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JOSEPH BERTOLOZZI'S BRIDGE MUSIC LISTENING STATIONS REOPEN FOR THEIR 15TH SEASON

Listening Stations Located Along Mid-Hudson Bridge Sidewalk, Open April through October

Project Originally Debuted in 2009

Highland, N.Y. – Joseph Bertolozzi's Bridge Music, a unique sound-art installation featuring the Mid-Hudson Bridge itself as the instrument, is marking 15 years since its original debut. The public is invited to access the music via the listening stations, located along the bridge's pedestrian walkway, which were reopened on April 1 and are available through the end of October. Bridge Music was originally released in 2009, during the year of the Henry Hudson Quadricentennial celebrations.

<u>Bridge Music</u> contains no other tones than those of the bridge itself, created by sampling the sounds of the bridge's surfaces (guard rails, girders, etc.) with various mallets. It is a sister project with Bertolozzi's Tower Music, created on the Eiffel Tower in 2016.

Composer Joseph Bertolozzi said, "It's hard to believe Bridge Music has been in operation since 2009. We have reanimated the audio experience with the addition of brand new speakers last year for a fresh, crisp new sound. I think listeners will appreciate encountering this new audio adventure along with the river views from the Mid-Hudson Bridge."

Executive Director of the New York State Bridge Authority Dr. Minosca Alcantara said, "Bridge Music has been a beloved feature of the Mid-Hudson Bridge since it debuted in 2009. Thanks to Joseph Bertolozzi's creativity, the Mid-Hudson Bridge became not just an important piece of infrastructure, but also one of the largest 'musical instruments' in the world. We look forward to the next 15 years of this special sound art installation and encourage everyone to visit the Mid-Hudson to enjoy it."

Listening Stations are located on the bridge's towers. The Mid-Hudson Bridge's pedestrian walkway can be accessed on the Poughkeepsie side from Gerald Drive (off Rinaldi Boulevard) and on the Highland side from Johnson-Iorio Park on Haviland Road. Street signs are also located near the bridge to direct patrons to the listening stations.

In addition, a 24/7 radio broadcast transmits on 95.3FM from the parks flanking the bridge (Waryas Park in Poughkeepsie and Johnson-Iorio Park in Highland).

See <u>www.bridgemusic.info</u> for directions & details.

About the New York State Bridge Authority

The New York State Bridge Authority (NYSBA) operates the Bear Mountain, Newburgh-Beacon, Mid-Hudson, Kingston-Rhinecliff and Rip Van Winkle Bridges. It also owns and maintains the structure of the Walkway Over the Hudson pedestrian bridge. The Authority receives no operating funding through state or federal tax dollars, with nearly all of its revenue coming through tolls. Tolls are reinvested back into capital improvements on the Authority's spans, ensuring these critical pieces of infrastructure can continue serving the Hudson Valley for decades to come. Learn more at www.nysba.ny.gov.

About Joseph Bertolozzi

Joseph Bertolozzi is a composer with increasingly numerous performances across the US and Europe and two Top Twenty Billboard-charting albums to his credit. Orchestras, conservatories and Grammy® winners perform his music, and he himself has played at such diverse venues as The Vatican, The US Tennis Open, and the Eiffel Tower.

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