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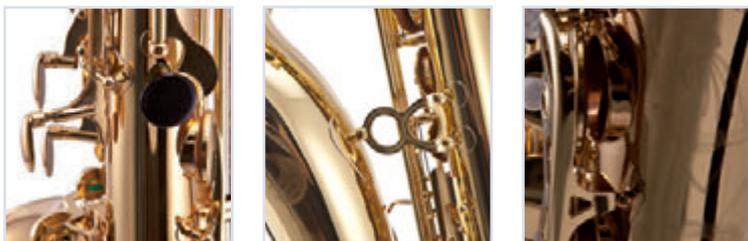
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# VALUES & TRADITIONS

## YOUR OWN FEELING, YOUR OWN WAY

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**THE CROSSING OF CULTURES THAT IS THE HEART OF JAZZ MUSIC IS EVIDENT IN THE SOUNDS CREATED BY KEILWERTH SAXOPHONES. WITH A RANGE OF EXPRESSION FROM WARM AND MELTING TONES TO THE HIGHEST AND MOST PENETRATING NOTES, ALL THE ENERGY FROM GENERATIONS OF INFLUENTIAL MUSICIANS IS WHAT WILL EMERGE.**

Although founded and pioneered by the musicians and in the music halls of Europe, the Keilwerth Saxophone emerged on the World market in the latter part of the 20th century due in no small part to the American Jazz Musicians who embraced the brand for the freedom it gave them in creating their own voice. Through the years, musicians in every style of music have relied on Keilwerth Saxophones for their bold and distinctive sound, durability, and consistent performance.

The strong influence of artists such as Dave Liebman, James Moody, Nick Brignola, Ernie Watts, and Kirk Whalum, among many others has made the world aware of the “Keilwerth Sound” and continues to reach musicians throughout the world. Always very close to jazz musicians and constantly involving them in research and development for the brand, Julius Keilwerth has enhanced and expanded to include the full range of saxophone models from the soprano to the bass.





### **Made in Germany**

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As we continue our progress and growth into the 21st Century we strive to maintain the quality and traditions that have led to our success.

In Markneukirchen, Germany our journey continues in the same region where the company was founded in 1925, rich with generations of families who hail from a lineage of instrument makers and craftsmen. Keeping these ideals in mind, we follow the influence of the modern musician to create instruments that will perform at the highest level today and for generations to come.

# OUR ARTS & EXCELLENCE



## Material

To make high quality instruments you must use high quality materials.

Because of this, only the finest metals from Germany are used to make our saxophones.

This insures the most durable construction and consistent resonance and sound.

The Keilwerth saxophone is made with German Yellow Brass that offers endurance and strength with the flexibility needed for subtle performance.

For the SX90R Shadow model saxophone, German Nickel Silver is used for its immediate response and vibrant sound.



## Keys and Mechanics

All key work and mechanics are created by hand to ensure the most precise fit and accurate performance.

Our craftsmen have spent years honing their skills to perfection, and take great pride in their work creating instruments with consistency and precision.

This level of workmanship is realized through every aspect of the build, from the key work to the hand soldered posts and tone hole rings.



## Finishes and engraving

The SX90R saxophone is like no other. Each of the four unique finishes offers an entirely different palette of tonal colors for the player to create their own individual sound.

To complete the presentation each saxophone is engraved using either a precision laser or is done entirely by hand.

From the traditional Gold Lacquer, to the pioneering use of Black Nickel Plating, the innovative finishing technique of the Vintage, or the astoundingly beautiful Shadow, the Keilwerth Saxophone offers something for every player in any style of music.



## Final assembly

The manufacturing process concludes as each instrument reaches final assembly and is completed by one of our skilled technicians.

Instruments are completed one at a time, each by its own technician who will see the assembly and set up through to the end.

Before packaging and preparation for delivery, each instrument will be play tested by a professional musician to maintain quality control and ensure solid performance.



