

Metzler & Co.

London, England

- 1788 Valentin Metzler moves from Bingen on the Rhine, Germany to London and establishes a music shop.
- 1794 Located at #344 Oxford St.; wind musical instrument maker and dealer.
- 1816 Son George Richard Metzler (1797-1867) joins the firm to become Metzler & Son; #105 Wardour St., London.
- 1822 Still at #105 Wardour St.; piano forte maker, wind instrument maker & dealer.
- 1833 Now G. Metzler & Co, probably at the death of Valentin.
- 1842 Moves to #37 Great Marlborough St.
- 1858 G. R. Metzler granted patent #1836 for improved helicon instrument, later called the sonorophone.
- 1862 Metzler wins London expo prize for brass instruments; #35-38 Great Marlborough St.
- 1866 George retires and succeeded by son George Thomas (1835-1879).
- 1867 George forms partnership with Frank Chappell who develops a dealership for Mason & Hamlin organs from Boston.
- 1875 Record of Boosey & Co. selling a Ballad horn to Metzler.
- 1881 Metzler moves to #42 Great Marlborough St.
- 1885 Ad for Metzler & Co., #42 Great Marlborough, music publishers and makers of military and brass band instruments.
- 1886 Frank Chappell dies.
- 1893 They incorporate as Metzler & Co., Ltd.; #42 G.M.
- 1895 Now at #40-43 G.M.
- 1911 Now just #42 G.M.
- 1920 Move to #142 Charing Cross St.
- 1929 Move to #14 Rathbone Place.
- 1931 The company is now owned by J. B. Cramer.
- 1936 Metzler moves to #139 New Bond St W1.

Brass instruments should be dated using the name and street address changes. Information from *The New Langwill Index*. Photo 1 NMM, 2-4 auctions, 5-7 Horn-u-copia.net.

