

OTF Grant Provides Pandemic Sustainability for Bandology

Oakville, Ontario, January 10, 2022 – Bandology was delighted to have received the Community Building Fund grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). This \$28,000 operating stream grant is being used to adapt in-person programming to meet public health requirements while expanding online education programs, during the six month period between October 2021 and April 2022.

The purpose of the grant is to continue operating facilities and delivering experiences or programs for Ontarians by hiring staff and purchasing supplies over a period of six months. Bandology hired staff members to adapt their in-person percussion workshops and launch a new online workshop program that brings music to students across the province.

The non-profit also used funds to expand their Play A Gig program, releasing a series of online performances and interviews. Part of this involved reinvigorating their What's Your Forte? podcast which features interviews with a variety of musicians and professionals in the music industry.

"This wonderful grant has made such a difference for Bandology," said Lisa Michaels, Executive Director and Co-founder of Bandology. "We've been able to turn our company from a seasonal organization to one with year-round programming. This has allowed us to reach more young people than ever before. Music makes such a difference for all those involved – especially during the pandemic where isolation has caused difficulties for mental health."

[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 otf.ca to learn more.

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