



 PercussionPlay  
Outdoor Musical Instruments

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# Music Made For The Great Outdoors

Percussion Play are the world's leading manufacturer of outdoor musical instruments. Designed with durability in mind, we are committed to making musical expression accessible to everyone, everywhere.



# Help Bring Harmony to Communities

We believe that social connection is the key to healthier and happier lives. Music is a powerful tool that can bring individuals together and promote trust, empathy, and cooperation. It can be used to educate, engage the senses, ignite creativity and imagination, and be a catalyst for meaningful interactions.

Bridging international gaps, outdoor musical instruments can hugely and positively impact a community for a relatively low cost. The creation of outdoor music spaces for spontaneous music-making, using real-life musical instruments that are holistically interactive and responsive, will be enjoyed by everyone - regardless of age or ability. They're a great way to encourage more people to become involved in music-making and bring people together in a way that few other activities can - fostering both individual growth and community development. Knowledge of music, keys, or scales is not required, just the willingness to have a go.

**“Without doubt, music is best experienced with other people and communities need music - music brings communities together”**

♪ Percussion Play ♪



# Lions Pride Park Brings Community Alive, PA

Great public spaces draw people together, bring communities alive, generate pride and a sense of belonging, they foster connections and create opportunities. Lions Pride Park in Warrington, Pennsylvania has managed all of this while breathing new life into a disused space. The popular outdoor space has even been named one of 2021's Great Places in Pennsylvania by the American Planning Association's Pennsylvania Chapter in the category of 'Great Public Spaces'.

Created from a shared vision of the local Lions Club, Warrington Township, and local school students, the park is a model of accessibility and intergenerational use that is exciting, attractive, and engaging for people of all ages and abilities. Warrington Township and the Lions Club employed the services of Landscape Architects Viridian Landscape Studio to transform the ideas of local elementary school students and the public through surveys, interviews, and multiple design workshops, to create an exciting accessible public play space unique to Warrington - one that would become a centerpiece of community life for people of all ages and abilities.



The focal points of the new park are The Grove and Kids' Mountain, home to a brand new, unique playground that includes large, long slides that descend from the playground's mountain top.

This area encourages creative free play and physical challenges with climbing towers, swings, bridges, and space for winter sledding. A sensory trail leads to the top of the mountain that is planted with native species and pollinator plants.

There is also an array of visual, audio, tactile, and sensory experiences throughout the Park, including a smartphone app that provides information about the park for blind visitors, and of course, an area for outdoor musical play. The grove included [Rainbow Sambas](#), [Akadinda](#), [Tubular Bells](#), [Congas](#), [Duo](#), [Cherub](#), [Sansa Rimba](#) and [Alto Diatonic Freechimes](#). This music area has a mixture of instruments tuned to both pentatonic and diatonic scales to empower both aspiring musicians and those with a little musical knowledge.

**“Not a day goes past that you cannot hear the beautiful sounds of music traveling across the park. The intergenerational play they provide totally supports the ethos behind this playground.”**

♪ Tavis Dockwiller ♪

Principal and Founder of Viridian Landscape Studio



# Lions Clubs, NE

Both Pleasanton Lions Club and Montezuma Lions Club have been working hard to bring musical play to two elementary schools in their local districts.

In the local playground next to Pleasanton Public School, an outdoor music area has become a place to encourage students to pursue music. The Pleasanton Lions recognized that playing musical instruments is proven to help develop healthy minds, bodies, and souls. Thanks to the club, students can now learn more about notes, rhythm, and other musical components in the great outdoors.

Montezuma Lions Club was inspired by outdoor musical instruments they saw in another community and committed to making the dream become reality. Taking this inspiration, they brought a new musical makeover to the existing playground at Montezuma Elementary. Students now have a wonderful opportunity each day while at recess to work with their friends to create a wonderful new tune.



# Quitman Pilot Club, TX

Thanks to the local Pilot Club, Governor Jim Hogg City Park in Quitman, Texas, has undergone some inclusive and musical upgrades. To be able to purchase this gift, the 40-member non-profit club worked very hard on two fundraisers. They also applied for and received two generous monetary grants. Pilot International contributed \$5K and The Wood County Electric Charitable Foundation donated \$10K.

The new area of the park focuses on inclusive play, offering an attractive, engaging, and accessible play opportunity that can be enjoyed by people of any ability and any age. All instruments have been chosen to enhance visitors' motor skills skills and allow a diverse group of people to socially engage with one another, have fun and make some great music.

