

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS FOR EDUCATORS

2025-2026  
IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL

WITH **JOHN BERTLES**



Explore the intersection of the Arts, Science and the Environment with musical instruments made from reused/repurposed materials. In-person or virtual professional development workshops for educators and artists, with curriculum connections to Literacy, STEAM, Arts Integration and NextGen Science!

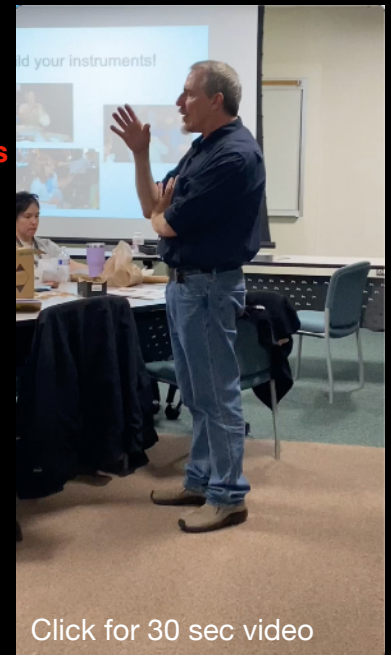
**Building Musical Instruments from Reused/Repurposed Materials** - Build simple but great-sounding instruments from found-object materials, explore the science, and discover creative ways to enhance curricular activities.

**Musical Tellings - Enhancing Literacy with Soundscapes and Musical Stories** - Stories are so much more fun - and fun to create - when combined with music and simple instruments! No musical experience or expertise needed [SEE VIDEO](#)

**Sustainable Sounds - Addressing Climate Change through the Arts** - Learn how arts-creation can be a powerful force to help educate, motivate and engage students in this vital and pressing subject.

**The Sound of Science** - Explore STEAM and Arts Integration concepts with hands-on instrument-building. Curriculum-based science, amazing corroborative demos and videos, and simple classroom-built instruments.

**Paul Klee and Imagination** - Build higher-function creativity through imagination! We'll explore the music-inspired paintings of the Bauhaus artist Paul Klee, compose music inspired by these paintings, and then perform student compositions with simple student-built instruments.



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## ALL PROGRAMS

In-person 3 or 6 hours - [contact me](#)  
Virtual 1.5 or 3 hours \$840/1320

See what it looks like [HERE](#)

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**John Bertles is an educator, composer and instrument-builder** focusing on the intersection of science, music and the environment by building musical instruments from reused/repurposed materials. A facilitator for The John F. Kennedy Center from 2006 - 2024, he is also the founder and co-director of Bash the Trash Environmental Arts LLC, an educational performance ensemble.

**Prices start at \$600 for a virtual 60" program;  
Contact me to discuss prices and possibilities!**