

PercussionPlay®

Outdoor Musical Instruments

Senior Living Communities

For Everyone, Everywhere



Key:


Wheelchair accessible


Suitable for concreting into the ground


Suitable for wall fixing


Suitable for surface fixing


Tethered paddles


Tethered mallets


Played with hands


Played with feet



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"The musical instruments have transformed the way people use our outdoor spaces. Dotted throughout the grounds, they create engaging destinations that encourage exploration and interaction. People discover them while out walking, stop to play, and often share the experience with visiting family members. The result is more time spent outdoors, longer walks, plenty of laughter, and meaningful moments of connection across generations."

Charlie Hoare, Managing Director,
The Huntington & Langham Estate



Our Overture

Outdoor music transforms spaces, brings people together, and creates opportunities for connection, creativity, and enjoyment. At the heart of every Percussion Play instrument is a small, passionate team pouring energy, creativity, and expertise into creating inspiring musical moments, from the first conversation to long after installation.

We guide each project with care and expertise, helping customers turn ideas into vibrant musical destinations that invite people to gather, interact, and share experiences outdoors. We offer the world's largest and most diverse range of outdoor musical instruments, spanning chimes, bells, drums, aerophones, guiros, tongue drums, xylophones, and more.

Each instrument has its own character, with designs ranging from colorful, nature-inspired sculptures to sleek, contemporary pieces suited to a variety of outdoor environments. Drawing on musical traditions from around the globe, our collection provides endless possibilities for creating welcoming spaces where people of all ages and abilities can connect through music.

Outdoor Music in Senior Living

At Percussion Play, we believe music brings joy at every stage of our lives, continuing to enrich, inspire, and connect us. Our outdoor musical instruments are designed to bring people together, spark creativity, and encourage gentle movement in a way that is accessible to all, including older adults.

Whether installed in a sensory garden, memory care courtyard, or shared outdoor space, our instruments help promote wellbeing, reduce isolation, and foster meaningful moments between residents, staff, families, and visitors.

Durable, inclusive, and easy to play, they transform any outdoor area into a welcoming environment filled with the sound of laughter, rhythm, and community. Discover how music can enhance life in your senior living community.





Visit our Senior Living & Multigenerational Spaces page

Our Global Research Project

Building on our Sounding Out 2025 pilot study, we expanded to an international study exploring how outdoor music-making can enrich the lives of seniors.

Led by music therapist and researcher Stuart Wood MBE PhD, the research spans senior living communities in the UK, Denmark and USA, focusing on whether outdoor musical instruments can encourage time outdoors, enhance mood and social interaction, and strengthen intergenerational connections.

Through the experiences of residents, families and staff, the study helped build a deeper understanding of how music, outdoor spaces and human connection can contribute to more engaging and inclusive senior living communities.







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82%

of residents say the outdoor musical instruments can help with family time

100%

of staff feel confident about residents using outdoor musical instruments

"I think it's an excellent opportunity to bridge seniors with young children. The instruments are a beautiful addition to our garden area!"

90%

of all respondents say the outdoor musical instruments change the atmosphere of the community



92%

of all respondents say they enjoy the outdoor musical instruments because they are out in nature

87%

of all respondents say the outdoor musical instruments motivate them to be playful with music

90%

of all respondents say the outdoor musical instruments make going outdoors more appealing

100%

of staff feel it is worthwhile to make time for residents to use outdoor musical instruments



Outdoor Spaces for Wellbeing

Designing outdoor spaces that support wellbeing requires a thoughtful balance of accessibility, comfort, sensory engagement, and opportunities for social connection. In care environments, senior living communities, schools, healthcare settings, and public spaces, outdoor areas should encourage people to spend time outside, interact with others, and engage with their surroundings in meaningful and enjoyable ways. Carefully designed landscapes can help reduce stress, support relaxation, encourage gentle physical activity, and create positive everyday experiences that contribute to both physical and emotional wellbeing.

Natural elements such as planting, trees, and water features can help create calming and restorative environments, while pathways, seating areas, and shaded spaces encourage people to explore, pause, and spend longer outdoors. Inclusive design is particularly important, ensuring outdoor environments are accessible, welcoming, and easy to navigate for people of all ages and abilities. Level pathways, clear sightlines, resting points, and accessible gathering spaces all help create environments that feel safe, comfortable, and supportive.

Outdoor musical instruments can play an important role in wellbeing-focused landscape design by encouraging creativity, interaction, and gentle movement. Positioned within courtyards, sensory gardens, or communal spaces, they provide opportunities for sensory stimulation, social engagement, and joyful shared experiences. Music-making outdoors encourages people to connect with one another, spend more time in the fresh air, and experience the emotional benefits associated with rhythm, sound, and creative expression. Instruments can act as interactive focal points within the landscape while complementing wider planting schemes and outdoor features.

Successful wellbeing spaces should support a variety of experiences, from quiet reflection and relaxation to playful interaction and community engagement. By combining nature, accessibility, sensory elements, and opportunities for creativity, outdoor environments can become vibrant and restorative spaces that enhance mood, encourage connection, and improve overall quality of life for residents, visitors, staff, and the wider community.



Encouraging Time Outdoors

Being in nature boosts energy levels, improves circadian rhythm, encourages the production of serotonin, reduces stress, and simply helps people feel happier and more relaxed. Spending time outdoors has proven physical and mental health benefits, while exposure to natural light can support healthier sleep patterns and overall wellbeing. Even on cloudy days, spending just 30 minutes outside provides the recommended daily dose of vitamin D, which is essential for maintaining healthy bones, muscles, and immune function.

Playing music outdoors adds further benefits by encouraging movement, gentle exercise, creativity, and sensory stimulation. It also helps break up the monotony of daily routines, and creates enjoyable experiences that motivate people to remain outdoors for longer periods of time. This can help maximise the health, wellbeing, and social benefits that fresh air and outdoor environments can provide.

Music as Part of the Landscape

Outdoor musical instruments can be thoughtfully integrated into the landscape design of courtyards, sensory gardens, and outdoor spaces within senior living communities.

As attractive and interactive features, they help create welcoming environments that encourage residents to spend more time outdoors, engage with their surroundings, and enjoy gentle social activity in a relaxed setting.

