



Woodstock Chimes Builds, Donates Large Chimalong®, Installed at the Healing Gardens of Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas

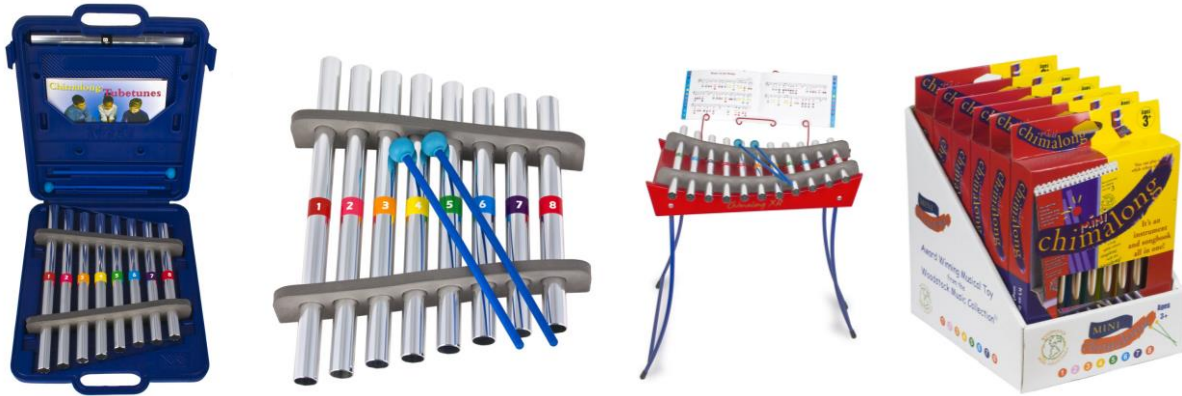
AUSTIN, TX and SHOKAN, N.Y., February 6, 2017 – Woodstock Chimes founder and owner Garry Kvistad, a GRAMMY® Award-winning musician, recently developed and installed the largest Chimalong ever, named the Chimalong Panacea™, at the Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas's Healing Garden's in Austin, TX. The instrument was donated by Woodstock Chimes and the installment was part of a project to upgrade the Healing Gardens, utilizing 275 athenahealth volunteers. Children at the medical center can play and heal in the aesthetically beautiful outdoor area while temporarily forgetting that they are under medical care. The Art Connection of Littleton, CO managed the installation.

In 1986, Kvistad could not find high-quality musical instruments for his own children. Garry and his wife Diane decided to use the musically tuned tubes from their successful line of Woodstock Chimes and developed a playable eight-note metallophone (metal xylophone) instrument for children named the Chimalong. It has an intuitive color, number and letter music learning system. The Chimalong received the endorsement of Muppets creator Jim Henson for its educational value. Still popular today, the Chimalong has become an award-winning product line, offered in four models.

The Chimalong Panacea consists of eight tubes, tuned to the notes of the diatonic (do-re-mi...) scale. Each tube has resonators and activator balls to sound the note each tube makes. It also has the aforementioned legendary Chimalong music learning system, with specially designed sheet music mounted on a rail so familiar melodies such as "Amazing Grace," "Yankee Doodle," "Happy Birthday" and many more can easily be played. The musical instrument has a height of roughly six feet and is just over three feet wide.

"Panacea means 'something that will make everything about a situation better.' It's a universal cure," said Kvistad. "I firmly believe that music has that capability and hope that this instrument brings joy and healing to the children at this medical center. Woodstock Chimes is very proud to have been asked to donate to this exciting project."

The four Chimalong® styles the company offers, all Oppenheim Award winners, (left to right):



Chimalong Deluxe – includes the classic custom carrying case with two mallets, a songbook and an extra tube tuned to B₁. SKU: CH1DX25 MSRP: \$60.00

Chimalong – comes in a colorful gift box with two mallets, a songbook and an extra tube tuned to B₁. SKU: CH1JR MSRP: \$40.00

Chimalong XR – XR means eXtended Range, one octave and a half. Includes a stand, two mallets and a songbook. Comes in a labeled kraft gift box. SKU: CH1XR MSRP: \$150.00

Mini Chimalong – travel size, offered as a six-pack point-of-purchase tub. Comes in a four-color gift box and includes a beautifully illustrated songbook plus a mallet. SKU: CH1MINI6 MSRP: \$20.00

For details about the Chimalong line, Woodstock Chimes®, Woodstock Music Collection® or Woodstock Rainbow Makers™, please visit WoodstockChimes.com.

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About Woodstock Percussion, Inc.: Woodstock Percussion, Inc., maker of Woodstock Chimes® and the Woodstock Music Collection®, is a leading manufacturer of musically tuned windchimes, award-winning musical instruments and distinctive home and garden décor. GRAMMY® recipient Garry Kvistad and his wife, Diane, founded Woodstock Percussion nearly 40 years ago in New York's Hudson Valley, where the company continues to design musical gifts, fountains and Rainbow Makers using superior materials found around the world. The result is a unique collection of over 500 different products that bring joy to people of all ages. Popular collections include: Inspirational Chimes, Precious Stones, Woodstock Gongs, Temple Bells, Woodstock Rainbow Makers™, Asli Arts® and, of course, Classic Chimes. For more information on Woodstock Chimes, visit WoodstockChimes.com or call 800-422-4463.

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