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Seydel Harmonicas have been a family tradition since 1847, when Christian Seydel founded the company. There were many other harmonica makers in Germany at the time, but none would outlast Seydel. Not only is Seydel the oldest harmonica manufacturer, but it has emerged as the most innovative, with the creation of the first harmonicas with stainless steel reeds. The company also offers the largest number of alternate tunings available, including Superlow, minors, circular and even player configured tunings. With it's recent re-entry into North America, this player-friendly instrument maker has attracted the attention and endorsement of professional musicians ranging from blues greats Charlie Musselwhite, James Cotton and Mark Hummel to Prince's current harp player Fred Yonnet and country and jazz stylist P.T. Gazell. Seydel's journey from their humble beginning in the mountains of Eastern Germany to becoming the top choice of pros is a long and winding road.