PercussionPlay®
Outdoor Musical Instruments

Outdoor Musical Instruments for Visitor Attractions

Places to Stop, Explore, and Remember

From holiday parks and visitor attractions to gardens, heritage sites, wedding venues, and family destinations, outdoor musical instruments transform ordinary spaces into engaging experiences.

Easy to play and designed for all ages and abilities, our instruments invite visitors to connect, explore, and create memorable moments together. Durable, low-maintenance, and built specifically for outdoor environments, they offer a unique way to enhance the visitor experience while adding lasting value to your site.

Why It Strikes a Chord:

- Appeals to all ages.
- Encourages dwell time.
- Creates memorable experiences.
- Easy installation & low maintenance.
- Built for the outdoors, yet perfectly suited to indoor spaces.
- No experience needed. Just curiosity.

Toadstool

Diatonic Calypso Chimes

Sylvan Bell-Trees

Endless Possibilities

From musical trails and sensory gardens to wedding venues and visitor attractions, outdoor music can be used to create memorable experiences throughout your site.

Musical Trails & Wayfinding

Create destinations within destinations. Musical installations encourage visitors to explore, pause, play, and discover your site while guiding them along the way.

Sensory Gardens

Create calming spaces for discovery, creativity, and wellbeing, offering inclusive sensory experiences for all ages, abilities, and neurodiverse needs.

Family Play Zones

Encourage shared experiences across generations, creating moments of connection, laughter, and lasting memories.

Wedding & Events Venues

Add a unique feature that entertains guests and creates memorable moments for all ages. Keep children engaged while encouraging guests to gather, play, and connect.

Seasonal Events & Festivals

Enhance seasonal attractions and events with hands-on musical experiences. Ideal for pumpkin patches, corn mazes, Christmas light trails, festivals, and community celebrations, musical installations encourage visitors to explore, linger, and create lasting memories

Daisy Petal Drum

Liberty Bells

Create Your Own Musical Destination

Every outdoor space is unique, which is why we offer a wide range of instruments, collections, and design options to help bring your vision to life. Whether you're creating a musical trail, sensory garden, family play zone, wedding venue feature, or destination attraction, there's a solution to suit every setting and budget.

♪ Ensembles

These crowd-pleasing ensembles and collections, suitable for beginners as well as those who are a little more advanced, are a great way to get your outdoor music project moving quickly!

You know you want a great combination of outdoor musical instruments, but just don't know where to begin to ensure the different instruments you select will work together harmoniously. Don't worry, we've done the hard work for you!

We've carefully considered the character and sound each instrument produces to ensure the best combinations of our instruments - saving you both time and money and guaranteeing a memorable and unique sound.

An Ensemble gives players the opportunity to explore several outdoor percussion instruments, experiment with different playing techniques, practice improvisation and learn the fundamentals (and sheer enjoyment) of outdoor group multi-percussion performance.

Rainbow Quintet

Inspired By Nature Hexad

♪ Inspired By Nature

Created from a desire to bring music and nature closer together, our Inspired by Nature collection draws inspiration from flowers, insects, fungi, and plant life. These distinctive instruments blend beautifully into natural environments while encouraging visitors to engage more deeply with their surroundings. Combining imaginative design with exceptional sound quality, they have become favourites in gardens, visitor attractions, and outdoor learning spaces.

♪ Featured favourites

My Tunes - Interactive musical installations featuring familiar tunes and bespoke melodies unique to your destination.

Rainbow Cavatina - Our iconic best-selling instrument, loved worldwide for its colourful appearance and rich musical sound.

Discover More

Looking for inspiration? Explore our complete collection of outdoor musical instruments, from musical trails and wayfinding features to sensory gardens, themed ensembles, and iconic destination landmarks.

Scan the QR code to browse all instruments and find the perfect solution for your site.

Musical Maze at The Patch MK, UK

The Patch, located near Milton Keynes, is one of the largest pick-your-own wildflower and pumpkin farms in the UK. With three mazes, it attracts hundreds of visitors each summer.

Joe, the managing director, looked into how it could incorporate more activities into the farm, and he came across research showing how music and audio can enhance visitor attractions and increase customer satisfaction. Visitors to The Patch can now navigate through the new Musical Maze.

Akadinda

Rainbow Cavatina

Pentatonic Tembos

Setting out to add a musical element, Joe came across Percussion Play and appreciated the handmade build quality of the instruments. The instruments discovered and played in the maze include Petal Drums, Akadinda, Tutti, My Tunes, Rainbow Cavatina, Music Book, Calypso Quatro Post, Harmony Bells, and Harmony Flowers.

The Musical Maze is inclusive and can be enjoyed by everyone, no matter their age, ability, or knowledge of music-making. The instruments are tuned to the Pentatonic Scale, meaning there are no 'wrong notes'. This allows visitors to create beautiful sounds regardless of musical knowledge or ability - both young and old can play together.

