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Conductor of GSYO to Lead Musicians at Band Camp

Guelph, Ontario, March 24, 2025 – Local non-profit Bandology is pleased to announce that Allen Carter, the conductor of the Guelph Symphony Youth Orchestra (GSYO), will be returning to Bandology this summer to serve as Music Director for their upcoming Band Camp Guelph.

Carter has over thirty years of experience as a professional musician. In addition to his work with the GSYO, he is the principal tubist with the Guelph Symphony Orchestra and Brantford Symphony Orchestra and is first call for several others, including the Toronto Concert Orchestra. Carter has held principal tuba positions in the Kingston Symphony Orchestra and National Academy Orchestra and is a freelance musician in the Kitchener-Waterloo area and beyond.

Carter has played and recorded with various groups including brass quintets, orchestras and bands, and has been heard on television and radio on soundtracks for commercials and TV movies. As a freelancer, he has played several times with the Toronto Symphony as well as services with Hamilton Philharmonic, Greater Toronto Philharmonia, Niagara Symphony Orchestra, Scarborough Philharmonic, Oakville Symphony, Etobicoke Philharmonic, Casino Rama Orchestra (a personal favourite of his), Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony and more. Carter has also served as the personnel manager of the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Orchestra.

As a soloist, Carter has shared the stage with the Brantford Symphony, Queens Symphony Orchestra, Queen's Jazz Ensemble and twice with the National Academy Orchestra. Carter is proud to have been heard on CBC



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Radio Two with *Brass Rings for Time for Christmas*, with The Monkey Bunch on their CD *Power To The Little People*, and on a Juno-nominated recording, *Variations on a Memory*, with the Thunder Bay Symphony.

“Al was a wonderful addition to our camp in Kitchener-Waterloo last year,” said Sandy Wright, Education Manager at Bandology and Camp Director for the week of camp in Guelph. “We’re really excited to see what he can bring to Guelph this year.”

This will mark Bandology’s second camp in Guelph. Previously, local teacher Dorothy Vreeswyk-Kidd has acted as Music Director. Bandology’s Band Camp runs in Guelph from July 28 to August 1 at the Guelph Youth Music Centre. Band Camp is also offered in Kitchener-Waterloo during the week of July 7-11 and in Halton from July 21-25.

Registration is currently open for kids in grades 1-12 at bandology.ca. For families with financial difficulties, subsidies are available, as are free instrument loans from Bandology’s Instrument Library. Families are encouraged to reach out to camp@bandology.ca with any questions.

[Bandology](http://bandology.ca) 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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Photos available upon request.