# YOUR FEELING

## SX90R



The Julius Keilwerth SX90R Saxophone allows the player to shape their individual sound and style and express the full range of emotions in their music. With innovative bore and bow designs and signature “rolled tone hole” feature, this model is reminiscent of the “big tone” saxophones of the 1940’s but with modern precision and quality manufacturing.

The outstanding feature of the SX90R is the Rolled Tone Holes. A brass ring is hand soldered on to each precision drawn tone hole, creating a “bell” effect at each one. While adding to the Keilwerth signature sound, it also adds duration to the life of the pads.

The Keilwerth SX90R is the only saxophone to offer Adjustable Palm Keys. This allows the player to customize the palm keys to fit their hands perfectly and maximize their comfort and precision.



# SX90R GOLD LACQUER ALTO



## GOLD LACQUER

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The SX90R Gold Lacquered saxophones offer a rich, solid tone that suits the player in any style of music from classical to jazz.

Enjoy all of the versatility this model allows with the traditional sound and response of a gold lacquered instrument. Precision engraving and gold lacquered keys result in a high quality and attractive presentation.

## ALTO - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Key: Eb  
Range: Low Bb to High F#  
Material: German Brass  
Key buttons: Mother of Pearl  
Palm Keys: Adjustable  
Thumb Rest: Metal, Adjustable  
Pads: Leather Pisoni  
Resonators: Metal  
Body Finish: Gold Lacquer  
Key Finish: Gold Lacquer  
Engraving: Laser Precision Engraved  
Tone Holes: Drawn with Hand Soldered Rings

## REFERENCE

**ALTO**  
JK2400-8-0

# SAXOPHONE GOLD LACQUER TENOR



## TENOR - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Key: Bb  
Range: Low Bb to High F#  
Material: German Brass  
Key buttons: Mother of Pearl  
Palm Keys: Adjustable  
Thumb Rest: Metal, Adjustable  
Pads: Leather Pisoni  
Resonators: Metal  
Body Finish: Gold Lacquer  
Key Finish: Gold Lacquer  
Engraving: Laser Precision Engraved  
Tone Holes: Drawn with Hand Soldered Rings

## REFERENCE

**TENOR**  
JK3400-8-0



# SX90R

## BLACK NICKEL ALTO



### BLACK NICKEL

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The SX90R Black Nickel saxophones have set the standards for quality and performance.

The Black Nickel plated body is complemented with gold lacquered keys and meticulous hand engraving to offer a look and sound that cannot be duplicated by any other.

The tone is warm and expressive and resonates full and clear, allowing each player to create a personal identity and voice.

### ALTO - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Key: Eb

Range: Low Bb to High F#

Material: German Brass

Key buttons: Mother of Pearl

Palm Keys: Adjustable

Thumb Rest: Metal, Adjustable

Pads: Leather Pisoni

Resonators: Metal

Body Finish: Black Nickel Plated

Key Finish: Gold Lacquer

Engraving: Hand Engraved

Tone Holes: Drawn with Hand Soldered Rings

### REFERENCE

**ALTO**

JK2400-5B-0

# BLACK NICKEL TENOR



## TENOR - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Key: Bb  
Range: Low Bb to High F#  
Material: German Brass  
Key buttons: Mother of Pearl  
Palm Keys: Adjustable  
Thumb Rest: Metal, Adjustable  
Pads: Leather Pisoni  
Resonators: Metal  
Body Finish: Black Nickel Plated  
Key Finish: Gold Lacquer  
Engraving: Hand Engraved  
Tone Holes: Drawn with Hand Soldered Rings

## REFERENCE

**TENOR**  
JK3400-5B-0



# SX90R VINTAGE ALTO



## VINTAGE

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The SX90R Vintage saxophones have a unique finishing method that creates an individual appearance and natural tone. Through our exclusive treating process, the raw brass will oxidize and patina to bring out its natural beauty and character. After precise engraving the instrument is coated in clear lacquer to seal in the finish.

The result is a warm, mature tone with the resonance of a classic, un-lacquered instrument and the strength and quality of a modern build. The SX90R Vintage features brushed nickel keys and black pads for added depth to the look and sound.

