



Coming September 2012



The Bohumir Kryl Project



Kryl working on General Lew Wallace Study, circa 1896 - 97, Crawfordsville, Indiana

The General Lew Wallace Study and Museum in association with the Michigan / International Antique Phonograph Society is preparing a unique event in honor of a man with a Crawfordsville, Indiana connection: famous cornetist and bandleader Bohumir Kryl (1875-1961). Prior to Mr. Kryl's phenomenal musical success, he was a highly skilled sculptor. Not only did he carve the ornate limestone friezes on the General Lew Wallace Study, he also was one of the sculptors of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument in Indianapolis, IN. While engaged in this vocation, he auditioned for John Philip Sousa while the Sousa band toured Indianapolis and was hired as a cornetist. His musical career soared. Music critics called him the finest cornetist in the world. He recorded for many record labels including Edison, Victor, Zonophone, Columbia and many others. We have located original Kryl concert band scores, many of his original records dating back to 1903, and a treasure trove of information from university archives, his descendants, past students, and musical acquaintances.

We are organizing a program to be presented on stage of the Lewis S. Salter Concert Hall, located in the Wabash College Fine Arts Center, Crawfordsville, IN. The date is in the process of being finalized sometime in the Fall 2012. The program will consist of:

- (1) Performing original Kryl acoustic recordings (Cylinder records, Edison Diamond Discs and 78 rpm records) on period appropriate antique phonographs on stage of the Concert Hall.
- (2) Live performances of original Kryl band scores by a concert band.
- (3) A narrator recounting historical information on Kryl's life and times.
- (4) Multi-media presentations of Kryl photographs and music.

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