



They pop off bottles and clatter around sidewalks, but it's doubtful anyone has ever looked at bottle caps with quite the same eye as artist Eung Ho Park.

Park, who's known for transforming found objects into works of art — and whose exhibition, "Reduce/Reuse/Reexamine," is currently on view at Wave Hill in the Bronx — first turned his attention to bottle caps a few years ago, creating an eyeball-inspired piece called "I'm Looking at You" using only the handpainted insides of those bottle caps. "I put paint on the inside, and it looks like irises," says Park. "Not just brown or green or blue, but purple, orange, pink and yellow."

On Saturday and Sunday, Park will share his remaining collection of 2,000 unpainted bottle caps with families who visit Wave Hill, helping lead an outdoor search for branches, leaves and pine cones, and then bringing them all together with an

— and whose recent works include a Queens public-school installation that features 140 multicolored bowling balls suspended from the ceiling — Wave Hill is the perfect place to combine environmental education with artistic expression. ("It's a hidden spot. You feel like you own the place — a very secluded environment very close to earth," he says.)

And when it comes to fostering that artistic expression, he finds children are the ideal students. "They're much more curious

than the average adult," he says. "They're much more free. They can do pretty much whatever they want, and I get to learn what they think." Bottle Cap Caper will be presented from 1

675 W. 252 St., the Bronx. 718-549-3200 or www.wavehill.org.

Larchmont teen's creative debut

The Westchester Philharmonic will conclude its "Passport to Music" season with a concert featuring an original work by Billy Rohman, winner of the orchestra's second annual Maestro's Musical Story Contest. Billy's winning piece, a story about waking up for school, was selected from more than 300 entries; it was set to music by Antonio Carlos Defeo of Pelham Manor and will be performed live, with recorded narration provided by the Mamaroneck High School ninth-grader.

The "Discoveries" concert will also feature 18-year-old violinist

free with paying adult. Performing Arts Center, Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase. 914-682-3707, ext. 10. Next Maestro's Musical Story Contest, open to Westchester kids ages 13 and under, will be announced in the fall; for more information, call 914-682-3707, ext. 13.)

Purple Cow Children's Theatre

Stamford Theatre Works will kick off its summer children's series May 22 with the Pushcart Play "Little Red Riding Hood and Old Stories." The musical presentation, which includes sing-alongs, will feature "Little Red Riding Hood," "The Princess and the Pea" and other classic fairy tales.

The eight-week series, geared kids age 3 to 8, will continue with "Pierrot & Pirouette" (May 29), the Zucchini Brothers (June 5), G. Rosen's "Pet Sounds" (June 12), Sensational Young Magicians (June 19), Casey Carle's "Bubblemania" (June 26), "Mother Goose" (July 10) a

A Bronx workshop will glean creative inspiration from bottlecaps and other found objects