## ALTO - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Key: Eb  
Range: Low Bb to High F#  
Material: German Brass  
Key buttons: Black Mother of Pearl  
Palm Keys: Adjustable  
Thumb Rest: Metal, Adjustable  
Pads: Black Leather Pisoni  
Resonators: Metal  
Body Finish: Vintage Raw Brass  
with Clear Lacquer Finish  
Key Finish: Brushed Nickel plated  
Engraving: Laser Precision Engraved  
Tone Holes: Drawn with Hand Soldered Rings

## REFERENCE

**ALTO**  
JK2400-8V-0

# SAXOPHON VINTAGE TENOR



## TENOR - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Key: Bb  
Range: Low Bb to High F#  
Material: German Brass  
Key buttons: Black Mother of Pearl  
Palm Keys: Adjustable  
Thumb Rest: Metal, Adjustable  
Pads: Black Leather Pisoni  
Resonators: Metal  
Body Finish: Vintage Raw Brass with Clear Lacquer Finish.  
Key Finish: Brushed Nickel plated  
Engraving: Laser Precision Engraved  
Tone Holes: Drawn with Hand Soldered Rings

## REFERENCE

**TENOR**  
JK3400-8V-0



# SX90R

## SHADOW ALTO



### SHADOW

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The SX90R Shadow saxophone pushes the limits of design and performance.

The body is made of German nickel-silver that resonates strongly and responds quickly to the player's demands. Black nickel plating coats the body, adding depth to the well-centered and powerful sound. The inner bell and keywork are silver-plated to highlight the extensive hand engraving for a vibrant and dazzling appearance.

From the small, intimate club to a concert arena for thousands of fans, the SX90R Shadow saxophone lets the player take control and offers limitless potential for expression and sound.

### ALTO - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Key: Eb

Range: Low Bb to High F#

Material: German Nickel Silver

Key buttons: Black Mother of Pearl

Palm Keys: Adjustable

Thumb Rest: Metal, Adjustable

Pads: Black Leather Pisoni

Resonators: Metal

Body Finish: Black Nickel Plated

Key Finish: Silver Plated

Engraving: Hand Engraved

Tone Holes: Drawn with Hand Soldered Rings

### REFERENCE

**ALTO**

JK2401-5B2-0

# SAXOPHON SHADOW TENOR



## TENOR - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Key: Bb  
Range: Low Bb to High F#  
Material: German Nickel Silver  
Key buttons: Black Mother of Pearl  
Palm Keys: Adjustable  
Thumb Rest: Metal, Adjustable  
Pads: Black Leather Pisoni  
Resonators: Metal  
Body Finish: Black Nickel Plated  
Key Finish: Silver Plated  
Engraving: Hand Engraved  
Tone Holes: Drawn with Hand Soldered Rings

## REFERENCE

**TENOR**  
JK3401-5B2-0



# SHADOW BARITONE



## BARITONE - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Key: Eb  
Range: Low A to High F#  
Material: German Nickel Silver  
Key buttons: Black Mother of Pearl  
Palm Keys: Adjustable  
Thumb Rest: Metal, Adjustable  
Pads: Black Leather Pisoni  
Resonators: Metal  
Body Finish: Black Nickel Plated  
Key Finish: Silver Plated  
Engraving: Hand Engraved  
Tone Holes: Drawn with Hand Soldered Rings

## REFERENCE

**BARITONE**  
JK4411-5B2-0



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MKX



# YOUR CHOICE

MKX



The Julius Keilwerth MKX Series marks the next evolution of the saxophone for this historic brand.

By combining tonal characteristics of the legendary SX90R along with physical characteristics reminiscent of vintage saxophones, the MKX Series allows the player to have the best of both worlds; a modern sound with a vintage feel.



