

Boosey & Company's history goes back 250 years to the 1760s when John Boosey founded a music lending library in London. By pioneering inexpensive editions of the classics, the company expanded rapidly, acquiring the rights to works by Rossini, Bellini, Donizetti and Verdi.

In the 1850s the company branched out into making brass and wind instruments. 1867 saw the launch of the renowned Boosey Ballad Concerts, including such favorites as *The Lost Chord* by Sir Arthur Sullivan, *Danny Boy* and *Abide with Me*. This success continued with the publication of works by [Elgar](#) and [Vaughan Williams](#). In 1892 Boosey & Company established an office in New York, a business still flourishing today as Boosey & Hawkes Inc.