



 PercussionPlay
Outdoor Musical Instruments

Musical Memorials and Tributes

Music for a Celebration of Life

Music is a celebration of life and a musical memorial in the great outdoors will bring harmony and light into the lives of others whilst creating something beautiful to honor a memory. These life-celebrating gifts will provide enjoyment and pleasure to the local community in honor of lost loved ones.

Creating a musical space or garden and providing opportunities for children and their families to play, learn, and create memories together is a beautiful tribute that will endure for many years. Memorial musical instruments can vary in size, style, and tone in order to pay tribute to the individual characteristics of those being memorialized.



We have worked with wonderful families and organizations - each determined that the memory of their loved one is remembered in a unique and joyful way.

From large music parks to school sensory gardens, from a single drum to a collection of [rainbow colored instruments](#): there are many ways to create a memorial for your loved one in a special way

Outdoor musical instruments can be installed in numerous locations outdoors including memorial and sensory gardens, quiet spaces in the grounds of hospitals and hospices, school playgrounds, museums, libraries and churches.

“The musical instruments from Percussion Play - bought with the money which so many people generously donated in Donald’s memory - are beautiful and the inscription on the drum is perfect.”

♪ Lupin Keir ♪



Music Memorial Gardens for Senior Living

Sensory gardens are a much-loved feature with residents, families, and staff in nursing homes and senior centers. The gift of an outdoor musical instrument, such as a garden xylophone, would encourage residents, family, and friends to make use of any garden or outdoor space, while also offering something a little different for visiting children to discover and have fun with outdoors.

Stepping outside to play the instruments would offer residents a reason to venture outdoors and enjoy fresh air, exercise, and new sensory experiences – all essential for physical and mental well-being.



Music can often help stimulate conversation and provide topics for reminiscence. Reminiscence activities can be an enjoyable way of reviewing life and sharing experiences with family members and friends. A musical 'memory garden' would help residents, staff and relatives reminisce, share memories and pay tribute to the memory of someone special.



Gavins Memorial Garden

There was nothing that two-year old Gavin enjoyed more than to make his own music and following the toddler's unexpected passing in 2018, his parents chose to channel their heartbreak to create a unique and entirely fitting memorial to their young son. After visiting a new Rotary Music Park with Percussion Play instruments while on vacation, they were convinced that something similar would be the right memorial for little Gavin.

With help from with local representative, Recreation Resource USA, a wonderful location was found with all the right amenities, central neighborhood setting and close proximity to the family home. The Borough of Conshohocken, PA was delighted to be donated the outdoor musical instruments and so Gavin's Memorial Garden was created in leafy Mary Wood Park.



'It was important to find a place that felt right, important that the setting had something for younger kids – the one, two and three's – and when we checked out Mary Wood Park, it just felt like the perfect space,' Gavin's mother Mikaela said. 'It had sections for both the older kids and the younger kids, and it seemed to be used by all kinds of family groups and individuals, playing or maybe just sitting on a bench reading a book. It just felt comfortable. It was important to us that a memorial to Gavin was part of a community - something other people would enjoy.'

A memorial plaque was placed at the entrance to the Memorial Garden which includes instruments from the [Rainbow Collection](#), [Harmony](#), [Duo](#), [Tembos](#) and [Babel Drum](#).

"There's a sadness associated with it, but we did this to share Gavin's love of music with others, and knowing that so many people will get pleasure from it... that's a really nice, warm feeling," Mikaela says. "For us, there's just something really beautiful about having this connection with Gavin and with all the others who will enjoy playing these instruments."



Quinterra Legacy Garden

The Quinterra Group - a community built of the family and friends of five young people whose lives were lost in a tragedy in Calgary's Brentwood neighborhood - shared a vision for a peaceful, contemplative, yet vibrant outdoor community space for people to be inspired, heal, and connect with nature. They wanted to create a special place to celebrate the students' lives and bring a positive light to the tragedy. Known for their love of music, art, and community, the Quinterra Legacy Garden, full of outdoor musical instruments, became the natural connection with the students' artistic talents.