# MKX

## ALTO



### MKX

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The name MKX was chosen to pay tribute to those who have contributed to or inspired the development of this new line. The letters “MK” represent Markneukirchen, the historic town in the same region of eastern Germany where the Julius Keilwerth brand began in 1925. Boasting a long history of musical instrument makers and manufacturers, Markneukirchen is now home to the factory and skilled workers who carry on the traditions of their forefathers, and whose craftsmanship is essential to the quality of this instrument.

In honoring the kinship to the legendary Julius Keilwerth SX90R Series, the letter “X” reminds us of the influence and inspiration from those who paved the way for our success. While the MKX and SX90R series do share some characteristics, they can be likened to cousins who share a common blood line, but have individual qualities and personalities that allow them a unique voice of their own.

The Julius Keilwerth MKX Series is a professional level saxophone that will offer German quality engineering and manufacturing at prices competitive to the global scale, and allow a new generation of musicians to use Keilwerth Saxophones in bringing their voice to the world stage.

### ALTO - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Key: Eb  
Range: Low Bb to High F#  
Material: German Brass  
Key buttons: White Mother of Pearl  
Palm Keys: Standard  
Thumb Rest: Metal, Adjustable  
Pads: Leather Pisoni  
Resonators: Metal  
Body Finish:  
Gold Lacquer or Antique Brass  
Key Finish:  
Gold Lacquer or Antique Brass  
Engraving: Laser Precision Engraved  
Tone Holes: Straight

### REFERENCES

#### ALTO - GOLD LACQUER

JK2000-8-0

#### ALTO - ANTIQUE BRASS

JK2000-9-0

# MKKX TENOR



## TENOR - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Key: Bb  
Range: Low Bb to High F#  
Material: German Brass  
Key buttons: White Mother of Pearl  
Palm Keys: Standard  
Thumb Rest: Metal, Adjustable  
Pads: Leather Pisoni  
Resonators: Metal  
Body Finish:  
Gold Lacquer or Antique Brass  
Key Finish:  
Gold Lacquer or Antique Brass  
Engraving: Laser Precision Engraved  
Tone Holes: Straight

## REFERENCES

**TENOR - GOLD LACQUER**  
JK3000-8-0

**TENOR - ANTIQUE BRASS**  
JK3000-9-0



# YOUR WAY

## SX90



The SX90 Series expands the range to include baritone and bass model saxophones. Drawn tone holes and adjustable palm keys are standard. With hand made key work, precision engraving, and rich gold lacquer finish, the SX90 series offers exceptional design and provides a full, sonorous tone to round out any saxophone ensemble or section.



# SX90

## SOPRANO



### SOPRANO SERIES

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The SX90 Series combines the legendary manufacturing of the Keilwerth brand along with the influence of legendary Keilwerth artist David Liebman.

All models are based on an innovative new bore and bell design that offers less resistance with a centered tone and even pitch throughout the range of the instrument.

All key work is produced entirely by hand to ensure the most accurate mechanism and precision.

### GOLD LACQUER - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Key: Bb  
Range: Low Bb to High F#  
Material: German Brass  
Key buttons: Mother of Pearl  
Palm Keys: Adjustable  
Thumb Rest: Metal, Adjustable  
Pads: Leather Pisoni  
Resonators: Metal  
Body Finish: Gold Lacquer  
Key Finish: Gold Lacquer  
Engraving: Hand Engraved  
Tone Holes: Drawn

# SX 90

## SOPRANO



Black Nickel



Vintage

### BLACK NICKEL - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Key: Bb  
Range: Low Bb to High F#  
Material: German Brass  
Key buttons: Mother of Pearl  
Palm Keys: Adjustable  
Thumb Rest: Metal, Adjustable  
Pads: Leather Pisoni  
Resonators: Metal  
Body Finish: Black Nickel Plated  
Key Finish: Gold Lacquer  
Engraving: Hand Engraved  
Tone Holes: Drawn

