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## Bash the Trash Residency Celebration at CPW

*An explosive celebration of sound, art, and environmentalism came together yesterday as Bash the Trash closed out their four-week residency at Cerebral Palsy of Westchester*

March 21, 2022 RYE BROOK, NY – Bash the Trash performed with the BRIDGE School and Adult Day Habilitation program at Cerebral Palsy of Westchester (CPW) last Tuesday to close out a four-week artist in residence program. Over the course of the last month, Bill Brovold from Bash the Trash has been working with our BRIDGE School and Adult Day Habilitation program, offering our participants opportunities to build and perform musical instruments made from reused and repurposed materials, combining science, music, and environmental awareness.



*Bash the Trash performing with instruments created in workshops with the BRIDGE School (left), & with the Adult Day Habilitation Program (right). Student from the BRIDGE School performing with Bash the Trash custom guitar (center) Photo credit Honora Banks.*

*“They participated joyfully in the musical performances which provided an energetic movement break, offering various therapeutic benefits for special needs students. The materials presented in the workshops demonstrated to the students that there are unique ways to repurpose recyclable items.” -Maria Savino, CPW LCSM*

*“Bash the Trash was a meaningful experience for the students. Mr. B was fun, friendly, and interactive with the students. After class, the students were asking more questions, and were excited to return to the next class.”  
- Jennifer O, BRIDGE School Teacher*

CPW has been a certified Green Business since February of 2021 and has been committed to Going Green since 2011. The environmental focus of Bash the Trash is harmonious with the vision at CPW to help educate staff and participants on the importance of protecting the environment with the future of the earth in mind.

This project was made possible with grants from the Mid-Westchester Elks Lodge #535, and by ArtsWestchester with funding from Westchester County.

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**Bill Brovold** is an educator, visual artist, and composer/musician. He has had many art exhibits in New York and San Francisco over the years, and has released 10 records. In 2008, Bill began his career as a teaching artist, and currently free-lances as a teaching artist with Bash the Trash.



**Bash the Trash** was founded in 1988 by the husband-and-wife creative team of John Bertles and Carina Piaggio as The Experimental Orchestra. Bash the Trash builds, performs and educates with musical instruments made from reused and repurposed materials. They combine science, music and environmental awareness through their performances, programs and social initiatives, working with over 60,000 students a year in live performances and residencies, and more through web-based instruction and interaction.

**ArtsWestchester** is New York State's largest private, not-for-profit cultural service organization. Its mission is to create an equitable, vibrant, and sustainable Westchester County in which the arts are integral to and integrated into every facet of life. ArtsWestchester supports the arts in Westchester through leadership, funding, programming, education, advocacy, audience cultivation and professional development. They work to ensure the accessibility and diversity of the arts, at every level for every resident and visitor in Westchester County. *For more information about ArtsWestchester, contact Jessy Méndez at [jmendez@artswestchester.org](mailto:jmendez@artswestchester.org).*

**The Mid-Westchester Elks Lodge #535** was organized in 2009 and meets at the American Legion Post No. 1097 in Armonk, NY. For over a decade, Lodge #535 has adopted CPW as their major community project. This includes playing a formative and leadership role in CPW's Adaptive Scouts: Cub Scout Pack 535 and Girl Scout Troop 1902. Since 1966, **the NYS Elks Association** have embraced the Cerebral Palsy Associations of NYS as their Major Project. Throughout the world, Elks' lodges promote neighbors coming together, families sharing meals, and helping children grow. Their motto is: *Elks Care, Elks Share.* *For information about the Mid-Westchester Elks Lodge #535, contact Jay Singer at [jaysinger@pqaimpress.com](mailto:jaysinger@pqaimpress.com)*

**About Cerebral Palsy of Westchester:** With a main campus located in Rye Brook and now in its 73<sup>rd</sup> year, CPW's mission is to advance the independence, productivity, and full citizenship of people with all developmental disabilities including autism, neurological impairments, intellectual disabilities, epilepsy, and cerebral palsy. Through a comprehensive network of educational programs, day services, residential sites, therapeutic services, employment training, recreation programs and advocacy, the agency helps thousands of children and adults in Westchester and Fairfield Counties live more productive and satisfying lives. The organization's motto is: *Realizing Tomorrow's Potential . . . Today!*

**The Adult Day Habilitation Program**, run by Cerebral Palsy of Westchester focuses on personal success, developing each individual's interests and emphasizing community inclusion. Our program works with participants to choose and design goals to meet their specific individual needs and interests with a person-centered approach. **The BRIDGE School** at Rye Brook, a division CPW, is a special education center serving students with multiple disabilities. It offers a comprehensive program that connects families, students, and educational professionals to help each student reach their academic potential and discover what the possibilities are for them beyond the school setting.

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