

Giardinelli Band Instrument Co.

New York City

- 1939 Robert Antonio Giardinelli (1914-1996) emigrates from Italy. He is listed as accountant born in Catania.
- 1942 He enlists in the US Army; occupation listed as misc. manufacturing (WWII record).
- 1946 Robert opens his first repair shop in the Bronx (Wikipedia).
- 1947 Robert starts an instrument repair shop at #151 W. 46th St. near Broadway (bottom photo). He learned instrument making from his father in Sicily (John Stork).
- c1950 Giardinelli starts making brass mouthpieces.
- 1970s The screw-rim mouthpiece becomes popular.
- 1982 John Stork is now making the custom mouthpieces (Stork).
- 1984 The Giardinelli business is sold to Scheiwiller Mid-State Leasing Corp. and consolidated in Liverpool, NY (*Musical Merchant Review*). It is purchased by Bob Scheiwiller, and includes the instrument and mouthpiece businesses (*The Messenger*, Baldwinsville, Nov. 28)
- 1990s Giardinelli mouthpieces is purchased by Musician's Friend.
- 2017 Current trumpets and mouthpieces are made in the Czech Republic and marketed to students.

The original shop on 46th Street is owned by Jon Baltimore Music Co.

