Bandology Brings More Workshop Programming to Community

Oakville, Ontario, May 15, 2023 – Local non-profit Bandology is honoured to have received their third Resilient Communities Fund (RCF) from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). This \$97,800 grant is being used to expand the in-person music workshops offered by Bandology over a 12 month period.

"Being able to create more percussion workshops for the community is very exciting," said Ryan MacKinnon, Community Programs Manager at Bandology. "As a part of our programming, we strive to ensure that workshops are accessible to kids of all skill levels while still providing a fun, hands-on experience."

Last year, Bandology reached nearly 1,000 people with their workshop programming. This success led the non-profit to plan further workshops. Bandology will use the OTF RCF grant to hire staff and purchase more equipment in order to better meet and expand demand.

Workshops are primarily focused on percussion music, using bucket drums, boomwhackers and body percussion to show the ideals of rhythm and melody. Programming is designed so that participants of all ages, no matter their experience level, will be able to enjoy themselves through musical collaboration.

"During the peak of the pandemic, Bandology had the opportunity to reevaluate our programs and decide on the best way forward," said Lisa Michaels, Executive Director and Co-Founder of Bandology. "Percussion workshops are a good entry point for collaborative music making; youth of all ages and experience levels can participate. The success of the program to date is really remarkable."

<u>Bandology</u> is a Canadian non-profit dedicated to more music for more kids via education, collaboration and community. Based in Oakville, Ontario, it

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provides young musicians with more opportunities to play, learn and be inspired. Learn more about Bandology's programs and services at <u>bandology.ca</u>.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada's leading granting foundations, celebrates 40 years of grant-making in Ontario and making a lasting impact in communities. Last year, OTF invested over \$110M into 1,022 community projects and partnerships. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

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