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Mid-Hudson Bridge models mark 90th anniversary of Hudson River crossing

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POUGHKEEPSIE – The Franklin Delano Roosevelt Mid-Hudson Bridge will mark its 90th anniversary on August 25 and the [Historic Bridges of the Hudson Valley](#) (HBHV) introduced one of many bridge “models” Thursday afternoon in Waryas Park.

A model of the span celebrating [Joseph Bertolozzi’s Bridge Music](#) was painted by well-known local artist [Franc Palaia](#) and unveiled Thursday afternoon with the actual [Mid-Hudson Bridge](#) providing the backdrop for the artwork.



The HBHV is making a limited number of models of the bridge available for purchase by local businesses and individuals in both Poughkeepsie and Highland to commemorate the anniversary. The bridge has been credited with creating the Hudson Valley by allowing ease of travel between Ulster and Dutchess counties and beyond. A statement by HBHV says “Many businesses and civic organizations are successful, in part due to access provided by the Mid-Hudson Bridge.”



The model designed by Palaia in honor of Bertolozzi’s Bridge Music.

Palaia was asked by Bertolozzi to paint the model that is now displayed in the park. “Because he’s Mr. Bridge Music, I made sure that the imagery was musical,” said the artist. The model includes a piano, music notes, drums, and other musical references. Palaia said “I picked this spot because it’s in eye-shot of the Mid-Hudson Bridge.”

Admiring the model, Mayor Rob Rolison said “It’s right here, in the right spot, in Waryas Park.” The mayor commended the idea of the models, saying “The Mid-Hudson Bridge is such an important crossing of this beautiful and majestic river.” Rolison was joined at the unveiling by first ward councilman Chris Petsas who admired the addition to the park. “This unique artwork is one more way that the city is becoming more pleasing to the eye. This piece will be enjoyed by the countless number of people that visit the beautiful Waryas Park.”