Designed to be accessible and easy to use, outdoor instruments provide sensory stimulation through sound, movement, and touch, supporting wellbeing and meaningful engagement for residents of all abilities.

They can enhance the overall atmosphere of communal spaces while promoting creativity, interaction, relaxation, and opportunities for experiences between residents, visitors, and staff.



Designing Spaces

Great outdoor spaces are accessible, engaging, inclusive, and easy to navigate. At Percussion Play, we work with landscape architects, designers, care providers, and project teams to seamlessly integrate outdoor musical instruments into sensory gardens, courtyards, rehabilitation spaces, parks, and other shared environments.

We provide CAD files, product dimensions, surfacing guidance, installation details, and technical drawings, alongside advice on accessibility, spacing, circulation, and inclusive design to ensure instruments are positioned safely and effectively.

From early concepts to final layouts, our team can recommend instruments and configurations based on the space, users, and project goals. We can also assist with plan layouts and visual concepts, helping balance aesthetics and functionality.

By collaborating throughout the design process, we help create inspiring outdoor environments that encourage creativity, wellbeing, social interaction, and meaningful connection through music.










Petal Drums
Harmony Flowers
Rainbow Trio Ensemble
Duo
Harmony
Babel Drum

Music, Memory, and Familiarity

Engaging in activities is crucial for an individual's overall wellbeing as it provides a sense of purpose and enjoyment in their daily routine. For people living with dementia, participating in creative activities, gentle exercises, or any other activity can help them achieve their potential, increase their self-esteem, and reduce agitation and loneliness.

Music-making has profound benefits on the memory of seniors, serving as a bridge to recall and cognitive rejuvenation. Engaging in musical activities stimulates the brain, enhancing neural connections and potentially slowing down the memory decline associated with aging. Music can trigger memories and emotions, helping seniors to reminisce about their past, which in turn can improve their mood and quality of life.

Furthermore, the act of learning and playing music challenges the brain, promoting mental agility and memory retention. In essence, music-making is not just an enjoyable pastime; it's a powerful tool in maintaining and enhancing cognitive health in senior citizens, offering them a sense of accomplishment and joy while nurturing their memory and overall brain function. In the advanced stages of dementia, music provides an alternative means of communication.

> *"The instruments have been especially beneficial to our residents with dementia as they encourage them to go outdoors and to use the music to help them communicate."*
>
> *Head of Physiotherapy,*
> *Elder Centre Skovhuset*





Design Considerations in Care Environments

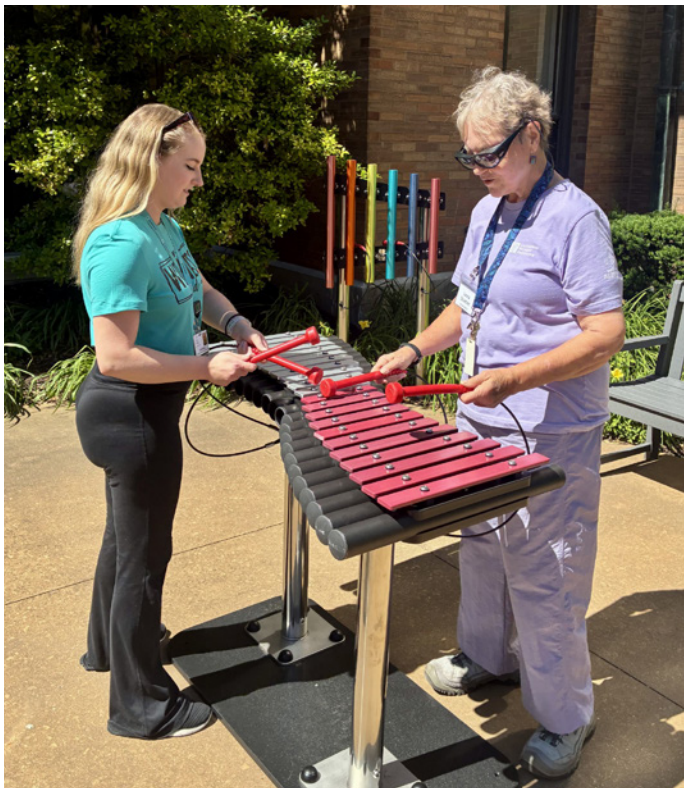
When designing outdoor spaces for care environments, it is important to create areas that are safe, accessible, inclusive, and engaging for residents of all abilities. Outdoor musical instruments can be integrated into courtyards, sensory gardens, rehabilitation spaces, and communal areas to encourage interaction, gentle activity, and meaningful sensory stimulation. Instruments should be positioned along accessible pathways with level surfaces suitable for wheelchairs and mobility aids, while allowing enough space for carers and groups to gather comfortably.

Designers should consider how musical features sit naturally within the wider landscape, using them as focal points alongside planting, seating, and shaded areas that encourage residents to spend more time outdoors. Instruments should be intuitive to play, positioned at inclusive heights, and selected for their calming, harmonious sounds to avoid overstimulation within care settings. Thoughtfully designed outdoor music spaces can support wellbeing, encourage social interaction, promote cognitive stimulation, and create welcoming environments that enhance quality of life for residents, visitors, and staff.

Supporting Care Relationships

At Percussion Play, we believe music brings joy at every stage of our lives, continuing to enrich, inspire, and connect us. Shared musical experiences can encourage communication, creativity, and emotional connection in meaningful and uplifting ways. Our outdoor musical instruments are designed to bring people together, spark creativity, and encourage gentle movement in a way that's accessible to all, including older adults. Easy-to-play instruments allow people of all abilities to participate confidently and socially.

Whether installed in a sensory garden, memory care courtyard, or shared outdoor space, our instruments help promote wellbeing, reduce isolation, and foster meaningful moments between residents, staff, families, and visitors. Music-making outdoors encourages engagement, relaxation, and enjoyment in the fresh air. Durable, inclusive, and easy to maintain, our instruments transform outdoor areas into welcoming social spaces filled with rhythm, laughter, and community spirit. Discover how music can enhance life in your senior living community.









