

**When Everyone Sings Everyone
Learns! Music Mini-Series #3
Singing 'round the Mulberry Bush:
The Joy of Music Outdoors**



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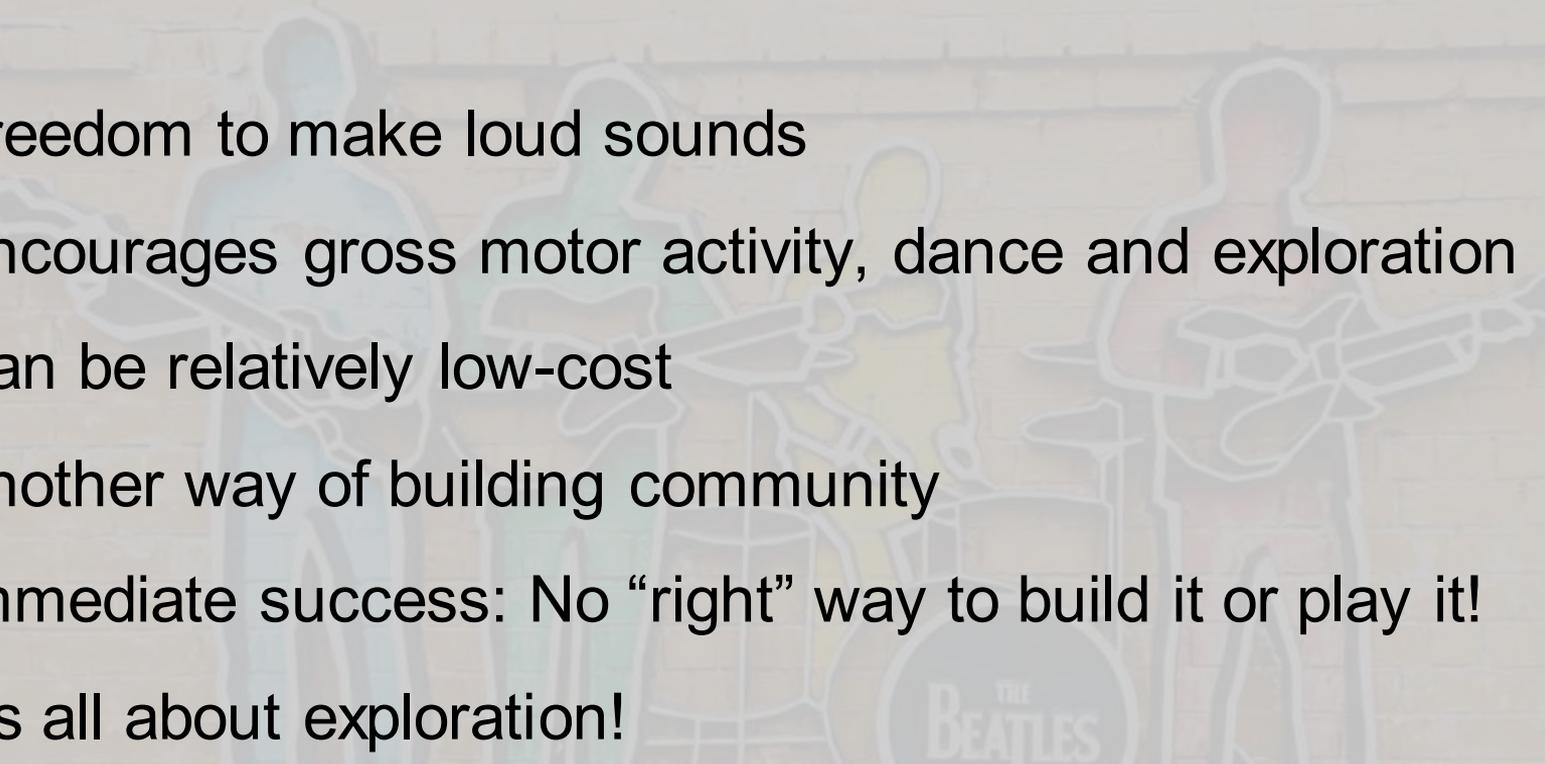


Sound Decisions: Moving Music Outdoors!

