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Bandology Recruits Local Professional Musicians for Inaugural Band Camp

Kitchener/Waterloo, Ontario, (June 27, 2022) - Bandology has recruited several local musicians and educators to participate in Bandology's new Band Camp Grand River, launching this summer. Band Camp Grand River offers teenage campers the chance to 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.

This line-up of internationally recognized guest conductors and music educators includes sectional musicians who specialize in specific instruments and provide tips and advice for campers while also sharing their experiences in pursuing music, while guest conductors give youth the chance to experience different conducting styles.

Highly decorated conductor and educator Dr. Kira Omelchenko will be one of the guest conductors at camp. She is currently Laurier's Associate Dean of Performance and Recruitment, an Associate Professor of Music and the Conductor of the Laurier Symphony Orchestra.

Local musician and teacher Wendy Wagler is the flute section leader. Wendy earned her Honours Bachelor's Degree in Flute Performance from Wilfrid Laurier University and her Master's Degree in Performance and Literature from Western University. She currently holds the principal flute chair for the Kitchener-Waterloo Chamber Orchestra and teaches flute full time.

Arlen Major is the clarinet, oboe and saxophone section leader. Arlen is a music student at Wilfrid Laurier University and has just finished his first year in the clarinet performance program.

Kyla Paul is the French horn section leader. Kyla studies the French horn at Laurier and is going into her fourth year in the Music Therapy program.

Ryan Minten is the trombone, baritone and tuba sectional leader. Ryan is another Laurier student, studying the trombone and pursuing a Bachelor of Music in Music Education.



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Max Lindsay is the percussion section leader. He recently graduated with his Honours Bachelor of Music in Percussion Performance from Laurier and has performed regularly in the region with groups such as NUMUS, the Stratford Symphony Orchestra and the Kitchener-Waterloo Chamber Orchestra.

Trevor Wagler is coming to camp as a guest conductor. Trevor is a freelance French horn player, conductor, composer and clinician. He is currently a teacher at the Renaissance School of the Arts and also holds part-time faculty positions at Laurier and the University of Waterloo.

Bandology's Band Camp runs in Kitchener/Waterloo from July 18-22 and also in Halton from July 11-15. Registration is open now for kids in grades 1-12 at 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.

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