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Established in the "city of copper", Villedieu-les-Poêles, since its creation in 1865, the "Cornille-Havard" foundry specialises in two main fields:

on the one hand, the casting of monumental bells, manual or automatic chimes and art foundry, and, on the other hand, the restoration of bell-ringing mechanisms. In the context of its production, the foundry routinely uses a double-crown open-flame furnace with a capacity of 13 tons, more than a century old. In addition to traditional manufacturing practices (strickle moulding, cire perdue technique, heating-forge, wood treatment and patina, etc.), the company uses a CADD-based casting pattern modelling system.

Currently the foundry, that includes a master craftsman, is acknowledged by all European experts for the aesthetic quality and musicality of its bells. The foundry has performed a number of prestigious projects on listed monuments. It most often works to specific order. Its products are distributed directly by the workshop, over the Internet and via bell retailers/fitters.