



For Kindergartens and
Nurseries



PercussionPlay®
Outdoor Musical Instruments

Music for Mini Maestros



Percussion Play have created a dynamic range of outdoor musical instruments that foster creative playfulness in the young and old. Our aim is to make music accessible to people from all backgrounds, with all abilities, and encourage music making in the great outdoors.

Here, the focus is on our youngest players, and the benefits that musical play can provide to their learning and development.

Musical instruments within the learning environment encourage improvised play, provide an outlet for creative expression and are an open-ended resource with numerous uses. For example, while playing a xylophone helps children hear the different musical notes in a scale, they are also developing their active listening skills. Using a mallet to strike the chimes helps the child to develop motor skills, and color recognition can be explored using the multicolored heads of the drums. With a little imagination, the possibilities are endless!

"The new musical instruments have added great educational value to the playground. It has been so fun to watch our kids interact with one another while playing."

Alex Wheaton - Owner, Zuma Zoo Daycare, IA.

The many skills developed during this discovery learning time are then put to use during more focused, classroom based tasks.

Alongside free play, outdoor instruments can be used with an adult for more directed learning. Many of the instruments we manufacture are tuned to the Pentatonic scale, favoured for musical teaching methods pioneered by Oorf and Kodaly.

Pentatonic tuning means that there are no 'wrong' notes. Players can improvise with the order and combination of notes without creating any dissonant tones. This feature means that young players, or those with little musical experience, can explore safely and build their self esteem as well as their knowledge.

Creating areas for music and sound exploration inside and out will help integrate music into the everyday experience of the children in a Kindergarten or Nursery.

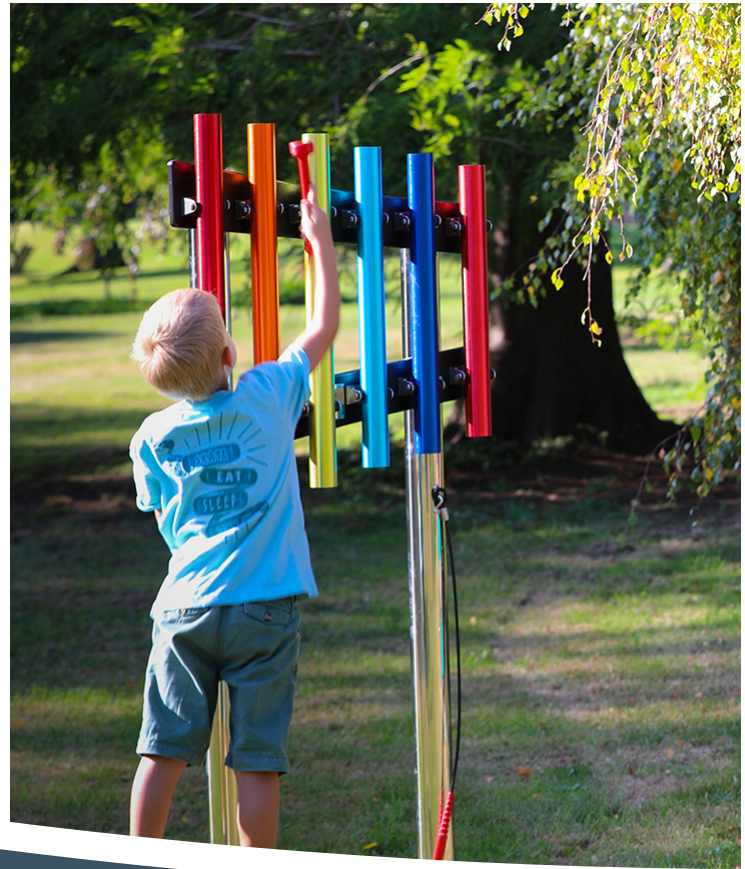


Read more in our article [‘The Magical Pentatonic Scale for Early Years’](#).

The Rainbow Collection

We have created a range of bright, enticing instruments with young players in mind. This collection is designed to help young minds learn the fundamentals of music in a fun and exciting way. Most of the instruments within the Rainbow Collection feature individually colored notes tuned to a simple musical scale, helping even the youngest players experiment with musical concepts and familiar tunes.

The perfect starting point for any Kindergarten musical learning area is the [Rainbow Trio Ensemble](#). Three instruments chosen to offer rhythm and melody, these elements can be enjoyed separately or played together. Pentatonic tuning ensures that the notes sound harmonious played in any order or combination - perfect for encouraging musical experimentation.



See the Rainbow Trio Ensemble installed at the Bright Horizons Daycare Center, Brooklyn, NY in our [Case Study](#)



Carefully scaled for younger players, the Rainbow Trio may be smaller in size but features the same high-quality materials used to construct our other instruments.

The Trio is made up of the resonant [Rainbow Chimes](#), the [Rainbow Metallophone](#) with it's bright, cheerful tones, plus the [Rainbow Bongos](#) to keep the beat.

These instruments are played with hands and with mallets, helping children develop their gross motor movements and finer dexterity that later translates into skills like spatial awareness and pencil control.

With the option to install into the ground, onto an existing surface or onto a wall, the Rainbow Trio is versatile enough to suit outdoor learning environments of varying size.



Learn more about the Rainbow Trio and watch the video [here](#).

Penta Post

Another perfect example of space saving design with maximum play value, the [Penta Post](#) allows young musicians to play and interact while discovering each resonant chime surrounding the polished stainless steel post. Great for creating a 'sound stop' in an outdoor environment, and with a little imagination can provide a number of opportunities for learning.



Harmony Flowers

These eye catching musical flowers are available individually or in a major or minor 'posy' of three.

[Harmony Flowers](#) make colorful additions to outdoor learning spaces and make another ideal choice for budding musicians. The perfect compliment to a sensory garden, the shapes and sounds will spark imagination and inspire children musically.

See the Harmony Flowers installed at the Morgan Autism Center, CA, in our [Case Study](#)



Designing a Music Garden

Designing a Music Garden from scratch may seem like a daunting task - but we are here to support you throughout the process.

Our online [Knowledge Base](#) hosts resources and articles to help you get started, and we offer advice and guidance without cost or obligation.

Why not take a look at our [Case Studies](#) page? Here, you can gather inspiration from a wide range of projects featuring outdoor instruments.

You are welcome to send us a photo of the space you are considering, and we can drop renders of the instruments into it. This is a useful tool when sharing your vision with others, and is especially helpful when fundraising.

Ready to get started? [Contact us](#) about your potential project.



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