Spaces That Bring People Together

Making music together is a powerful way to encourage connection, communication, and creativity. A communal outdoor music space will help foster positive social interaction and reduce feelings of isolation by giving residents opportunities to have fun together, learn new skills, and build friendships in a relaxed outdoor environment.

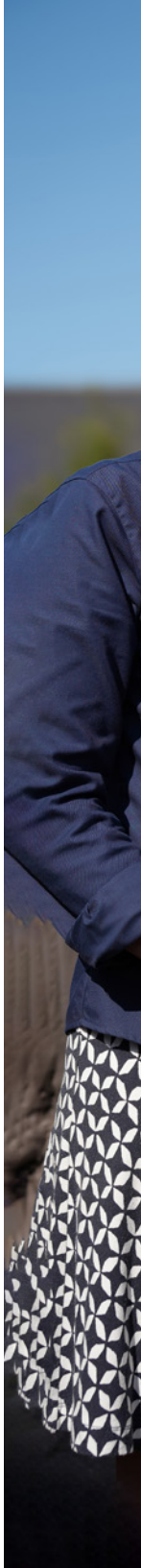
Accessible and inclusive instruments allow people of all ages and abilities to take part, regardless of musical experience. Combining music-making with fresh air and outdoor activity supports wellbeing, encourages community engagement, and creates a welcoming social space where residents can connect, collaborate, and enjoy meaningful moments together.

Music For Socialization

Lack of socialization can negatively impact health and wellbeing, particularly for older adults. Outdoor musical instruments encourage meaningful interaction by giving residents enjoyable opportunities to connect with others while spending time outdoors, engaging in gentle physical activity, and experiencing the emotional benefits of music-making.

Sharing instruments with family, friends, visitors, and carers helps create a stronger sense of community and inclusion within care environments. Music is naturally multi-generational, allowing people of all ages to play together and create positive shared experiences that can support mood, cognitive function, and overall wellbeing.

For many families, attractive outdoor spaces are an important consideration when choosing care settings for elderly relatives. The addition of outdoor musical instruments encourages residents to spend more time outside, supporting wellbeing, physical health, and a more enjoyable daily experience.





Encouraging Movement

Activities for seniors are not just for filling up the hours of the day or keeping busy. They are designed to nurture the mind, body, and spirit.

Music and music therapy can engage residents in new ways. Music transforms the atmosphere, and its effects ripple throughout the entire place. Installing outdoor musical instruments will motivate residents and provide opportunities for them to remain active.

Moderate physical activity can be gained through playing a musical instrument, improving mobility, strength, and endurance. It will engage many different muscle groups, promoting hand strength, joint flexibility, and overall improvement of motor skills.

Active music-making has been found to enhance social cohesion, enjoyment, personal development, and empowerment. While “breath of fresh air” may be an expression, the benefits of a little outdoor activity are, in fact, very real.

Music in Courtyards & Gardens

Outdoor musical instruments can be seamlessly integrated into courtyards, gardens, and sensory landscapes to create engaging spaces that encourage interaction, creativity, and relaxation.

Designed to complement both natural and built environments, Percussion Play instruments can act as sculptural focal points within planting schemes, seating areas, pathways, and communal outdoor spaces. Their inclusive, easy-to-play design invites people of all ages and abilities to pause, connect, and enjoy shared musical experiences in the fresh air.

Whether enhancing a sensory garden, care environment, or community courtyard, the instruments add sound, movement, and visual interest while encouraging wellbeing and social engagement. Durable and weather-resistant, they help transform outdoor areas into vibrant, welcoming destinations filled with rhythm, creativity, and community connection.



Accessible Music Gardens

The great outdoors stimulates all senses and awakens our connection with nature and each other. Being outdoors should not end as mobility and other issues arise in older adults.

Incorporating outdoor musical instruments into well-thought-out and accessible gardens can bring renewed opportunities for seniors to enjoy time outside and encourage them to play tranquil music on authentic instruments. This helps enrich the senior residents' lives in many ways - both physically, mentally, and spiritually.

Spending more time outdoors means that residents are exposed to more natural sunlight and all the positive effects this has on our overall health and wellbeing. Some known benefits include lower blood pressure, reduced stress levels, improved brain function, and improved bone and muscle health.

Beautifully designed surroundings can lift spirits. An outdoor musical instrument installed as a centerpiece or in a quiet, shady corner next to a bench or chair will offer a sensory experience and a moment of reflection to wonderfully interrupt everyday life. Senior living, care, and nursing homes are seeing the benefits of creating sensory gardens for residents and visitors while bringing life to their outside spaces.

> *"Our music therapy sessions are helping residents, both with dementia and without, to exercise their brains in different ways, engage in physical activity, and importantly have fun!"*
>
> *Chris Barber, Engagement Manager, Central and Cecil Housing Trust*









Intergenerational Movements

Intergenerational music-making creates meaningful opportunities for people of all ages to connect, communicate, and share joyful experiences together.

Outdoor musical instruments naturally encourage collaboration between generations, bringing children, parents, grandparents, carers, and communities together through the shared language of rhythm and sound. Music removes barriers and creates moments of connection that are inclusive, spontaneous, and accessible to everyone, regardless of age or musical ability.

In senior living environments, parks, schools, and community spaces, outdoor instruments can help strengthen relationships between older adults and younger generations by encouraging playful interaction, creativity, and shared participation.

These experiences can stimulate memory, support emotional wellbeing, and create positive social engagement for older adults, while helping younger people develop empathy, confidence, and communication skills. The result is a more connected and inclusive community environment filled with laughter, creativity, and memorable experiences that bring generations together through the power of music.

> *"The instruments give our residents an opportunity to experience another form of self-expression, reminiscing, and socialization."*

Amanda Sparkes, Resident Services Coordinator,
John M. Parrott Center

Inspired by Nature

Petal Drums

A-Minor (A-C-D-E-G-A)
C-Major (C-D-E-G-A-C)
A-Akebono (A-B-C-E-F-A)
C Pygmy (C-D-Eb-G-Bb-C)

Petal Drums bring a joyful blend of color, music, and playful charm to senior living environments. Pairing our sweet-sounding stainless-steel Babel Drums with bold, flower-shaped HPL petals, they create an inviting sensory feature that encourages residents to pause, play, connect, and enjoy making music together.