### VINTAGE - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Key: Bb  
Range: Low Bb to High F#  
Material: German Brass  
Key buttons: Black Mother of Pearl  
Palm Keys: Adjustable  
Thumb Rest: Metal, Adjustable  
Pads: Leather Pisoni  
Resonators: Metal  
Body Finish: Vintage Raw Brass  
with Clear Lacquer Finish  
Key Finish: Brushed Nickel Silver  
Engraving: Hand Engraved  
Tone Holes: Drawn

### REFERENCES

**SOPRANO - GOLD LACQUER**  
JK1300-8-0

**SOPRANO - BLACK NICKEL**  
JK1300-5B-0

**SOPRANO - VINTAGE**  
JK1300-8V-0



# SX90

## SOPRANO



### SX90DL

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The SX90DL model expands the collaboration with Dave Liebman even further with new ergonomically shaped key work specifically on the side and auxiliary keys for easier access and facility. Synthetic corks are used on all regulation points to resist wear and help maintain regulation consistency.

### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Key: Bb  
Range: Low Bb to High F#  
Material: German Brass  
Key buttons: Mother of Pearl  
Key Work: Ergonomic design palm keys  
Palm Keys: Adjustable  
Thumb Rest: Metal, Adjustable  
Pads: Leather Pisoni  
Resonators: Metal  
Body Finish: Vintage Raw Brass with Clear Lacquer Finish  
Key Finish: Brushed Nickel Silver

Engraving: Hand Engraved  
Tone Holes: Drawn

### REFERENCE

**SOPRANO**  
JK1300-8DL-0

# SX90

## SOPRANO



### SX90DLS

The SX90DLS model is for those who appreciate the instrument presented exactly as used by the artist who has inspired it. Additional features include cork pads on all upper keys, including palm and register keys. The thumb rest is padded for added comfort during extended performance. All engraving is done by hand and has been designed by Dave Liebman including a hand engraved D.Liebman Signature on the bell.

Accessories selected by the artist to accompany this model include swab, saxophone stand, and key clamps.

This instrument is presented in an exclusive Signature Series case.

### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Key: Bb

Range: Low Bb to High F#

Material: German Brass

Key buttons: Mother of Pearl

Key Work: Ergonomic design palm keys

Palm Keys: Adjustable

Thumb Rest: Metal, Adjustable, Padded

Pads: Leather Pisoni / Cork (upper pads)

Resonators: Metal

Body Finish: Vintage Raw Brass with Clear Lacquer Finish

Key Finish: Brushed Nickel Silver

Engraving: Hand Engraved  
Dave Liebman Signature and exclusive design  
Tone Holes: Drawn

### REFERENCE

**SOPRANO**

JK1300-8DLS-0



# BARITONES



## BARITONES

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The SX90 Baritone saxophones offer a rich, deep tone with versatility to adapt perfectly from the large ensemble to a small group or solo performance.

Agile and precise key work lets the player maneuver with ease, while comfortably producing a full-bodied and robust sound.

With optional ranges to either Low Bb or A, the SX90 Baritone is the optimum choice for the modern baritone saxophone player.

### JK4300 - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Key: Eb  
Range: Low Bb to High F#  
Material: German Brass  
Key buttons: Mother of Pearl  
Palm Keys: Adjustable  
Thumb Rest: Metal, Adjustable  
Pads: Leather Pisoni  
Resonators: Metal  
Body Finish: Gold Lacquer  
Key Finish: Gold Lacquer  
Engraving: Laser Precision Engraved  
Tone Holes: Drawn

### JK4310 - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Key: Eb  
Range: Low A to High F#  
Material: German Brass  
Key buttons: Mother of Pearl  
Palm Keys: Adjustable  
Thumb Rest: Metal, Adjustable  
Pads: Leather Pisoni  
Resonators: Metal  
Body Finish: Gold Lacquer  
Key Finish: Gold Lacquer  
Engraving: Laser Precision Engraved  
Tone Holes: Drawn

## REFERENCES

### BARITONES

JK4300-8-0: to low low Bb  
JK4310-8-0: to low A

# SX90 BASS



## BASS

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The SX90 Bass saxophone is a masterpiece of craftsmanship and performance.

