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## **Band Camp Sparks Growth Through Music in KW**

**Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, June 13, 2024** – This summer, aspiring young musicians have the chance to make some noise at Bandology’s Band Camp program. Held July 22-26, this non-profit organization aims to provide music-playing opportunities for kids and teens in grades 2-12.

At Band Camp, teens in grades 7-12, rehearse and perform in a concert band setting led by experienced professionals, culminating in a concert on the final day. Band Camp Junior, which requires no previous music experience for grades 2-6, uses a variety of instruments to focus on hands-on workshops and team-building activities.

“Band Camp is a week full of fun, safe and educational experiences,” says Sara Thoeny, Camp and Workshop Coordinator at Bandology. “It’s an amazing opportunity for young musicians to learn new techniques, improve their skills and express their creativity in a new environment.”

Lauren Helmer will serve as a Music Director for Band Camp. She is a seasoned secondary school educator from Kitchener, Ontario, and has a background in music education and performance. As the Artistic Director for the Guelph Concert Band, Helmer brings lots of experience from her tenure at Eastwood Collegiate Institute’s Integrated Arts Magnet Program, where her bands consistently achieved top honours.

Helmer is the Artistic Director for Summer Music Camp in Southampton, Ontario and also holds positions as the Assistant Conductor of the Kitchener-Waterloo Youth Concert Band and the Brass Coach for the Grand



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River Blues Camp. Throughout her career, she has directed at multiple camps and masterclasses.

Registration is open for kids in grades 2-12 at [bandology.ca](http://bandology.ca). Spots are filling up fast. For families with financial difficulties, subsidies are available as are free instrument loans from Bandology's Instrument Library. Parents are encouraged to reach out to [camp@bandology.ca](mailto:camp@bandology.ca) if they have any questions.

The location of Band Camp Kitchener-Waterloo will be confirmed closer to the date.

Band Camp is also offered in Halton during the week of July 8-12 and in Guelph from July 22-26.

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).

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