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New Band Camp Brings Music to KW Kids this Summer

Kitchener, Ontario, March 31, 2022 – Local young musicians who have suffered from reduced or removed music in schools during the pandemic have reason to celebrate. A new Band Camp program is opening in the area to provide music playing opportunities to kids and teens in grades 1-12. Run by Oakville-based non-profit Bandology, Band Camp is held July 18-22, 2022.

At Band Camp, teenage campers play in a concert band setting with other kids their age under the guidance of experienced professionals. With Band Camp Junior, kids in grades 1-6 explore their love of music through games and demonstrations with new friends.

Band Camp features special guests and performers, as well as games, activities and plenty of outdoor time, plus a concert on the final day. Most importantly, campers will have the opportunity to socialize with other young musicians, providing valuable social and mental health interactions.

“It’s been a tough couple of years for kids when it comes to music,” says Lisa Michaels, co-founder of Bandology. “Camp is always a fun and safe place to express yourself and we’re so happy that kids can finally pick up an instrument and play together. We’re delighted to bring this enriching experience to kids in the Kitchener/Waterloo area this summer.”

This is the sixth year that Bandology is hosting Band Camp. With health regulations changing, Bandology is able to return to a concert band-style music camp which includes wind blowing instruments, based on the music curriculum campers learn in Kitchener/Waterloo area schools. There is also a parallel music stream for campers interested in other forms of music.

Should provincial regulations regarding COVID-19 change, Bandology will adjust their performance and safety protocols and pivot to a music camp with reduced aerosol risk.

Registration is now open for kids in grades 1-12 at www.bandology.ca. Parents are encouraged to reach out to ask questions about the camp. Band Camp Grand River is held at St. John’s-Kilmarnock School located between Waterloo and Guelph.

Band Camp is also offered in north Oakville during the week of July 11-15 for youth in Halton and Peel regions.

Bandology provides other opportunities for young musicians to play, including the Play A Gig program, which connects young musicians with performance opportunities in the community and online. Bandology also works to promote and advocate for the long-term value of music education. More information can be found at www.bandology.ca.

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