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## **Bandology Co-Founders to Speak at Ohio Conference**

Oakville, Ontario, January 31, 2023 – Bandology co-founders Lisa Michaels and Peter VanDuzer will be giving a presentation at the Ohio Music Educators Association's (OMEA) Professional Development Conference (PDC) in Columbus, Ohio later this week.

The presentation, titled *Gaining Community Support to Advocate for your Music Program in the New Normal*, will advise music teachers on how to utilize their community network, specifically music student parents, in order to further their music programs. It will take place on Friday, February 3 at 3:30pm at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus.

In the past the OMEA Professional Development Conference has been the third largest music conference in the United States. Each year they present nearly 300 sessions by nationally recognized music professionals and teachers and their music trade show is reported to be the biggest east of the Mississippi River. The OMEA also partners with the Technology Institute for Music Education to bring demonstrations of updated technology to those teachers attending.

Co-founded by Lisa Michaels and Peter VanDuzer in 2017, Bandology is an Oakville-based non-profit that strives to provide, support and advocate for music programs that make a difference in the lives of children and youth now and into the future.

In addition to serving as Executive Director of Bandology, Lisa Michaels has spent more than two decades running her own businesses as a marketing consultant and serial entrepreneur. She sings with an award-winning a capella chorus and has served on several local boards.



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"It's amazing to see Bandology's reach continue," said Lisa Michaels, co-founder and Executive Director of Bandology. "A few years ago, we were only able to advocate in our own community. It's an honour to be able to speak a little farther away from home in Ohio."

Peter VanDuzer has been volunteering for children since 1985, as a board member of Big Brothers of Hamilton and as a long-term member of the Lawson Foundation. He has volunteered for 20 years with the local school board, including co-founding AMP, a parent group supporting music, in 2012.

Bandology 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](http://bandology.ca). To learn more about the Ohio Music Educators Association, go to [omea-ohio.org](http://omea-ohio.org).

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