Each drum is tuned differently and can be played with hands, fingers, or the small attached mallets, offering a range of tones and techniques.

Choose a single bloom or create a vibrant arrangement from the Forget-Me-Not, Sunflower, Poppy, or Daisy to create eye-catching musical landmarks that encourage outdoor exploration, spark conversation, and invite players of all ages to play together through rhythm and music.

Liberty Bells

C-Major Pentatonic (C4-C5)

Liberty Bells bring a burst of color and musical energy to outdoor spaces.

This cheerful cluster of six brightly colored caps sits atop curved stainless-steel stems, creating an inviting focal point in courtyards, gardens, and along music trails.



Together, the aluminum bells are tuned to a C Major Pentatonic scale from C4 to C5 and sing with a clear, resonant tone when struck with the attached mallets.

Easy and enjoyable for players of all ages and abilities, Liberty Bells encourage gentle movement, spark conversation, and create opportunities for shared musical moments.



Inspired by Nature

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Cattails

A-Minor Pentatonic Set of 6 (A3, C4, D4, E4, G4, A4)
C-Major Triad Set of 3 (C4, E4, G4)
A-Minor Triad Set of 3 (A3, C4, E4)



Inviting players to pause, explore, and interact, Cattails bring gentle sound and natural character to gardens, walking routes, and music trails.



Stainless-steel stems support three or six light-bronze, cylindrical anodized aluminum chimes, which produce tranquil, harmonic tones when struck with the attached soft green mallets.

Inspired by the tall marsh plants found along wetlands and waterways, their soothing sounds create opportunities for conversation, connection, and reminiscence, while adding visual interest to outdoor living spaces.

Sylvan Bell-Trees

F Major Pentatonic (F4-A5)
E Minor Pentatonic (E4-E6)
C Major Diatonic (C4-C6)

Create engaging musical destinations throughout your landscape with Sylvan Bell Trees. Inspired by the forest and finished in rich green tones, the trio of Short, Tall, and Grande Bell Trees brings the sights and sounds of nature into outdoor environments.



Together, they create an uplifting soundscape of ascending notes tuned to complementary diatonic and pentatonic scales. Their welcoming design encourages players to pause, explore, and create music together, while durable weatherproof bells and stainless-steel posts ensure lasting outdoor enjoyment. Install individually or as a trio to create engaging musical destinations throughout your landscape.

Inspired by Nature

Harmony Flowers

(C5-A5)



Encouraging players to follow a trail, meet along the way, and discover new sounds as they explore, Harmony Flowers create inviting destinations throughout the landscape.

This cheerful family of six musical blooms can be enjoyed individually or arranged in two ready-made posies. Collect them all and watch your musical garden grow.



Each flower features a sturdy stainless-steel frame, colorful powder-coated aluminum petals, and a contrasting bell at its center that produces a bright, cheerful chime when struck. Harmony Flowers add character, warmth, and year-round interest wherever they bloom.

Harmony Bells

(C Major, F Major, G Major, D Minor, E Minor, A Minor)

Harmony Bells bring color, music, and year-round interest to outdoor spaces.

Perpetually in bloom and built to withstand all weather conditions, each flower features colorful powder-coated aluminum petals paired with four contrasting bells that decrease in size and ascend in pitch. When struck, they produce a pure tone with a long, clear sustain.



Available individually or in pre-arranged bunches of three tuned to complementary chords.

Harmony Bells create inviting musical landmarks that encourage players to explore, gather, and share moments of musical discovery along gardens, courtyards, and music trails.



Inspired by Nature

Bumblebee

C Major Pentatonic (C5-A5)



Bumblebee adds personality, color, and cheerful sound to outdoor living spaces. Featuring a charming bee-inspired design and five brightly voiced bells tuned to a C Major Pentatonic scale, it creates uplifting musical experiences that are easy and enjoyable for players of all abilities.



With no wrong notes, residents and visitors can play confidently as they explore simple melodies and rhythms. Its distinctive appearance celebrates the natural world and creates an inviting focal point that sparks curiosity and conversation.

Whether enjoyed on its own or alongside other instruments, Bumblebee encourages people to venture outdoors, engage with their surroundings, and discover the pleasure of making music in gardens, courtyards, and other outdoor social spaces.

Dragonfly

Chromatic (G5-G6)

Dragonfly brings music, color, and a touch of surprise to outdoor environments. Inspired by one of nature's most captivating creatures, it combines vibrant design with thirteen aluminum bells arranged in a chromatic layout, allowing players to explore melodies and perform familiar tunes.



Featuring etched transparent wings and graceful form create a striking visual feature that encourages residents and visitors to stop and take a closer look. Equally rewarding as a musical instrument and a landscape feature, Dragonfly invites curiosity, creativity, and exploration while providing opportunities for gentle activity and musical engagement.

The instruments unique character makes it an appealing addition to gardens, courtyards, pathways, and outdoor gathering spaces.



Inspired by Nature

Rainbow Chimes

C Major Pentatonic (C5-C6)



Rainbow Chimes bring vibrant color and uplifting sound to outdoor environments. Tuned to harmonious pentatonic notes, they create rewarding musical experiences without the need for previous musical knowledge or experience. Their colorful appearance makes them a natural musical landmark within courtyards, gardens, and walking routes, encouraging people to venture outdoors and explore.



The accessible vertical design supports comfortable play from both standing and seated positions, helping players engage with music at their own pace while creating opportunities for connection, discovery, and shared enjoyment. For a more understated look, our Freechimes collection offers a variety of tunings in a natural aluminum finish, combining the same engaging play experience with a sleek, contemporary aesthetic.

Freechimes

C Major Pentatonic (C3-C6)
C Major Diatonic (C3-C6)

Freechimes bring music, movement, and discovery to outdoor living spaces through a versatile collection of beautifully tuned outdoor chimes.