Inside the music park you can find visual and colorful bouquets of singing [major](#) and [minor Harmony Flower Posies](#), the [Papilio](#) which resembles the shape of a butterfly, and the [Alto Quartet Ensemble](#) consisting of; a [Duo](#) – offering both aluminium and fiberglass notes for different tones, a towering set of [Emperor Chimes Triad](#), [Alto Diatonic Freechimes](#), and the [Congas Trio](#).

**“This addition greatly enhances our park and marks our city as a welcoming and inclusive-play friendly destination.”**

♪ Rodney Kieke ♪

Quitman City Administrator



# Hastings Kiwanis, NE

Hastings Kiwanis had been looking for a local project to celebrate its 100th anniversary. Initially, the club wanted to construct a single musical playground in a Hastings park, but after further discussion decided to vastly upscale the project and create a musical playground in each Hastings elementary school - thereby allowing the instruments to be accessible and enjoyed by more children across the community.





After nine months of successful fundraising, Hastings Kiwanis had enough money to place an order for the outdoor musical instruments for all eight musical playgrounds.

Each school could choose either a [Trio Ensemble](#) or [Soprano Quartet Ensemble](#). The Trio Ensemble includes the [Babel Drum](#), [Rainbow Sambas](#), and [Tubular Bells](#). A Soprano Quartet Ensemble compromises of a [Cadenza](#), [Small Babel drum](#), [Soprano Pentatonic Freechimes](#), and [Medium Congas](#).

Hastings Public Schools wanted the same or similar ensembles because the teachers work together across the curriculum. This way, it was more consistent.

Each of the musical playgrounds is open to the whole community, and with thanks to the efforts of these amazing volunteers, parents can bring their children to play with them at any time and music teachers can now bring students outside to learn.

**“Music is so important to the curriculum. It is a great, creative play for kids and helps reinforce what they are learning in the classroom”**

♪ **Michael Howie** ♪

Hastings Kiwani Project Leader



# Modesto Rotary Club, CA

There's a new sound in downtown Modesto, a city in Stanislaus County, California.

The Modesto Rotary Club has created an interactive, open-air music garden in the grassy courtyard in front of Modesto's Gallo Center for the Arts. The project is part of the club's centennial celebration and is a gift to the city and its residents.

Modesto Rotary had long been planning and saving for a project to coincide with its chapter's 100th anniversary. The Modesto Rotary member and past president Lynn Dickerson met Percussion Play at the Rotary Convention where she had the idea to bring a music garden to downtown's Gallo Center, where she has served as CEO since 2009. The 6,000 square-foot grassy area had been largely empty, used for the occasional lunchtime picnic but not much more.



The club agreed and the project became a collaboration between the Modesto Rotary, Gallo Center and Porges Family Foundation with a local landscape architect.

The music garden is now filled with seven Percussion Play instruments installed on an attractive paved semi-circular staged area surrounded by a wall on which people can sit and listen. There is still a large grassed area for visitors to picnic, making the space perfect for outdoor concerts, drum circles and impromptu music lessons.

The Gallo Center celebrates the diversity of the community by offering an array of affordable cultural events and activities designed to appeal and be accessible to all. The music garden has also created further opportunities for community engagement.

**“People from all over, who maybe normally don’t interact with each other, can come here. It is going to be a very inviting and special place that Modesto’s going to fall in love with.”**

♪ **Phil Trompetter** ♪

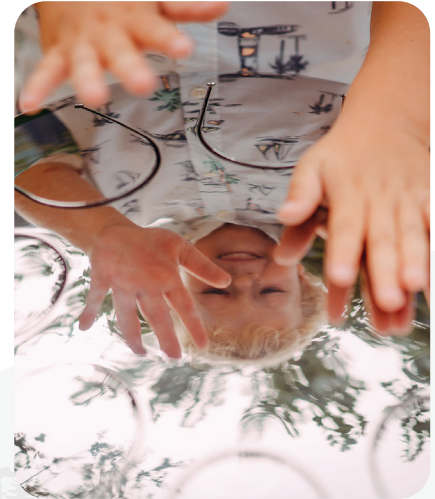
Former President of Modesto Rotary Club.



# Wilmington Rotary Club, DE

The Rotary Club of Wilmington proudly unveiled the Jonathan P. Whitcomb Memorial Music Circle – an installation of outdoor drums and chimes designed to fill the park with sound and give children and adults a chance to discover their inner percussionist. This public play space has been designed to engage the whole community and introduce music-making in the outdoors to people of all ages and all abilities. Now, no matter the weather, there's a place in Wilmington where the community can visit any time, relax and make their own music.

“This new installation is designed to promote both community and creativity at the park for the young and the young at heart,” said Lisa Detwiler, Rotary Club of Wilmington’s President. “We hope these new instruments will be used to create and strengthen bonds of friendship in this community.”



