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New Band Camp Brings Music to Guelph this July

Guelph, Ontario, April 18, 2023 – Student musicians looking to get in some music practice over the summer will be excited to hear that a new Band Camp program will be opening in the area to provide music playing opportunities. Run by Oakville-based non-profit Bandology, Band Camp is open for kids and teens in grades 2-12 and held July 17-21, 2023.

At Band Camp, teens play in a concert band setting under the guidance of experienced professionals, culminating in a concert on the final day. Band Camp Junior focuses on hands-on introductory workshops on a variety of musical instruments and styles. Both camps feature special guests and performers, as well as games, activities and plenty of outdoor time.

Dorothy Vreeswyk-Kidd will be returning as Music Director, having previously served in that capacity at Band Camp in the Grand River area last year. Vreeswyk-Kidd is the music teacher at John F. Ross Collegiate Vocational Institute in Guelph and has served as conductor of the Cambridge Concert Band since 2018.

“Camp is a place to grow, make friends and have a blast,” says Sandy Wright, Education Manager at Bandology. “Making music helps kids do all three, and they also get to learn something new! They develop so much during the week, it’s always impressive.”

Bandology is now in their seventh year of operation and has run a camp in the Halton region every year since their inception. They also ran a Band Camp in the Kitchener-Waterloo area last year for the first time. With the encouragement of local teachers, Bandology is looking forward to expanding to Guelph this summer.



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“Band camp is a fun, safe and educational experience.” says Ryan MacKinnon, Community Programs Manager at Bandology. “Music is a challenging yet fun way to step out of your comfort zone and learn skills that will last a lifetime.”

Registration is now open for kids in grades 2-12 at bandology.ca. Parents are encouraged to reach out with any questions about camp. The location of Band Camp Guelph will be confirmed closer to the date.

Band Camp is also offered in north Oakville during the week of July 10-14 and in the Kitchener-Waterloo area from July 24-28.

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.

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