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OTF Grant Hits the Right Notes with Bandology

Oakville - During the week of July 12-16, Bandology Canada hosted its 5th annual Band Camp for keen young music students in north Oakville. Thanks to a \$68,600 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), they were able to re-imagine the delivery of their Band Camp to continue providing meaningful and fun music education opportunities for students while also creating and maintaining first-rate health and safety procedures. To commemorate this innovative camp, Bandology was honored to have local MPP Stephen Crawford acknowledge their OTF grant on July 15.

"We are pleased to announce this investment not only in the arts but in young people," said MPP Stephen Crawford. "Our government continues to support the development and mental health of our youth."

Along with the pandemic-friendly version of Band Camp, the grant enabled the non-profit organization to rebuild from the impacts of COVID-19. Throughout the summer, Bandology created new partnerships with organizations to better meet the needs of the community and provided new online performance opportunities for young musicians. The non-profit organization also secured more sustainable financial resources and created multiple community materials for teachers, students, musicians, parents and youths. Bandology assisted over 100 volunteers, musicians, organizations and schools throughout the year. And thanks to the grant from OTF, Bandology has been able to continue its initiative despite the hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"With this OTF grant, our organization has been able to implement and expand several projects, including a COVID-safe Band Camp for teens and children, Band Together, a monthly music hang for youth, and thrice-weekly Play A Gig performance opportunities," said Lisa Michaels, Executive Director and Co-Founder of Bandology. "We have also developed innovative music curriculum and focused on our organizational objectives and long-term sustainability."

[Bandology](https://bandology.ca) is a Canadian non-profit dedicated to more music for more kids via education, collaboration and community. Based in Oakville, Ontario, it provides young musicians with more opportunities to play, learn and be inspired. Learn more about Bandology's programs and services at bandology.ca.

[The Ontario Trillium Foundation \(OTF\)](https://otrillium.ca) is an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada's leading granting foundations. Last year, nearly \$112M was invested into 1,384 community projects and partnerships to build healthy and vibrant communities and strengthen the impact of Ontario's non-profit sector. In 2020/21, OTF supported Ontario's economic recovery by helping non-profit organizations rebuild and recover from the impacts of COVID-19. Visit otrillium.ca to learn more.



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