At the end of each season, the farm carefully removes the instruments from the maze and brings them indoors. When the new season arrives, the instruments are reintroduced into a brand-new maze layout, offering visitors a fresh and exciting experience each year.

"Research proves that adding music and audio to visitor attractions – crossed with the play interaction – increases visitor satisfaction."

♪Joe Gurney♪

Managing Director at The Patch MK

NAMM's Museum of Music Making, USA

NAMM's Museum of Making Music in California welcomes more than 80,000 visitors each year to celebrate the people and products that bring music into our world. Founded in 1998, the museum features exhibitions, immersive experiences, programmes and live music, encouraging everyone to discover their place in the world of music-making. Visitors of all ages can now enjoy its interactive Baby Floor Piano.

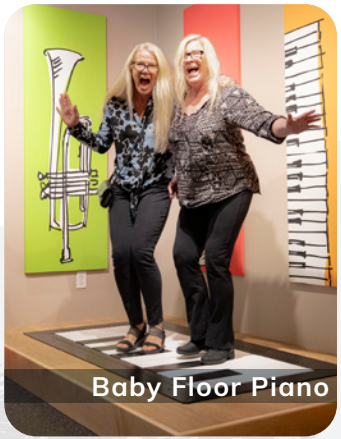
The museum sought to add another instrument to its interactive gallery. They were looking for a durable instrument that would allow children to be active and use their bodies to create music. Alisa Mize, Development Officer at The Museum of Music Making, quickly identified Percussion Play's Baby Floor Piano as an option.

Once installed, Alisa was surprised by who was engaging with the piano. She says she thought there would be mainly young children playing it, but she welcomed seeing people of all ages jump on the piano and make music. The Museum is a program division of the National Association of Music Merchants, a not-for-profit organisation that serves and strengthens the global music products industry.

"Children with active energy levels enjoy the piano's physical aspect as they can get their wiggles out, have some fun, and be introduced to different sounds."

♪Alisa Mize♪

Development Officer at The Museum of Music Making



Baby Floor Piano

Education Centre at Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, UK

Sir Harold Hillier Gardens and Arboretum (SHHG) offers children the chance to discover, explore, and learn about our natural world while creating music. Carla Thomas-Buffin, the site's Education Officer, was researching different ways to encourage more families to visit through improved recreational opportunities. Today, there is a wealth of activities families can engage in, including making music in the Education Garden.

When redesigning this garden area, which had become overgrown, Carla was aware of the need to set up positive play interactions and make it fully inclusive with attractive instruments that could be played by everyone, from people using wheelchairs to people with learning disabilities.

The University of Southampton's Occupational Therapy faculty and their "Design for Living" students were brought on board by Carla to help shape the project. Seeking a range of tones, the team installed the popular Emperor Chimes, a Cajon Drum Circle, and the mellow-toned Akadinda. They also added the Rainbow Trio Ensemble, made up of a trio of Rainbow Bongos, a small Rainbow Metallophone, and small Rainbow Chimes.

"Users interact with these instruments in meaningful ways, which can improve sensory stimulus, feedback, and response to the world around them."

♪Sarah McGinley♪

Occupational Therapy Lecturer

Akadinda

Cavatina & Music Book

Interactive Music at Shakespeare's Globe, UK

When Shakespeare's Globe approached Percussion Play during an exhibition refurbishment, the team had an unusual request: create an instrument that would let visitors play the opening phrase of Greensleeves by striking notes in order.

The aim was to transform a traditional display into a hands-on experience, connecting visitors with the important role music played in Shakespearean theatre.

Percussion Play's MyTunes® concept offered the solution. Working with the Globe team, Alex Cook helped develop a bespoke instrument featuring nineteen chimes arranged in the precise sequence of the melody. Visitors can play Greensleeves from left to right, with no musical knowledge or training required.

Now installed in the Globe's exhibition space, the instrument invites people of all ages to explore music through play. Instead of simply observing history, visitors can hear and create a melody associated with England's Tudor heritage.

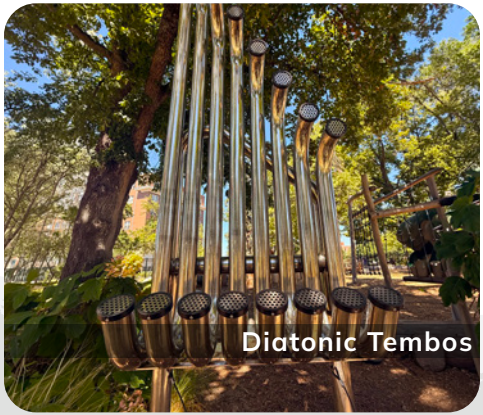
The project demonstrates how Percussion Play's bespoke musical instruments can enrich museums, heritage attractions and educational spaces, as well as outdoor environments. By turning a familiar tune into an intuitive, interactive experience, the installation encourages curiosity, participation and discovery.

