1939 ad gives the trumpet sizes.







The Gratz company was run by William and Rosa Gratz in New York. They imported musical instruments and were dealers for Bohland & Fuchs of Austria starting in 1885. After the death of Rosa in 1934, the company was inherited by their daughter Irma Curtis (court records).

At some point, the Glastex tooling and stock came into the hands of Multivox, a company started in 1946 as a subsidiary of Sorkin Music in New York. They were incorporated as a separate company, Multivox Corporation of America, in 1952. They closed in 1984.

In c.1998, the Glastex injection molds and stock were purchased by Ray Noguero with the idea of bringing the mouthpieces back to the market. The molds are marked with the "Gratz" name (2023 interview with Noguero).

