

A. Lecomte & Cie.

Paris

- 1850s Lecomte is working with brass maker Gautrot.
- 1859 Established by Arsene Zoe Lecomte (1818-1892).
- 1860 Registers trademark tuning fork & "A.L. & Cie."
- 1862 Now a work force of 100.
- 1874 Designs a duplex clarion / trumpet.
- 1875 Registers "A. Lecomte & Cie. Paris" trademark.
- 1876 Located at Rue St. Gilles 12, Paris & exhibited in Philadelphia, PA.
- 1888 First maker to apply part of the Boehm system to the saxophone.
- 1889 Merges with Massain & Thibouville to add woodwind instruments.
- 1890 Registers trademark name with "rue St. Gilles 12" added.
- 1892 Lecomte dies.
- 1898 Charles & Jacques Ullmann are successors.

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