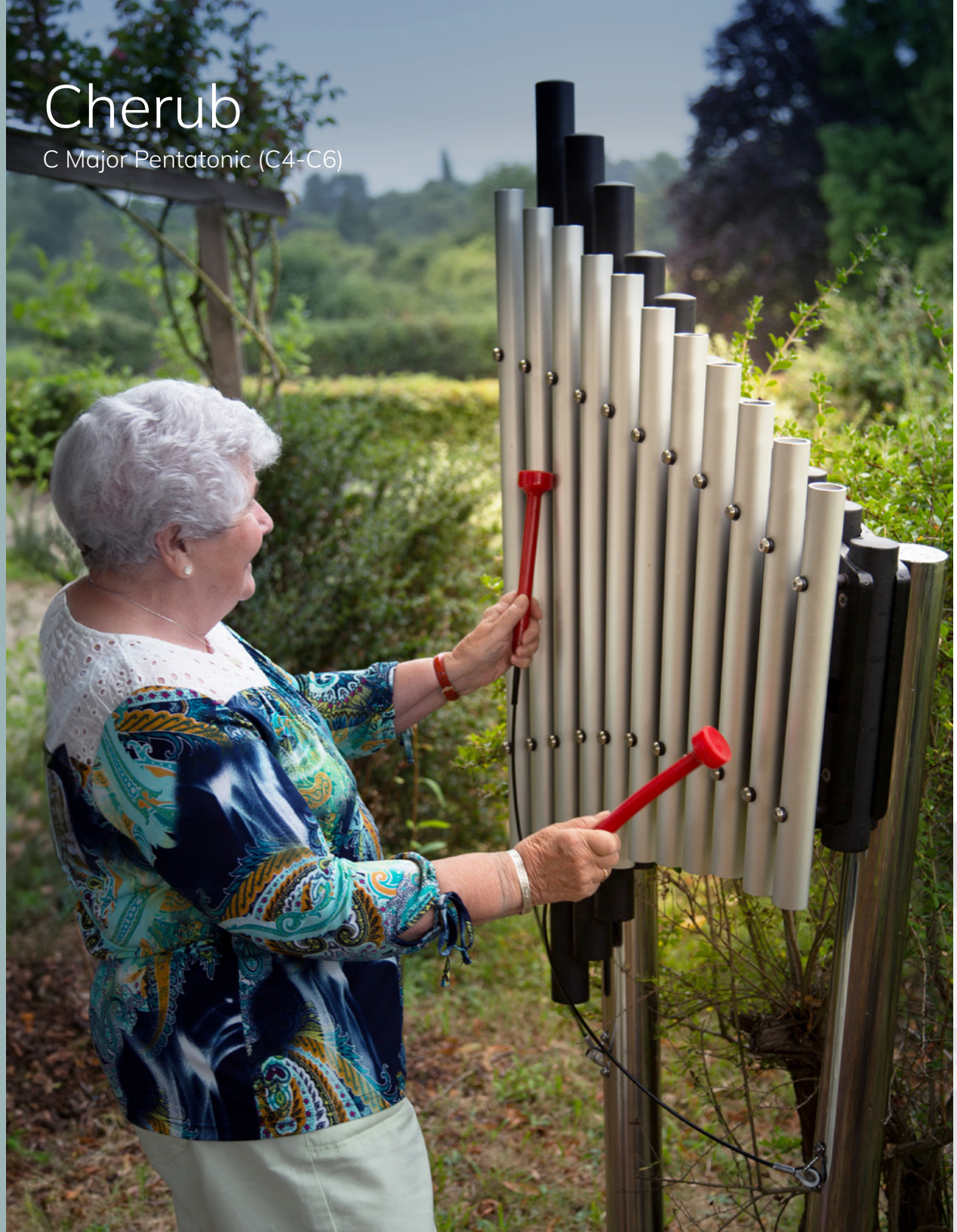


Available in a choice of pentatonic or diatonic scales and a range of sizes, they can be selected to suit everything from simple musical exploration to more melodic play. The clear, resonant tones encourage residents to pause, listen, and engage with music at their own pace, while the intuitive layout makes them accessible to players of all abilities.

Their elegant natural aluminum finish complements a variety of landscape styles, creating inviting musical landmarks that encourage outdoor exploration, social interaction, and shared moments of enjoyment. Available in ground, surface, or wall-mounted configurations, Freechimes are equally at home in gardens, courtyards, along walking routes, and within outdoor living spaces.

Cherub

C Major Pentatonic (C4-C6)



Cherub features eleven hand-tuned anodized aluminum bells that produce clear, sustaining tones when struck with the attached mallets.

Tuned to a harmonious pentatonic scale, it creates soothing sounds that invite players to pause, listen, and explore. Its vertical arrangement supports comfortable standing or seated play, encouraging gentle movement and accessible musical engagement.



With a distinctive offset stance reminiscent of a wing, Cherub combines sculptural elegance with musical discovery, making it an attractive addition to gardens, pathways, and outdoor gathering spaces.

Available in ground, surface, or wall-mounted configurations to suit a variety of settings.

Harmony

C Major Pentatonic (C5-C7)

Harmony features eleven thick anodized aluminum tubes arranged lengthwise and horizontally.

Tuned to a soothing C Major Pentatonic scale, it produces sweet, uplifting tones with a warm, lingering sustain.

The upright design encourages gentle, natural movement and comfortable reach, inviting players to engage with music at their own pace.



With notes that work harmoniously together, Harmony makes musical exploration accessible and rewarding, creating opportunities for discovery and shared enjoyment.

Robust yet elegant, the Harmony brings a calming musical presence to gardens, courtyards, and music trails.

Tutti

Aluminum (C5-C7 Pentatonic)
Hardwood (A3-A5 Pentatonic)
GRP (G3-C5 Diatonic)

Tutti is an eye-catching three-sided sound sculpture designed to bring people together through music.

Built around a single stainless-steel post, it combines three distinct note materials - aluminum, GRP, and hardwood - each offering its own tone and character.

Players can explore the instrument independently or gather around it to create music together, discovering how the contrasting sounds blend and complement one another.



Sculptural and social, Tutti creates opportunities for interaction, creativity, and shared musical experiences while serving as a striking focal point within the landscape.

Bell Lyre

Unpitched Percussion

Bell Lyre is an elegant sculptural instrument featuring eight graduated stainless-steel bells suspended within a graceful lyre-inspired frame.

The smaller bells at the top produce light, delicate tones that descend to the larger gong-like bells at the base, creating a soothing cascade of sound.



