



Community Music Projects For
Rotary and Service Clubs

 PercussionPlay
Outdoor Musical Instruments

Music Made for the Great Outdoors



Percussion Play is 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.



Connecting Through Music

Everyone can make music and playing musical instruments can help bring communities together across generations, social classes, income brackets and ability in a way that no other medium can. Outdoor musical instruments and musical parks can have a huge positive impact on the community for a relatively low cost.

Music can bring a diverse group of people together in the community because it transcends language limitations - instead providing its own language of rhythm and melody to enable its players and users to communicate with each other non-verbally. Providing opportunities for members of a community to be around each other in this way promotes familiarity, the formation of healthy relationships and helps to engender a sense of belonging for those who participate.

In a diverse world like ours, accessibility is a crucial element in our design process and we're committed to making sure as many people as possible can enjoy the benefits of outdoor musical play



"Without doubt, music is best experienced with other people and communities need music - music brings communities together."

Beaver Dam Rotary

Beaver Dam is a picturesque community in Dodge County, Wisconsin, United States. Working for years to enhance the stretch along the Beaver Dam River, the Beaver Dam Rotary Club wanted to beautify a space and create a gathering place for young and old alike. In November 2017, five Percussion Play outdoor musical instruments were gifted by local family and city residents Tom and Judy Heffron.

The Rotary Riverwalk Park has now expanded into a gathering place for music makers, solace seekers and strollers of all ages. Due to the success of the park, instruments were added in the Fall of 2018, again courtesy of the Heffrons.

“When we read that Rotary was creating a park downtown, we loved the idea because that is where we live,” Judy Heffron said.



“The musical instruments just seemed to be a great fit because of the space available. Having been an elementary music teacher, there is a real draw to instruments. The drums are so colorful that kids just run to them and the chimes and xylophones have excellent sound quality. We have also noticed that they appeal to grown-ups. Everyone seems to get caught up in making music.”

Their idea was readily received and acted on by Rotary and the city. Rotary’s contribution created something lasting, educational and fun downtown, according to Phil Fritsche, Beaver Dam Chamber of Commerce president and Rotary member. “The park is a legacy for the city of Beaver Dam from the Beaver Dam Rotary. Rotary marked its 100th anniversary of Rotary International in 2005 and a park is a lasting legacy,” Fritsche said. “The addition of the outdoor, permanently installed musical instruments has attracted people of all ages and there has been universal appreciation of them.”

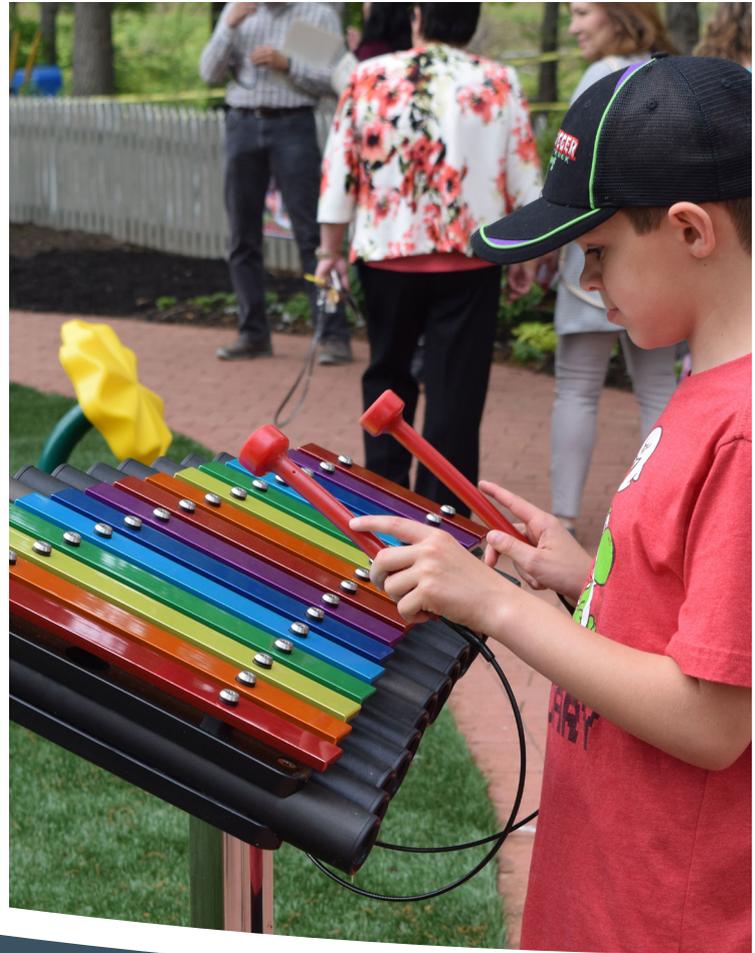
The success of the riverwalk has since encouraged other partnerships and investments in the downtown area.



Music that Makes Community

Outdoor music projects often start with the vision of an individual person or a small group of people who share a passionate belief that music is something that absolutely everyone in their local community should have the opportunity to access and enjoy.

A music park or musical trail will provide an inclusive community place for individuals, families or groups of friends to stroll, unwind and create music together in a fun and carefree way. 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.







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