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[Things to Come Out of the Quad Celebration \(besides that bridge\)](#)

Bridge Music by Joseph Bertolozzi

Bertolozzi, a composer and Poughkeepsie native, transformed the Mid-Hudson Bridge into an instrument. Using a variety of mallets, he struck various parts of the span — railings, girders, suspension ropes — and recorded what he heard. With the help of special software, Bertolozzi then composed a piece of music using only the sounds produced by the bridge itself. Unveiled as part of the Quad celebrations last June, you can hear this unusual composition on the bridge's walkway (just push a button), on 95.3FM in the parks around the span, or on CD (which, by the way, made it to number 18 on the Billboard Classical Crossover charts). • www.josephbertolozzi.com

It's that time again, folks. For 23 years, we've brought you the Best of the Hudson Valley, soliciting your take on the region's finest restaurants, shops, services, and people — and offering up a few choice picks of our own. Conjure up a category and you'll likely find it somewhere on the following pages, from the tastiest shrimp-stuffed jalapeños to what you, dear readers, believe to be the greatest thing about living here. (Hint: it's big, it's blue, and it flows in two directions.) So without further ado, we present to you the biggest, the brightest, and the best our region has to offer

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