The voluminous tone will offer a solid foundation for any ensemble, with clarity and distinction for the soloist as well. The key work is designed for comfort and ease of playing for an easy and fluent transition when doubling. Gold lacquered body and keys with precision engraving is standard along with an adjustable peg stand, and three level strap hooks.

## JK5300- TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Key: Bb  
Range: Low Bb to High Eb  
Material: German Brass  
Key buttons: Mother of Pearl  
Palm Keys: Adjustable  
Thumb Rest: Metal, Adjustable  
Pads: Leather Pisoni  
Resonators: Metal  
Body Finish: Gold Lacquer  
Key Finish: Gold Lacquer  
Engraving: Laser Precision Engraved  
Tone Holes: Soldered

## REFERENCE

**BASS**  
JK5300-8-0



TO COMPLEMENT YOUR KEILWERTH SAXOPHONE, WE OFFER QUALITY ACCESSORIES FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. THESE OPTIONS ALLOW YOU TO TAILOR YOUR INSTRUMENT TO BEST SUIT YOUR DEMANDS AND HELP CREATE YOUR OWN UNIQUE IMAGE AND VOICE.

# ACCESSORIES

## **A RANGE OF CAREFULLY SELECTED PRODUCTS**

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All Keilwerth Saxophones are delivered as an outfit including case, mouthpiece, ligature and cap, swab, neck strap, cork grease, key wrench, and reed.

Alternative saxophone necks are offered for those who wish to explore the range of sounds they can achieve as they identify their own voice.

Cases have been designed to fit the instruments perfectly and provide outstanding protection while offering functional and convenient features as well.

To receive a complete list of available accessories, please send your request to: [accessories@buffetcrampon.com](mailto:accessories@buffetcrampon.com)

# REPLACEMENT AND ALTERNATIVE NECKS

For additional variety in tone color and performance, Keilwerth offers the following selection of saxophone necks with alternative finishes for both alto and tenor saxophones.



STERLING SILVER



COPPER



DIAMOND SERIES



BLACK NICKEL PLATED



KIRK WHALUM SIGNATURE

# CASES

Keilwerth Saxophone Cases provide outstanding storage and protection with the convenience of top and side handles, durable zipper, outer pockets for sheet music, and backpack straps.



SOPRANO LIEBMAN



MKX



VINTAGE



SX



# IMPORTANT MOMENTS

## 1842

The Belgian musician and instrument maker Adolphe Sax brought his first saxophone to Paris. Convinced it would bring him fame and fortune, he immediately sought out the great composer/conductor Hector Berlioz. The young Sax was disappointed with what he considered a cool reception - until he spied a newspaper article the next day, written by Berlioz, which enthused at length on the saxophone's "richly changeable beauty" and "various expressive capabilities".

## 1873

Birth of Johann Baptist Keilwerth, the founder of the successful Keilwerth family of woodwind instrument makers. At this period, the saxophone was an instrument still very much in its infancy.

## 1903

Johann Baptist Keilwerth began his apprenticeship with the woodwind maker Vinzenz Riedl in Graslitz.

## 1908

Johann Baptist worked with the woodwind maker Franz Than in the Sudetenland (today a part of the Czech Republic). This beautiful valley, often referred to as "Klingende Taeler" (Ringing Valley), was home to a large assortment of instrument makers. Violins, horns, woodwinds, harmonicas, accordions, and toys were produced there.

## 1914

Johann's son Julius Keilwerth (1894-1962) worked at V. F. Kohlert & Sons who had started producing saxophones in 1900. After serving in World War I he began to work with the clarinet maker Friedrich Schimmer.

## 1920

Johann Baptist became self employed, making clarinets. His 4 sons, Josef, Richard, Julius and Max also learned the skill of woodwind instrument making. Julius Keilwerth began as a home-worker assembling saxophones with parts he got from the saxophone maker Adler in Markneukirchen.

