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Local Musicians and Educators to Lead Rehearsals at Band Camp

Oakville, Ontario (July 8, 2022) - Bandology has recruited local musicians and educators to participate in their sixth annual music camp. Band Camp Halton offers campers the chance to play in a concert band setting with 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.

Their line-up of recognized guest conductors and music educators includes sectional musicians who specialize in specific instruments and will provide tips and advice for campers. The guest conductors and workshop leaders will help bring new perspectives and approaches to creating music.

Running rehearsals every day will be Music Director Ryan Meeboer. Ryan is a music teacher with the Halton District School Board, as well as a prolific composer, having written and arranged many pieces for concert bands, jazz bands and small ensembles.

Bandology is bringing in Antoine Buttigieg as a guest conductor. Antoine is a graduate of the University of Toronto Faculty of Music and the Christchurch College of Education in New Zealand. He has been teaching instrumental music since 2006 and is currently the Director of Bands and Drumline at Father Bressani Catholic High School in the York Catholic District School Board.

Joey Zhuang is the flute sectional leader. Joey is a Chinese-born flutist and piccoloist who graduated with a degree in Flute Performance from the University of Toronto and is currently pursuing her flute performance degree at Northwestern University.

Victor Agrippa is running the clarinet sectional. Hailing from Burlington, Victor studied at both Humber College and Mohawk College, honing his craft under the instruction of some of Canada's greatest musicians. He is an avid performer throughout the GTA as well as an instructor with Long and McQuade.

Francis Smith is the saxophone sectional leader. Francis holds a Bachelor of Music in Performance from the University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Education from Nipissing University. He has been involved with the Burlington Teen Tour band since 1994, moving



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up through the ranks to his current post as Music Director. He has also taught with the Halton District School Board since 2015.

Cassandra Wolff is running the percussion sectional at camp. She holds a Bachelor of Music Performance and a Chamber Music Diploma from Wilfrid Laurier University. She will be pursuing her Master's degree in Music Performance at the University of Toronto in September 2022.

Kendra Chow will be running a vocal workshop at camp. She studied vocal music at Western University and then attained her Bachelor of Education from the University of Toronto. Kendra works locally as a private vocal coach and choir director as well as a high school music director and teacher for the Halton District School Board.

Christian Thomas is running a music production workshop. Christian went to school in Halton before moving to Europe to complete an electronic music production degree in 2021. He will be returning to Europe to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in audio engineering and film composition in Brussels, Belgium.

Bandology's Band Camp runs in Halton 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. There are options for both 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. Find more information about Band Camp at bandology.ca.

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