

Lending Library Brings Instruments to Halton Youth

Oakville, Ontario, May 8, 2023 – Local non-profit Bandology has launched their latest program, an instrument lending library, funded by a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). Thanks to the \$39,400 Capital grant, Bandology was able to purchase a wide selection of instruments to lend out to young musicians in their community. Bandology was honoured to have local MPP Stephen Crawford acknowledge their grant on May 6, 2023 at their first Music in the Park event of the year which took place in Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park.

"Our government is delighted to make this investment in supporting the music education program at Bandology," said Stephen Crawford, MPP for Oakville. "Music programs are important for the academic and personal development of our youth."

Bandology's new lending library comprises a variety of concert band instruments including woodwinds, brass and percussion instruments. Following their mandate of more music for more kids, Bandology will lend the instruments out to students in their community who wish to practice music but are otherwise unable to.

"The ability to access music education can often prove difficult when aspects such as time and money act as barriers to young musicians," said Peter VanDuzer, President at Bandology. "Bandology strives to take away these barriers through this lending library."

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<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 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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