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## Notable Music Educators to Lead Local Band Camp

**Oakville, Ontario, May 24, 2022** - Two talented and acclaimed musicians, conductors and educators will serve as Music Directors for Bandology's summer Band Camp programs. Ryan Meeboer and Dorothy Vreeswyk-Kidd have been brought on for the Oakville and Kitchener/Waterloo locations respectively and will lead curriculum-based camps for students in grades 1-12

Ryan Meeboer is a familiar face to Bandology, having worked as a guest conductor at their 2019 Band Camp. Meeboer received his Honours Bachelor of Music degree from McMaster University and his Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Toronto. He is also a prolific composer, having written and arranged many pieces for concert bands, jazz bands and small ensembles. Meeboer teaches at Alexander's Public School in Burlington, Ontario, and will be the Music Director for Band Camp Oakville running July 11-15.

Dorothy Vreeswyk-Kidd is the music teacher at John F. Ross Collegiate Vocational Institute and will be the Music Director for Band Camp Grand River running July 18-22. She completed her Honours Bachelor of Music degree at Wilfrid Laurier University and her Bachelor of Education from the University of Windsor. Vreeswyk-Kidd has conducted and taught award winning music ensembles in Edmonton, Halton and Guelph. She has worked with the Cambridge Concert Band since 2018 and is the Music Director for the upcoming RCMPI production of Matilda.

"We are honoured and excited to have both Ryan and Dorothy join the Bandology team this summer," says Lisa Michaels, co-founder and Executive Director of Bandology. "Since this is our first year back doing full-on wind band at camp, something students have been missing for the past couple of years, we wanted to work with some of the best. We can't wait to see what they both bring to camp."



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Current health regulations allow for Bandology to run camp with wind instruments and concert band rehearsals, giving kids the opportunity to play together again. Each year, Bandology brings in experienced band directors to choose repertoire and lead rehearsals. Past directors include award-winning music educators Brian Vincent and David Lum.

Bandology's Band Camp runs in Oakville from July 11-15 and in Kitchener/Waterloo from July 18-22. Registration is open now for kids in grades 1-12 at [bandology.ca/band-camps](https://bandology.ca/band-camps). There are options for kids with extensive music experience and those with no experience at all.

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 [bandology.ca](https://bandology.ca).

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