With no fundraising experience, the small group collaborated in creative and innovative ways to raise the money needed to complete the project. This proved to be an incredibly special part of the journey as Calgary foundations, corporations, and individuals all contributed to help achieve the fundraising target.



Given a beautiful tree-lined setting in South Glenmore Park next to the reservoir, with stunning views across the water, the diverse collection of outdoor musical instruments were set up along an accessible cement pathway and stage area complimented by natural features and log seating for viewing and climbing.

The instruments are intended for all musical abilities and ages and include musical [Flowers](#), [Rainbow Sambas](#), [Emperor Chimes](#), [Handpipes](#), [Aerophones](#), several different [Xylophone](#) and [Babel Drums](#). Percussion Play engraved the [Cajon drums](#) with a favorite saying from each student.

The Quinterra Legacy Garden has certainly fulfilled the dream of the Quinterra Group, giving the community a beautiful place to celebrate music, art, family, friends, and for taking a moment to remember loved ones.



“Through the generous support of passionate volunteers and hundreds of individuals, corporations, and foundations, the community’s outpouring of love shows that there is light after loss.”

♪ Gregg ♪

Father of Student

Edinburgh Children's Hospital

Patients, visitors and staff at Edinburgh Children's Hospital can now benefit from a new multi-sensory garden created in the loving memory of an East Lothian teenager with a passion for music. The sensory space fully funded by the Jess Mackie Memorial Fund (JMMF) supports therapeutic music projects within the hospital in memory of Jess who passed away in 2018 aged 14. The garden pays tribute to her love of music, and encourages children and young people to have fun making melodies together in a relaxing, non-clinical setting away from the wards.

The Music Garden is a vibrant, interactive outdoor space which ensures children don't miss out on the joy of creative play and music-making while in hospital. It provides an oasis for reflective, educational and creative endeavors, such as reading, writing, art and music-making.

"Many children and young people in hospital feel vulnerable because they lack control over what's happening to them. Music can have an enormous and positive impact, helping ignite a spark and give back a sense of control.



“It also gives children and young people a means of expressing themselves, making friends and building confidence. Jess knew this and would have loved to know she was a part of making this happen.

“We are absolutely thrilled with the wonderful music garden which is such a fitting tribute to our beautiful daughter. We hope lots of children, young people, families and hospital staff will enjoy it for many years to come.”

The healing garden will offer a place for play, social support and quiet reflection, quietly restoring a sense of control and normalcy for patients and families under stress. A chance to bring the outdoors to children forced to spend a lot of time inside and help build community among patients, family and staff.



Musical Rainbow Memorials

Rainbows have become a symbol of love, hope, and optimism in many different cultures.

Instruments from our Rainbow Collection for the community to enjoy in the park or school playground could be the perfect way to celebrate the life of a friend, brother, or sister who has left this world far sooner than expected or imagined.

Inspiring creativity, musical instruments bring people together and bring smiles to faces. As a remembrance gift donated to the special place they loved, to the school they attended, or their local woodland or play park - the music, the enjoyment and memories created, make a truly wonderful way to remember that special someone in the community.



Engraving and Personalisation

Percussion Play offers to custom engrave an instrument (where possible) to personalize it at no extra charge. Simple text, poems, quotes, and names can be engraved into our stainless steel instruments, such as our [Babel Drums](#), [Cajon Drums](#) or [Bell Lyres](#) to provide you with the personalization you're looking for.

Alternatively, a simple memorial plaque, engraved with a personal inscription, can be attached to or placed next to the instrument.

We have helped many people create unique and personal memorials and our team will guide you every step of the way.

“I just wanted to say a huge thank you for your time, effort and patience. Your musical instruments are beautiful and such a fitting tribute to my son”

♪ Suzanne Baxter ♪





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