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## **Universal Percussion Sets World Record Percussion Distributor Is Now In the Guinness Book**

Universal Percussion-the nation's largest distributor exclusively of percussion products-is now a world record holder. Universal has been officially entered into the Guinness Book of World Records in the category of musical instruments.

The instrument in question is a unique set of wind chimes, created with the help of Treeworks Chimes. It features 1,221 chime bars mounted on twenty-one hand-finished hardwood bars supported by twenty-one metal tripod stands. The bars were linked with hinges to create a single chime assembly over seventy feet long.

But it wasn't enough for the Guinness Book that the huge chime set be created. In order to be eligible for the world record it had to actually be played as part of a live performance. That performance took place this past August 28 when Universal Percussion hosted its second annual Drumfest at Columbiana, Ohio's Firestone Park.

The chimes were erected in a U-shaped configuration that literally wrapped around the Drumfest stage by fifteen feet on either side. Their musical moment came during the performance of the closing act-local favorites The Fuzz (including Universal Percussion president Tom Shelley on percussion). During one of the band's numbers (Children's Fantasy) a Phil Keaggy/Glass Harp classic, Universal sales/customer service Leah Yoder started at one end of the chimes and played them non-stop all the way to the other. A notarized videotape of this performance was sent to the Guinness Book's publishers for certification, ultimately earning the chimes-and Universal Percussion-the coveted title of "world's largest wind chimes."

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