The highly polished bells capture and reflect their surroundings, making Bell Lyre both a visual and musical feature within the landscape.

Inviting players to pause, listen, and explore, it creates moments of quiet discovery while adding beauty and character to gardens, courtyards, and outdoor gathering spaces.

My Tunes

Composed



My Tunes transforms a favorite melody into a unique outdoor musical experience, inviting players to rediscover familiar tunes and cherished memories through music.



Custom-tuned to play a specific melody, the notes are arranged in sequence so that players simply follow from beginning to end to perform a recognizable tune. This intuitive format makes musical participation accessible and rewarding for people of all abilities, regardless of previous musical experience.

Whether celebrating a well-loved song, local heritage, or a meaningful community connection, My Tunes creates opportunities for reminiscence, conversation, and shared enjoyment. Highly engaging and simple to play, My Tunes encourages residents, visitors, and family members to connect through music while creating a distinctive feature within gardens, courtyards, and outdoor living spaces.

Papilio

C Major Pentatonic (C4-C7)

Inspired by the graceful shape of a butterfly, Papilio combines striking sculptural design with uplifting musical experiences. Named after the Latin word for butterfly, it has a sweeping form that creates an impressive focal point while inviting people to gather, explore, and create music together.



Tuned to a harmonious C Major Pentatonic scale spanning three octaves, Papilio produces bright, resonant tones that sound pleasing whether playing simple rhythms or more complex melodies.

The intuitive layout and accessible design makes musical participation easy and rewarding for people of all abilities, encouraging confidence, creativity, and shared enjoyment.

Accommodating multiple players at once, Papilio creates opportunities for social interaction, connection, and collaborative music-making while bringing sound and a sense of discovery to gardens, courtyards, and outdoor gathering spaces.

Large Babel Drum

G Major Pentatonic (G3-B4)



Gather, connect, and create music together with the Large Babel Drum. Its eight-note stainless-steel design delivers a deeper, more resonant voice, known for its rich sustain and meditative tone.



Played with the hands, it invites gentle exploration as well as rhythmic improvisation and is easy to enjoy for players of all abilities while offering rewarding musical experiences for more confident musicians.

With a soothing sound, the Babel Drum makes a welcoming addition to courtyards, gardens, and outdoor gathering spaces.

Additional soft mallets available on request for players with reduced hand strength or mobility.

Cajon

Unpitched Percussion

Cajon is a stainless-steel resonating box with an etched playing surface and an internal snare that responds to different striking areas. Players can create crisp high notes near the top and fuller bass tones in the center, making it easy to explore rhythms and play together.



With a familiar, seat-like design that invites people to sit, gather, and join in, the Cajon creates opportunities for conversation, connection, and intergenerational music-making. Strong, stable, and low-maintenance, it performs reliably outdoors and can double as informal seating when not in use.



Congas

Unpitched Percussion



Whether enjoyed individually or through informal group drumming, Congas encourage participation, gentle movement, and social interaction. Mounted on stainless-steel posts and finished with durable ABS caps in bright contrasting colors, they create eye-catching features within courtyards, gardens, and outdoor gathering spaces.



Available individually or as a trio of pairs in small, medium, or large sizes, they offer a range of tones and a strong visual presence. Played with the hands, the Congas produce warm, rounded sounds that make rhythm-making accessible and enjoyable for players of all abilities.

Rainbow Sambas

Unpitched Percussion

Rainbow Sambas bring color, rhythm, and joyful interaction to outdoor living spaces through a vibrant collection of five easy-to-play drums. Their intuitive design invites residents, visitors, and family members to gather, play, and connect through rhythm, with no musical experience required.



Played with the hands, the drums produce soft, satisfying percussion sounds that are accessible to beginners while remaining engaging and expressive, encouraging gentle movement and active participation.

Their bright appearance creates an inviting focal point within courtyards, gardens, and outdoor gathering areas, encouraging people to venture outdoors and join in. Particularly well suited to intergenerational settings, Rainbow Sambas create opportunities for shared musical experiences, conversation, and laughter, bringing energy, creativity, and connection to the landscape.

Rainbow Cavatina

C Major Diatonic (C4-C6)



Rainbow Cavatina is an eye-catching outdoor xylophone known for its vibrant rainbow appearance and bright, resonant sound.

Also available in an elegant all-silver finish, it is tuned to a two-octave C Major range (C4-C6), offering clear melodic expression for both beginners and experienced players.

Featuring anodized aluminum notes that follow our signature Rainbow Scale, the Cavatina makes it easy to explore melodies and create music with confidence.



Designed for outstanding outdoor performance, the Rainbow Cavatina delivers crisp projection and rewarding musical experiences, whether improvising freely or playing familiar tunes. Its inviting design encourages musical discovery and shared enjoyment in courtyards, gardens, and outdoor gathering spaces.

Music Book

For players who enjoy following melodies, our durable outdoor Music Book uses the same Rainbow Scale as the instrument, allowing colored notes on the score to match the colored notes on the Cavatina.



Available in two-sheet (4 songs) or four-sheet (8 songs) versions, it offers a simple, engaging way to play familiar tunes, revisit favorite melodies, and create shared musical moments across generations.

Familiar songs can provide a welcoming starting point for making music, encouraging residents to recognize melodies, anticipate what comes next, and enjoy the satisfaction of playing a tune they know.

With no need to read traditional musical notation, the color-coded system makes it easy to join in at a comfortable pace, whether playing independently or alongside others.

Cadenza

C Major Pentatonic (C4-C6)



Cadenza is an elegant outdoor xylophone-style instrument that invites players to explore melody, harmony, and rhythm at their own pace.



Tuned to a C Major Pentatonic scale spanning two octaves (C4-C6), it offers a rewarding musical experience with no wrong notes to play, making it accessible to beginners while remaining engaging for more experienced musicians.

A familiar left-to-right note arrangement encourages confident exploration and makes it easy to revisit familiar tunes or create new melodies. Producing clear, resonant tones with a lingering sustain, Cadenza creates opportunities for musical discovery, reminiscence, and shared enjoyment.

With its graceful, curved design and striking appearance, it creates an inviting musical destination in courtyards, gardens, walking routes, and outdoor living spaces.