## 1925

The Keilwerth Saxophone Company is founded. The quality of this workmanship was such that, by 1930, he was able to build a new factory and home in Graslitz. Despite the worldwide economic crisis that descended in 1937, Keilwerth continued to expand.

## 1938

The Julius Keilwerth factory was the largest saxophone manufacturer in Germany, employing 150 workers, exporting 2024 saxophones in 22 countries.

## 1945

Germans were dispossessed and forcefully banished from the Sudetenland to Germany. Most of the 16 million refugees, part of one of the largest displacement movements in history, had virtually no notice of their exile and were forced to leave with only what belongings they could carry.

It was a difficult time. The resident population, already hungry and frightened, resented the influx refugees.

Living quarters had to be found, families brought back together, and stability attained before the many workers could find each other and begin the long process of setting up factories and workshops in order to restart instrument production. Some instrument production started in Bavaria, but the largest concentration centered in Nauheim near Frankfurt. Parts of the industry even splintered off into England, Sweden, and Austria.

## 1946

Julius Keilwerth and his family relocate to Nauheim, Germany. A washroom in a bakery served as provisional quarters as they set up a repair business. The new Keilwerth Company was registered on January 19, 1947. Two years later new workshops and a home were built. About 80 people, most of them old employees from Graslitz, worked at the new facility. They produced saxophones, trumpets, trombones, and made repairs on all wind instruments.

# TS IN OUR HISTORY

## 1962

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Founder Julius Keilwerth dies at age 68. The company was taken over by his son Josef, who studied at the music school in Graslitz and learned the woodwind instrument making skill in his father's factory.

## 1965

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An association between the Keilwerth factory and Herb Couf began. Herb and Josef Keilwerth signed an agreement which lasted until 1987, whereby Keilwerth manufactured saxophones for Herb with specifications designed for the American market. They were known as the H. Couf Superba I, Superba II, and Royalist. Within a few years Keilwerth was recognized by players as being in the top echelon of saxophones. In 1965 they sold their fifty-thousandth saxophone.

By 1970, the company had begun concentrating on the production of saxophones only.

## 1982

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Death of Josef Keilwerth. His daughter Christa and eldest son Gerhard then assumed management. Another son, Jochen, joined the company after studying business administration.

## 1989

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Keilwerth becomes a division of the Boosey & Hawkes Group, employing 40 people. The two sons Gerhard and Jochen are still working in the company at this time. The SX90R model saxophone is introduced to the market.

## 1996

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The Keilwerth SX90R Tenor Saxophone received the 1st prize, awarded by the readers of the largest German Music Magazine FACHBLATT as "the most liked woodwind instrument".

## 1997

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Debut of the Keilwerth Sax Section at IAJE Conference (International Association of Jazz Educators) in Atlanta, Georgia. The section features Mike Smith, Dave Liebman, Ernie Watts, James Moody, and Nick Brignola.

## 2003

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Keilwerth becomes part of The Music Group along with other notable brands Buffet Crampon, Besson, and Schreiber musical instruments.

The full range of saxophones from Soprano to Baritone are developed and made in Nauheim and in Markneukirchen with the collaboration of famous international Jazz artists.

## 2010

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The Buffet Crampon Group acquires the Keilwerth brand and the factory in Markneukirchen. The collaboration of these companies ensures a productive and prosperous future for the brand in the 21st Century.

## 2012

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The Buffet Crampon Group becomes Buffet Group. This new identity brings together all group brands with one single vision, to become the "Global Reference in Wind Instruments".

## 2013

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The Julius Keilwerth MKX series is launched and marks the next evolution of the saxophone for this historic brand. By combining tonal characteristics of the legendary SX90R series, along with physical characteristics reminiscent of vintage saxophones, the MKX series allows the player to have the best of both worlds; a modern sound with a vintage feel.

## 2015

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Saxophonists around the world celebrate the 90th Anniversary of Julius Keilwerth Saxophones!!.

## 2016

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The group, now called Buffet Crampon and with a new logo, continues to develop. In April, the American flute company, Powell, joined the group, thus completing the line of wind instruments on offer.

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