# Belleville Rotary Club, IL

To commemorate its 100th Year of Community Service, the Belleville Rotary Club has unveiled a unique musical garden project aimed to entertain people of all ages year-round by providing an assortment of outdoor musical instruments from Percussion Play. The project was completed over the course of a year by the Rotary Club, in conjunction with city staff. The installation, approved by council, was donated to the city of Belleville by the Rotary Club and was intended to mark the club's centennial year.

Inclusivity and accessibility are two important pieces to the garden, these instruments are to be enjoyed by everyone, including those with limited range of movement, individuals on the autism spectrum, and people who can only process one sensory system at a time. The [Duo](#) was particularly selected for its accessibility, having been designed to enable those on the autistic spectrum to engage with the instruments in their own way, while still interacting with another player but without having to make eye contact.

**“It’s going to be a big attraction and will introduce younger kids to music, who maybe wouldn’t normally get a chance”**

♪ **Doug Peterson** ♪

Rotary President



# Beaver Dam Rotary Club, WI

The Beaver Dam Rotary Club decided to beautify a space and create a gathering place for young and old alike. This led to expanding the Rotary Riverwalk Park into a gathering place for music makers, solace seekers, and strollers of all ages.

Rotary's contribution created something lasting, educational, and fun downtown. The permanently installed musical instruments have engaged the whole community, and they have been universally appreciated.

The success of the riverwalk has since encouraged other partnerships and investments in the downtown area.



# Monticello Rotary Club, IA

Through various fundraisers, grants, and sponsors, the local Monticello Rotary Club was able to help a non-profit organization called Camp Courageous build its own music park.

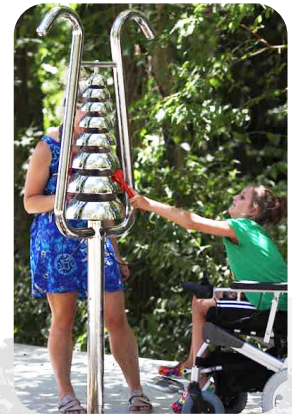
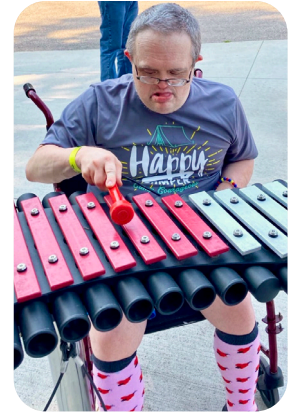
For nearly 50 years, the team at Camp Courageous has looked for unique and different ways to reach all campers with additional educational and physical needs. Their most recent addition, a musical park, is proving to have a remarkable impact.

The Rotary Music Park is now a favorite with all campers. It includes a [Rainbow Cavatina](#) with accompanying [Music Book](#), [Babel Drums](#), [Papilio](#), [Alto Diatonic Freechimes](#), [Tembos](#), and [Calypso Quatro Post](#). These instruments have helped bolster the camp's vision of inclusivity, supporting a wide range of people with disabilities of all ages from 4 to 104. Monticello Rotary club has plans to donate more instruments in the future.

**“Everyone finds their own way of engaging with the music;  
every day is beautiful and full of new possibilities”**

♪ Amy Kurth ♪

Program Director at Camp Courageous



# Why Choose Percussion Play?

Are you thinking of taking the plunge? Here are six reasons why music is good for the soul and good for the community.

- ♪ Music parks are a relatively low-cost, easy way to revitalize areas that have been otherwise forgotten and turned into spaces with real potential for interactive and creative experiences. Downtown areas or unloved spaces transformed into dynamic, vibrant destinations.
- ♪ They're a wonderful way to encourage more people to become involved in music-making, a special way to celebrate the arts in a community as well as providing 'interactive' and inclusive fun family-friendly experiences that cross generations.





- ♪ Many people do not have access to musical instruments, so it's an exciting possibility to bring music-making on real instruments to people in the public spaces where they live, work, and commute.
- ♪ Ensembles are a great way to get your outdoor music project moving quickly and easily and ensure the combination of instruments sound harmonious and comprise many aspects of percussion.
- ♪ Involving the local community in the design and build is an excellent way for families or individuals to meet and for new residents to get involved. Once finished, the community will have created a space for everyone to be proud of.
- ♪ Undoubtedly, music is best experienced with other people, and communities need music - music brings communities together.
- ♪ Music transcends language limitations - providing its language of rhythm and melody for players to communicate with each other, non-verbally and regardless of age, culture, or ability.
- ♪ Outdoor musical instruments located in inclusive community environments have such exciting potential for both young and older people who face a wide range of life challenges.



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