Duo

C Major Pentatonic (C4-C6)

Duo is a beautifully curved and inviting instrument designed to bring people together through music. Tuned to complementary C Major Pentatonic scales, it encourages players to explore melody and rhythm side by side.



The unique offset layout of the Duo comfortably accommodates two players, making it ideal for shared musical experiences between friends, family members, and all generations. Featuring both aluminum and GRP notes, Duo offers two distinct tonal qualities that add depth and variety to every performance. Accessible and intuitive to play, Duo inspires connection, creativity, and musical discovery.

Harmony Collection

G Major Pentatonic (G3-B4)
C Major Pentatonic (C4–C6)
C Major Pentatonic (C5-C7)

The Harmony Collection brings together three complementary instruments to create a welcoming outdoor music destination where residents, families, and visitors can connect through shared musical experiences. Featuring the Large Babel Drum, Duo, and Harmony, the collection combines rhythm, melody, and collaborative play in an inviting and accessible format.

Ideal for courtyards, gardens, and outdoor gathering spaces, the collection encourages conversation, participation, and spontaneous moments of connection. Tuned to a pentatonic scale, the instruments sound harmonious together, allowing people of all abilities to play with confidence while enjoying meaningful time outdoors in the company of others.

Melody Trail Collection

C4-C6

The Melody Trail Collection combines colorful chimes, accessible percussion, and familiar tunes to create an engaging outdoor music experience. Featuring an eight-note set of Calypso Chimes, Cavatina, and a music book, the collection encourages residents, families, and visitors to explore melody, rhythm, and song together.

The Calypso Chimes can be arranged along garden paths, courtyards, and walking routes, creating a musical trail that leads to the Cavatina. Encouraging exploration, participation, and shared enjoyment, the collection invites people to rediscover favorite melodies, create new musical memories, and enjoy meaningful moments outdoors together.



Soprano Quartet

C4-C6

The Soprano Quartet Ensemble brings together four complementary instruments to create a rich and rewarding outdoor music experience. Featuring the Cadenza, Small Babel Drum, Soprano Pentatonic Freechimes, and Medium Congas, this compact ensemble combines melody, harmony, and rhythm in a way that invites participation and shared enjoyment.

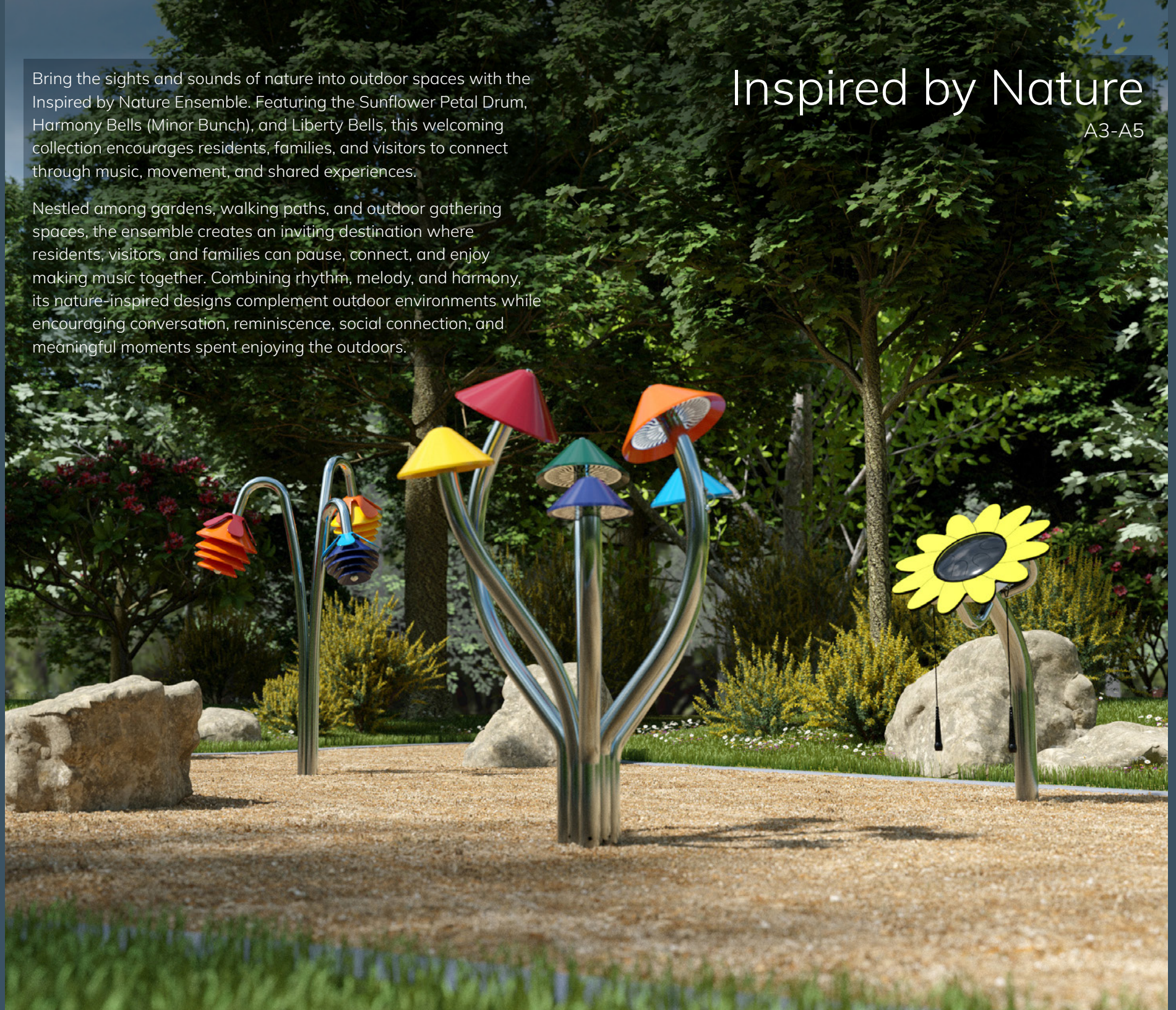
Perfect for courtyards, gardens, and outdoor gathering spaces, the ensemble creates opportunities for residents, families, and visitors to connect through music. Tuned to sound beautiful together, it encourages confidence, creativity, conversation, and spontaneous moments of connection, making it an inviting destination for spending time outdoors together.