By the end of this webinar you will have an understanding of...

- **Benefits of having music outdoors**
- **The wide variety of ways to create music spaces outdoors**
- **How to plan for your own “sound garden”**
- **Materials needed and ways to obtain them**
- **Guiding questions to extend children’s thinking while creating unstructured music**

Think of the many benefits of moving music outdoors!

- Freedom to make loud sounds
 - Encourages gross motor activity, dance and exploration
 - Can be relatively low-cost
 - Another way of building community
 - Immediate success: No “right” way to build it or play it!
 - It’s all about exploration!
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Sound Garden

Sound Station

Music Wall

Sound Wall

MUSIC STATION

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Elements of a Music Wall

- “Wall” - used wooden pallet, fence, chain link fencing, easel, giant wooden spool...
- Space
- Storage
- Metal pans/pots, other items as instruments
- Metal mallets/strikers
- Instruments of other materials
- Strikers of other materials

Features: PVC pipes , metal cookie tins, pans, cans, drainer, metal buckets to hold strikers (wooden)



From wonderfuldiy.com/wonderful-diy-outdoor-music-wall-station-for-kids



Pentatonic “FlipFlopOPhone Tree”

Features:

Freestanding 6-tone
PVC pipe

Attached flip flop striker

Alternate strikers: Fly
swatters covered with Fun
Foam

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By RecycledSupersonic, Etsy

Tip:

**It's OK to
START SMALL!**

**Unless you are
skilled at
construction or have
volunteers who are
handy.**



Features: Existing fence, pots\pans, colander, tambourine, bells



SIMPLE!

Image courtesy of Jamie Reimer HandsOnAsWeGrow.com



- This setup is built from used wooden pallets and has a built-in “stage”!
- Paint highlights and focuses attention on simple layout.
- Metal gate also pivots & extends away from wall for different sounds.
- Plastic trash cans for drums
- Sealed with Spar (boat) varnish

<https://www.craftalavista.com/family-fun-ideas/tutorials-other-helpful-links/27-diy-pallet-music-wall-for-kids>

Nicole Evry



Sound Wall image courtesy Kristen Whitley

All-weather Music Wall on a chain link fence!
Image courtesy of Corina Sullivan Johnston, AK





Features: Bell Carousel, 2 sizes of pipe “organ”, metal and bamboo chimes, xylophones, a variety of strikers, and varnished wood slices for seating/elevation



Features:

- Bottle cap chimes
- suspended water bottle shakers
- bamboo chime
- Pans
- oven grate
- suspended glock bells



Features: Lettering, pot lids, gong, cymbal, metal grate, drying rack, built-in mallet/striker, pipe “organ”

Courtesy Stefanie Scott. Brooklyn Park, MN Nature PS and Community Center

Things to Consider

What space do you have? Ground cover?

Construction or Simple DIY?

What materials will you need?

Do you have items already on hand you could use?

Permanent or temporary?

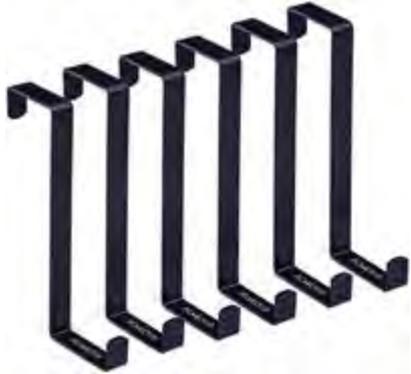
How will you attach the items to the structure?

How will you maintain safety?

Where/how will you store materials when not in use?
(and off-season?)



Hooks, Hangers and other gadgets for affixing



Over-the-door hooks



Steel rod hangers



Expandable hook rack



Wide Bike Hooks

And so many more options!

