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Bandology Summer Band Camp Returns to the Halton Region

Oakville, Ontario, June 13, 2024 – Students eager to make some music this summer will be excited to join Bandology’s Band Camp. Run by the award-winning Oakville-based non-profit, this innovative program allows young musicians to explore their musical talents with various instruments and fun educational activities. Band Camp is open for kids and teens in grades 2-12 and held July 8-12 at King’s Christian Collegiate.

Band Camp gives teens in grades 7-12 the opportunity to learn from top music educators and play in a concert band performance on the final day. Band Camp Junior, which requires no previous music experience for kids in grades 2-6, uses hands-on introductory workshops to introduce students to a diverse range of musical instruments and styles.

“Through music, kids make friends, discover new skills and grow in truly inspiring ways,” says Ryan MacKinnon, Community Programs Manager at Bandology. “They have the chance to make music alongside other kids, encouraging them to take risks, try new things and support one another.”

Alecia Blackman, head of music at Bernie Custis Secondary School in Hamilton, will serve as Music Director for Band Camp. She holds an Honours Bachelor of Music and Masters of Music Education degree from Western University, along with a Bachelor of Education degree from Nipissing University. Throughout her career, Blackman has conducted many groups such as the Elmer Isler Singers and the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Honour Bands.



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As a performer, Blackman's talents extend to recording for movie soundtracks, performing in pit orchestras across Ontario and participating in prestigious events such as the Carnegie Hall premiere of 'Requiem for the Living' by Dan Forrest. Currently, she is a member of the After Hours Jazz Band through the Hamilton All Star Jazz Band program.

This is Bandology's eighth year hosting Band Camp in Halton. Band Camp is also offered in Guelph from July 22-26 as well as Kitchener-Waterloo during the week of July 29-August 2.

Registration is open for kids in grades 2-12 at 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 if they have any questions.

Bandology is a proud 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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