Children’s Museum of Southern Oregon, USA

The Children’s Museum of Southern Oregon in Medford expands its outdoor learning environment with a second collection of Percussion Play instruments, building on the success of its original musical play area. Part of the Oregon Center for Creative Learning, the museum recognises the importance of music in early childhood development, supporting creativity, communication, sensory exploration and motor skills.

The expanded installation features instruments including Calypso Chimes, Harmony Bells, Tembos, Cajon Drums and Petal Drums, creating opportunities for children and families to explore sound together. Accessible to all ages and abilities, the instruments require no musical experience and encourage confidence, self-expression and inclusive participation. Used during free play and structured educational programs, the instruments promote social interaction, family engagement and learning through discovery. Designed for year-round outdoor use, the instruments provide a durable, engaging addition to the museum’s learning environment, bringing children and communities together through the joy of music.

Bell Lyre


Diatonic Tembos

Calypso Chimes

Rosita's Harmony Hills in Sesame Place, SeaWorld, USA

Sesame Place is a theme park that is full of immersive experiences and now offers guests a chance to use their imagination and practice their musical skills on various chimes and bells.

During a day at the park, guests can spend time at Rosita's Harmony Hills, a soft play area for younger guests, which includes Percussion Play's outdoor musical instruments. Children can climb, crawl, and create beautiful music while playing on rolling green hillsides.

Rainbow Cavatina

Congas Trio

Rainbow Trio Chimes

Rainbow Cavatina

Rosita's Harmony Hills is a brightly coloured, soft play area where kids can try different tune combinations and make music on various percussion instruments. The site was designed as an interactive play experience where children can explore and enjoy the harmonious musical instruments while also serving as a place to relax between soaring and spinning on rides and splishing and splashing on water slides.

Percussion Play's instruments were a great choice because of the selection of both traditional-looking instruments and others that are Inspired By Nature. This helps create a beautiful space for everyone to explore and enjoy. Musical instruments were chosen particularly because Sesame Street's Rosita loves to play guitar and create music with her Sesame Street friends.

Fun Fact: The Calypso Chimes at Rosita's Harmony Hills include the nine notes needed to play the beloved Sunny Days theme song from Sesame Street.

"We wanted a space where children could explore independently while learning. Music was the natural choice – everyone loves music!"

♪Clint Brinker♪

Senior Project Manager at SeaWorld Parks and Entertainment

Harmony Flowers

Soundscape at Santa Fe's Children's Museum, USA

A children's museum in Santa Fe has made the most of its outside space by creating a series of 'soundscapes' designed to encourage intergenerational play and learning. The museum has just over 10,000 sq ft inside, but outside, it has over an acre, so there was plenty of space to create something special.

The museum included instruments with different styles, colours, and shapes to encourage the children to go out to play and have fun. Inside the soundscape, visitors will discover the Rainbow Cavatina, Congas Trio, Penta Post, Harmony Flowers, Harmony Bells and a Petal Drum. Also, in one corner of the soundscape are the Stepping Stones, which children are surprised by as they run through the area. They are suddenly creating music with their steps!

Hannah Hausman, Executive Director of the Santa Fe Children's Museum, says, "Our outdoor space is truly special. It was important for the learning experience to be intergenerational and organic. Children, parents, and caregivers of all ages can walk through and meander around the area - we designed it so they could come in through either path and discover the instruments organically."

Tubular Bells

Rainbow Cavatina

Congas Pair

Sounds at North Cadbury Court Wedding Venue, UK

North Cadbury Court, a luxurious 16th-Century country house in Somerset, has recently introduced outdoor musical instruments for visitors and guests to play while exploring it's extensive grounds.

Archie Montgomery first saw Percussion Play's instruments at a conference and was inspired to include them at his home. Archie and his wife, Janet, visited Percussion Play to see the instruments and quickly realised they would make a great addition to the lively and dynamic house.

Archie sadly passed away in 2021, but visitors enjoy the collection of instruments inspired by him, and Janet is happy to hear the gentle sounds of the instruments.

Janet says the instruments have been a hit with children. They provide an activity that all can enjoy, and they're particularly popular with children at weddings. The instruments include a Large Babel Drum, Rainbow Cavatina, Music Book, and Harmony. Since Archie's passing, the Babel Drum was engraved with the words 'Always look on the bright side of life' to memorialise him.

"The children go out and enjoy playing on them with their parents and grandparents; it is a way of getting people together."

♪Janet Montgomery♪

Owner & Director of North Cadbury Court

Harmony & Babel Drum

Cavatina

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