Becker's Nature Sounds Set



Outdoor Low Play Table

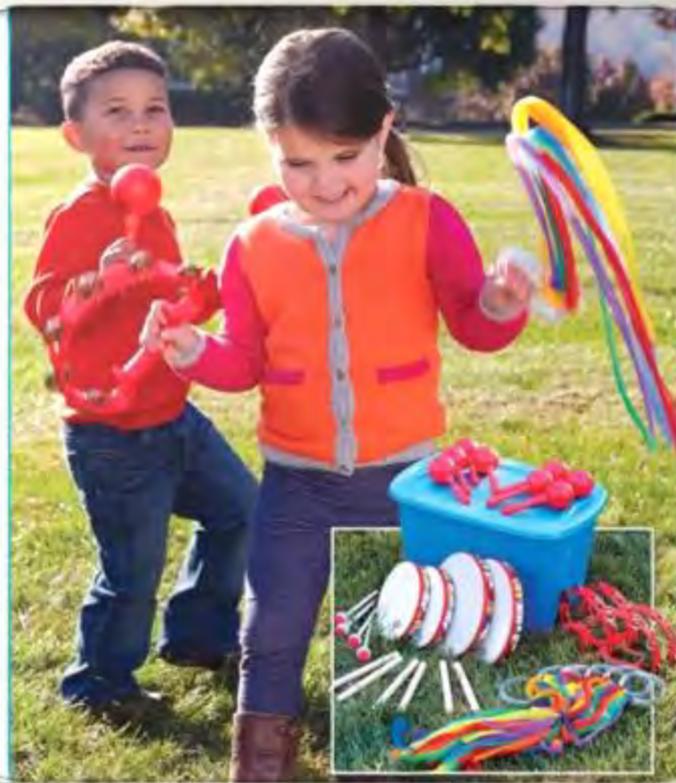


Outdoor Easel





Outdoor Balancing Sound Bar



Becker's Outdoor Music Kit

Balance Boards

Build and Balance Tactile Set



Outdoor Balance Boards



Becker's Balance Boards



MUSICAL WALL



- Thrift Shops
- Yard Sales
- Library Sales
- Dollar stores
- Discount stores
- Local donors/families
- Garages
- Basements

*Where might
you find
supplies?*

- Kitchens, restaurants (disposing of used tools)
- Restaurant supply store
- Businesses that use pallets
- Hardware stores
- Durable inside instruments can travel outdoors
- DIY simple instruments
- Upright piano (often free!) - newspaper
- Neighbors, friends, colleagues, family

What is your intention for this exploration?

GOOD
VIBES
ONLY

“Musicking” - open-ended music and sound exploration simply for the sake of exploring the relationships between action and reaction

- Builds on social nature of learning
- Fosters cultural exchange
- Encourages early composition
- Facilitates expressive dance/movement
- Exploring what elements & sounds “make music” - what *action* is needed?

Facilitating Musical Growth and Exploration



Guiding Questions



- **Begin with closed-ended questions**
- **Then ask an open-ended question to extend thinking**
- **If a child gives an unexpected response ask for more information**
- **Provide ample wait-time for answers to complex questions**



****There are no right/wrong answers!****

Just imagine the possibilities for your children's exploration of sound and movement through an Outdoor Music Station!

Inspired!

Thank you for joining me today!
Let's connect!



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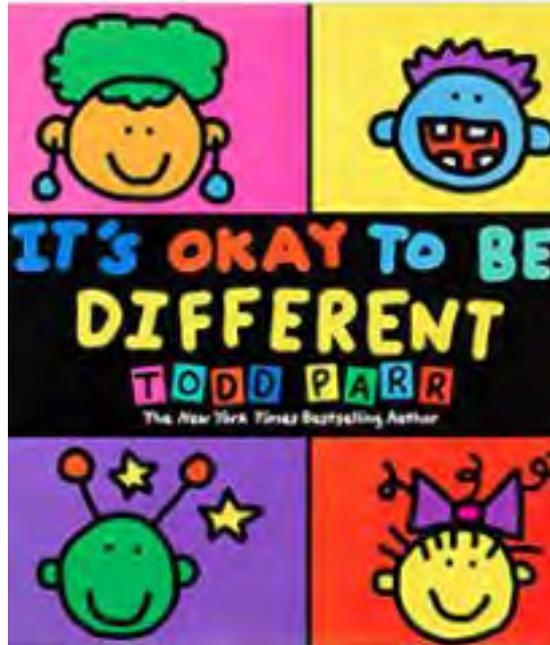
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