Inspired by Nature

A3-A5

Bring the sights and sounds of nature into outdoor spaces with the Inspired by Nature Ensemble. Featuring the Sunflower Petal Drum, Harmony Bells (Minor Bunch), and Liberty Bells, this welcoming collection encourages residents, families, and visitors to connect through music, movement, and shared experiences.

Nestled among gardens, walking paths, and outdoor gathering spaces, the ensemble creates an inviting destination where residents, visitors, and families can pause, connect, and enjoy making music together. Combining rhythm, melody, and harmony, its nature-inspired designs complement outdoor environments while encouraging conversation, reminiscence, social connection, and meaningful moments spent enjoying the outdoors.



Listen, Learn, and Be Inspired

From supporting reminiscence and cognitive engagement to encouraging gentle outdoor activity, social interaction, and intergenerational connection, these stories highlight the many ways outdoor music can enhance quality of life in senior living communities.

Explore the podcasts and discover how music can help create more engaging, vibrant, and meaningful outdoor environments.

Episode 1 | Music & Senior Care - The Benefit

Learn how music and outdoor musical experiences can enhance cognitive, emotional, social, and physical wellbeing in senior care. Hear expert insights, pioneering research, and practical examples, including Denmark's world-leading approach to music in care.

Insight | Creating Meaningful Moments Through Music in Senior Care

Discover how The Huntington & Langham Estate uses outdoor music to support engagement, connection, reminiscence, and wellbeing in later life. Hear insights from Managing Director Charlie Hoare alongside pioneering research into music's role in health, happiness, and meaningful connection.

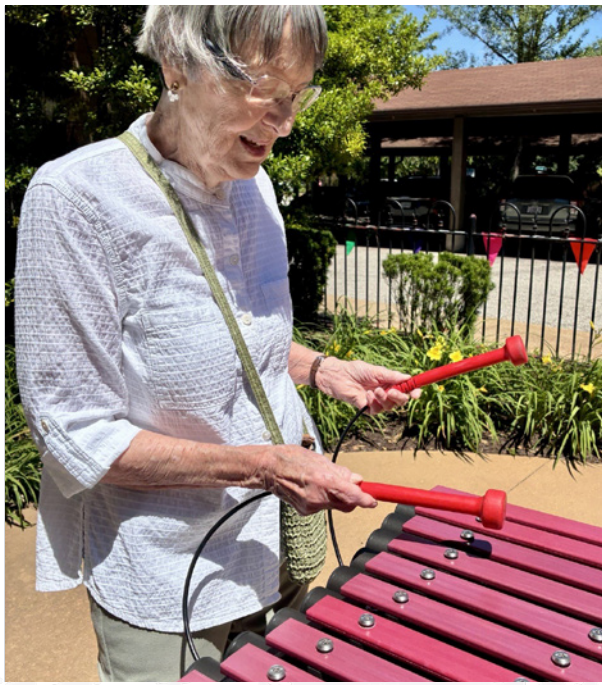
The Stories Behind Sounding Out: Residents, Families and Care Communities Share Their Experiences of Outdoor Music

In this special Sounding Out episode, we hear directly from residents, family members, care staff, therapists, and community leaders across three participating sites in the UK, Denmark, and the United States.

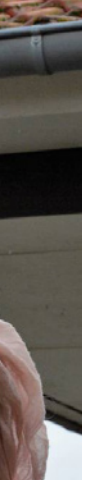
Through their personal stories, they share how outdoor music has supported connection, sparked conversation, encouraged participation, and created meaningful moments for those who use the spaces.

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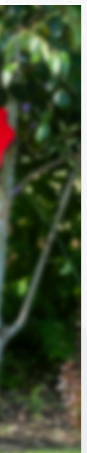












Tributes That Play On

Celebrate someone special with a tribute that continues to bring joy to others. A Percussion Play instrument offers families, friends and carers a positive way to recognize a resident's life, personality and the connections they made within their senior living community.

Rather than creating something centered solely on remembrance, a musical tribute can celebrate the happiness, friendships and memories shared during a person's life. Every time the instrument is played, it can provide a positive connection to the person it celebrates – encouraging residents and carers to remember familiar moments, share stories and reflect on their time together through the power of music.

Our instruments also offer a meaningful alternative to more traditional donations. Families, friends, community groups and donors often want to give something back to a senior living community as a thank you, to mark a special occasion or to recognize the care and companionship someone received. Instead of a conventional brick, bench or plaque, an outdoor musical instrument is a donation that can continue giving for years to come.

A musical tribute becomes a familiar destination that gives residents somewhere to visit, play, share memories, and have fun with carers, friends, and family. A single donation can create countless moments of enjoyment and new memories long after the original gift was made.

To make a tribute or donation even more personal, many of our stainless-steel instruments can be custom engraved, where possible, at no extra charge. Names, messages, quotes or poems can be engraved directly onto selected instruments, including Babel Drums, Cajon Drums and Bell Lyres. Alternatively, a personalized engraved plaque can be attached to or positioned alongside the instrument.

Whether given in celebration of a resident, in recognition of the people who cared for them, or simply as a generous gift to the community, a musical instrument creates a positive and lasting legacy – turning a tribute or donation into years of music, memories, connection and shared enjoyment.







It is a wonderful space, utilized by people in passing and open for non-programmed events. When people see the instruments out there with children and grandchildren, visitors - people stop by to check them out. Staff play out there all the time, having a moment away from a busy day.

Emily Sitzes, Director of Community Wellness,
Laclede Groves Lutheran Senior Services Community
Webster Groves, Missouri, USA

We have observed residents having fun, expressing feelings, and engaging in social interactions amongst residents of all abilities. The social interactions have led residents to reminisce and tap into their memories, expressing this through rhythmic foot tapping and singing, which has assisted with improving concentration and coordination.

Amanda Sparkes, Resident Services Coordinator
John M. Parrott Center
Napanee, Ontario, Canada

The xylophone looks great and is a real highlight for our residents and visitors on our new sensory path. The path not only provides a safe and accessible route, but it also encourages more outdoor programs and gets residents to engage with others along their walk.

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